

CHINA

Zhejiang Montessori Institute of Child Development (AMI China)

Events and Activities

The Refresher Course in 2016 was organised by the affiliate on April 23 - 24 in Hangzhou, at both 0-3 and 3-6 levels. It was delivered by 0-3 AMI Trainer, Sara Brady from Australia, and Louise Livingston from the United Kingdom. The topic of this refresher was sensorial education. More than 200 diploma holders attended the refresher.

“Roadshow” Music Workshop

In January AMI Trainer Madlena Ulrich delivered a “Roadshow” of music workshops in four cities in China. The topic was “Reading and Writing of Music”. The affiliate coordinated the workshops with the four training centres and the workshops were very well received with more than 300 attendees.

Quality Assurance Forum

In January the affiliate held the China Montessori Quality Assurance Programme Consultative Forum in Hangzhou. AMI China Project Manager Megan Tyne, AMI Senior Adviser Christine Harrison, Australian Montessori Quality Assurance Programme Coordinator Debra Avery and AMI Trainers Amy Kirkham and Madlena Ulrich shared their valuable knowledge and years of experiences with the participants. This forum established a great foundation for the development of the Montessori Quality Assurance Program for China.

Sanya Administrators Retreat

On August 16 - 20, the affiliate held our 1st Montessori administrators retreat in Sanya. AMI China Project Manager Megan Tyne, AMI Senior Adviser Christine Harrison, and Bill Conway - Principal of Montessori East in Australia were the invited speakers at the event. More than 80 school principals and administrators participated in the event.

2nd Annual Affiliate Conference

The highlight of the year was again our annual affiliate conference — this year on October 16 - 17 in Beijing. This year’s theme was “Inheritance, Integration, Innovation; Chinese Culture Embraces Montessori”. AMI President Philip O’Brien, AMI Global Ambassador André Roberfroid, AMI Executive Director Lynne Lawrence and Project Manager, Megan Tyne all spoke at the conference. AMI Trainer Louise Livingston, Allyn Travis, and Sharlyn Smith delivered workshops at all three levels. More than 600 people from all over the country attended the conference.

Collaborations and Partnerships

The AMI China affiliate is honoured to collaborate with AMI on piloting the AMI Administrator Certificate course in China. The affiliate took course presenters Christine Harrison and Bill Conway on an orientation tour in August 2016, and visited Montessori schools in Hangzhou, Shenzhen and Chongqing. Discussions were carried out with local Montessori school administrators. This allowed the presenters to gather

information about the stages of development of Montessori schools in China, and the difficulties and challenges that Chinese Montessori administrators are facing. The first AMI Administrator Certificate Course was scheduled to start in January 2017.

Publications and Media

The Affiliate published 6 issues of our bi-monthly Journal “Follow the Child”, which provides information on the Montessori movement at both national and international levels, including newsletters from AMI, and training information, etc. Approximately 3,500 copies of the journal were distributed.

Social Media

Our WeChat (China’s biggest social media platform) official account has achieved 4,300+ followers. We have posted more than 200 postings (on information and news report about training, conference, events, etc.) this year, and the most popular posting has a click count of 12,000+.

Memberships

By the end of 2016, the affiliate reached a number of 314 individual memberships and 30 school memberships. The Affiliate will continue to promote AMI membership via events, social media and publications.

Board and Committees

The Affiliate holds board meetings regularly, during which members of the board are able to evaluate work reports, and decide on work objectives and strategic plans. The Affiliate also holds weekly meetings in which departments’ heads share and discuss their work, making sure the work plans are carried out and fully implemented.

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