

## **SWEDEN**

### **AMI Montessori Alumni Sweden**

#### **Highlights**

- 10 documented Board Meetings
- One Annual Board Meeting open to all members in Sweden
- AGM and Affiliate Meetings in Amsterdam
- Spring Conference with international AMI Trainers
- Fall Conference with national AMI Trainers and other lecturers
- Four Publications were sent out to our members

#### **Events and Activities**

Our Annual Meeting and International Conference was held in Råå outside Helsingborg in March. The Conference was open to all Montessori teachers and lectures were given in English. The conference was titled: “Montessori — from theory to practice. The Critical Principles and how we Implement them in our Environments” and featured Kay Baker who spoke on “The Elementary Child — Three Elements Supporting the Development of Children: Adults, Cosmic Education, and Going Out”. Molly O’Shaughnessy presented “The Primary Montessori Classroom — Prepared Environment, Freedom and Discipline, Observation, and Effective Language.” Judi Orion discussed “The Toddler Community —How to Utilize the Absorbent Mind and Current Neuroscience to make the Best Brain Stimulating Environment for Toddlers.”

Our National Conference was held in October in Stockholm at Vasastans Montessori School. The conference was open to all Montessori teachers. It was held in Swedish and was titled: “Observation and Documentation”. Solveig Henneguer spoke on “Montessori observations in the 3-6 group” and Barbra Waller lectured on “Documentation in the 1-3 group and in the 3-6 group”. Ann Winström gave a performance on ‘Documentation for the 6-12 group’.

#### **Collaborations**

We co-operate closely with MMI and Malin Spets, which is of the utmost importance in order to promote Training and courses within AMI. We take all opportunities to advertise for, and disseminate information about the current 3-6 Training Course in Lund.

#### **Publications**

Four, full-colour publications have been sent out to all of our AMI members and support members.

#### **Membership**

We work actively on recruiting new members, amongst other means through lists of newly qualified students. As of December 2016, we had 120 members of which 52 hold AMI diplomas.

## Board/Executive Committee

- Chairman of the Board           Christina Wahlgren Ek
- Vice Chairman                   Vivi Öhman
- Treasurer                       Barbra Waller
- Secretary                        Maria Johnsson
- Board Member                  Nina Lillo
- Board Member                  Inger Bjur
- Sub. Board Member            Annika Wall Nyqvist
- Sub. Board Member            Christel Zapka

## Other

Our Society handles group membership to AMI and distribution of The Bulletin and Communications. We continue to be responsive to the views and observations of our members through Conference Evaluations.

Our Society sees as its main objective to be a forum for AMI Montessori teachers and to offer further high quality training in the form of lectures and discussion groups. We also wish to offer open conferences where all interested parties are welcome in order to reach teachers with other training, administrators and parents. In this way we hope to help form a positive opinion on the high quality of training that AMI emphasizes.

After meeting with AMI Head Office, we have continued to offer a supporting membership to anyone not holding an AMI diploma. Supporting Members also receive our quarterly newsletter and Membership Rebates on conferences. Supporting Members are not however able to vote at the Annual Meeting. We hope to inspire Supporting Members to continue with AMI Training. The amount of Supporting Members has increased in 2016.

We continue to maintain our international contacts by attending the AGM in Amsterdam and by hosting a conference in English each year with internationally acclaimed AMI Trainers and other lecturers and also attract more participants by visiting and keeping in touch with other Montessori Schools and AMI affiliates worldwide.

The AMI Alumni Sweden Board of Directors