

GERMANY

Deutsche Montessori Vereinigung e.V. (DMV)

Events and Activities

Our General Meeting was held on 24 September 2016, at which event Mr Joachim Cuypers reported that the Executive Board of Directors would continue to support the work of the lecturers' conferences, which is responsible for the training structures.

Special Projects and Outreach

The profile and the external presentation of DMV was further developed in order to make Montessori pedagogy in Germany future-proof. In public symposia, which take place every year, the view of Montessori pedagogy is placed on basic and current pedagogical questions. Since 1990, the traditional study conference has been held at the Thomas-Morus Academy in Bensberg near Cologne and generally draws about 300 participants. The conference, which took place from 23 to 25 September, was entitled "Education for Peace — the Contribution of Montessori Pedagogy". In the context of the lectures, the panel discussion and the 20 working groups offered, the relevance of the topic was clarified.

Collaborations

The Board of DMV represents the German Montessori pedagogy at international organisations, in particular the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI), with which the DMV has been affiliated since its foundation. It also co-operates with Montessori Europe, the Montessori Association of Europe and works closely with the associations of the federal states of Germany.

Publications

Under the leadership of Professor Harald Ludwig the Montessori Centre of Münster has been working closely in cooperation with publishing house Herder and Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) on a critical edition of Maria Montessori's works for more than ten years. Almost all of the published works and parts of not yet published material of the pedagogue are made available in 21 volumes. DMV is a staunch supporter of this academic series.

DMV regularly publishes the journal *MONTESSORI* including articles about theory and practice of Montessori-pedagogy. This is where writings about Montessori pedagogy and the results of the study conference are published. An editorial team, under the leadership of Dr Allmann and Dr Klein-Landeck, is responsible for the publication of the journal *MONTESSORI*. The 1/2016 Edition dealt with the topic of "Promoting creativity - the creative child" and the 2/2016 edition emphasised the topic of "individualised instruction in Montessori pedagogy".

Memberships

Currently, the German Montessori Association e.V. (DMV) has a total of 1000 members.

Board and Committees

The Management Board of the DMV is elected by the Annual General Meeting every three years.

The current board of members is composed as follows:

- Chairman Joachim Cuypers
- Deputy Chairman Maria Kley-Auerswald
- Managing Director Hildegard Amelunxen
- Committee Members Horst-Dieter Gerold, Gretel Moskopp,
Johannes Elsner, Dr Silke Allmann

Joachim Cuypers
Chairman