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Sociedad Afiliada Mexico A.C. (SAMAC)

Events and Activities

In our last general meeting, AMI Trainers Maria Teresa Vidales and Guadalupe Borbolla presented the idea that SAMAC should have an Executive Director in its staff, in order to give more energy to the activities of SAMAC. Right now we are in the process of defining the job and its objectives and we will proceed to interview candidates in May.

An important issue arose at the beginning of the 2016-17 school year. The Federal Education Department decreed that Montessori schools in Mexico, in the 3 to 6 years level could not have children of different ages in the same classrooms. This new regulation has prohibited one of the main principles of Montessori Education. However, SAMAC immediately got to the task of negotiating with the Educational authorities to reverse this mandate, and in February 2017, we successfully obtained the written permit to work with children of different ages in the classrooms. We will start negotiating a new permit for the following year.

Publications and Media

In 2016, with the help of a consultant, we made a new strategic plan. The main conclusion we had is that our most important strength is that we are linked to AMI.

We created a Facebook page that promotes AMI Training Centres, the importance of being a teacher with an AMI diploma, Maria Montessori's principles and orientation to parents that are interested in having their children in a Montessori school and emphasising that they make sure that the school has teachers with AMI diplomas.

SAMAC has been very active in the import and distribution of Montessori books in Spanish, among the students of the training centres, teachers and parents.

Board

We were deeply saddened by the loss of our Associate, Reyna Litwak. We paid homage to her memory during the XXII Congress.

Ana Camila Borbolla was accepted as our new Associate. The composition of the Board is as follows:

- President — Christian Schjetnan
- Vice Presidents — Pilar Ulibarri, Claudia Guerrero
- Treasurer — Claudia Yañez
- Secretary — Carmen Ramos

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