



IASWECE Newsletter

June 2015

Dear friends and colleagues,

In this issue of the Newsletter we would like to take you on a trip around the globe, from the perspective of a Waldorf early childhood educator. You can find reports on conferences (in Japan, Romania, Dornach, Colombia and Costa Rica), further training (in Ukraine), work in country associations (India and Czech Republic) and impressive descriptions of the joys and challenges involved in founding new Waldorf kindergartens (in Turkey and the Shatila refugee camp in Beirut, Lebanon).

Waldorf kindergartens are not islands - they are deeply woven into the political and social conditions of our times. This issue offers three short reports where you can read about the US government's expectation that five-year-olds can read and the EU ministry's recommendation to its member countries to support digital competence in early childhood education. What can we do? Several articles offer a response: we need to really look at the essential foundations of Waldorf education and - as a colleague from Turkey mentions - not lose our sense of humor!

Warm greetings on behalf of the IASWECE Coordinating Group!

Philipp Reubke

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Asia Waldorf Teachers Conference

Romania

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Colombia

Costa Rica

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Czech Republic

Turkey

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Asia Waldorf Teachers Conference, Fujino,
Japan April 25 - May 1st, 2015
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"Learning to Read in Kindergarten: Little to Gain and Much to Lose"

"European Ministers of Education Want to Foster and Limit Childhood Creativity at the Same Time"

"Child Development in Education Integrating Neuroscience with Education in Policy and Practice"



Romanian Kindergarten Conference in Bucharest

Angela Dana, Romania



"Transitions" - Looking Back

Philipp Reubke, France

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Kindergarten Teachers Meeting in Bogota, Colombia

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India
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a Research
Center"
Tania Smolkova,
Czech Republic



Waldorf
Impulses in
Turkey
Duygu Gümüş and
Pınar Anıl
Hacaloğlu, Turkey



New Waldorf
Kindergarten
Project in Beirut

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