

## **GERMANY**

### **Deutsche Montessori Gesellschaft e.V. (DMG)**

#### **Activities and Events**

During the year DMG board members and experts of 'Montessori Dachverband' (MDD), headed by Dr Jörg Boysen together worked hard on completing a system of quality criteria (MDD Qualitätsrahmen). The aim is to describe the quality of Montessori institutions at different levels and to define goals for improving Montessori practice in a professional way.

This work is part of the project "Montessori 2020", initiated by MDD, with the goal to not only improve Montessori practice but to broaden the knowledge and recognition of Montessori education in society in general, and to make it a sustainable high quality component within the German educational system.

In February 2016, DMG again was represented with a booth and a 'see-through classroom' at the DIDACTA – the largest teachers fair in Germany – held in Cologne. AMI Executive Director Lynne Lawrence responded positively to our invitation and delivered a highly appreciated lecture with the title "Montessori – A Global Vision".

In May, Malve Fehrer joined the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference of Montessori Model United Nations in Rome. Her impressions and expertise will support German Montessori schools to get connected to this excellent initiative.

#### **Publications**

In 2016 DMG published a double issue of its magazine *DAS KIND* with emphasis on "New DMG Concepts and National and International Aspects". Inter alia the current issue includes Lynne Lawrence's above-mentioned lecture, Malve Fehrer's report on the Montessori Model United Nations conference, a summary of MDD's 'Qualitätsrahmen' and many more articles. The magazine has a circulation of 1.500 copies per issue. A pdf-file containing a table of contents can be downloaded from the DMG's website. Interested Montessorians may also order available issues from DMG's office ([dmg@deutsche-montessorigesellschaft.de](mailto:dmg@deutsche-montessorigesellschaft.de)).

#### **Members and Managing Committees**

In 2016, the German Montessori Society had 450 paying single members as well as 34 institutional members. Our membership fee includes the subscription to the DMG-published magazine *DAS KIND*. In addition, 550 non-members took out a subscription to the magazine.

The current e-mail address of the DMG is: [dmg@deutsche-montessorigesellschaft.de](mailto:dmg@deutsche-montessorigesellschaft.de).

Members of DMG's managing committee are: Rainer Völkel, Chairman; Andrea Donath, Vice Chairman and Treasurer; Kirsten Erb, responsible for Public Relation matters and the DMG website; Dr Ela Eckert and Malve Fehrer, editors of *DAS KIND* and other

DMG-related publications; Christel Zapka, responsible for organisational questions and Cosima Müller who focuses on networking.

### **Cooperation between DMG and AMI**

The DMG board members are committed to close communication with other German Montessori societies in close cooperation with Montessori Dachverband Deutschland and AMI Amsterdam on questions of training and publications, and appreciate an increasing exchange of ideas and cooperation.

Dr Ela Eckert  
Editor of *DAS KIND*