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FICE INTERNATIONAL REPORT 2014

FICE International (International Federation of Educative Communities) was founded in 1948 under the patronage of UNESCO in Trogen (Switzerland). It maintains contacts with UNESCO, UNICEF, Council of Europe and ECOSOC. It is also a member of the UN-NGO-Group on the Rights of the Child and member of ENSACT.

VISION

FICE International's vision is to create networks across continents worldwide to support actions and all those working with at-risk children, children with special needs and children and young people in out-of-home care. All activities aim to respect the personality, interests and needs of the child or the young person.

FICE International stands for:

Children in out-of-home care

Children with special needs

Children at risk

FICE'S MAIN AIM IS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE OUT-OF-HOME CARE DEVELOPMENT.

FICE:

Recognizes the individuality of children, young people and their parents.

Supports the family as the basic social structure for the upbringing of children.

Will never try to force a child to conform with pre-determined norms.

Advocates for an optimum development support for children and young persons who cannot live at home.

Seeks to find solutions to match the child safety, confident relationship environment and perspectives.

Bases its work on the UN-Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Rejects any ethnical, sexual, lingual, religious, political or social discrimination.

In order to achieve its aims FICE-International:

Works through its national sections. Its members work as educators in homes, foster care families or out-of-home care trainers.

Encourages professional exchanges between national sections.





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EXTRACT FICE INTERNATIONAL SECTIONS REPORTS


COUNTRY	Name of the National Section and President	ACTIVITIES
 <p>Australia</p>	<p>Associated Member RMIT University Jennifer Brooker</p>	<p><i>FICE Australia:</i></p> <p>Worked on Setting up FICE Australia.</p> <p>Participated in FICE CF held in Frankfurt, Germany.</p> <p>Took part in public forum in conjunction with the Journey Fellowship from Indiana.</p> <p>Worked with the “Quality standards and mapping” FICE working group.</p> <p>Held a joint venture with RMIT University for 41 American youth workers who came to visit in March 2014. This included 41 homestays, a full day youth workers forum at RMIT University and a day’s sightseeing around the Yarra Valley.</p> <p>FICE Australia has two individual members.</p>
 <p>Austria</p>	<p>FICE Austria Mr. Hermann Radler</p>	<p><i>FICE Austria:</i></p> <p>Worked intensively on the preparation and organization of the 33rd FICE CONGRESS and 2nd CYC WORLD CONFERENCE “Together Towards a Better World for Children, Adolescents and Families” from 22nd to 25th of August 2016 in Vienna.</p> <p>Published the German version of the book ‘A Guide to developing effective child and youth care practices with families’.</p> <p>Translated into German and published the handbook ‘Moving Forward: Implementing the Guidelines for the alternative care of children’ (print and online version).</p> <p>Launched the German version of the handbook ‘Moving Forward: Implementing the Guidelines for the alternative care of children’ in the context of the 25th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the child.</p>



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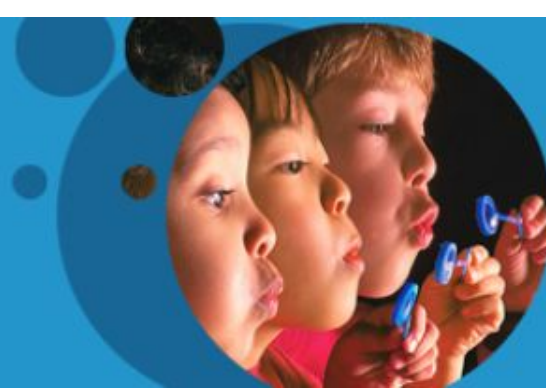




		<p>Participated in FICE CF held in Frankfurt, Germany and in Barcelona, Spain.</p> <p>Organized together with Maurice Androsch, member of the provincial government of Lower Austria, the expert meeting „Alternatives to residential care in child and youth welfare“.</p> <p>Organized and participated in the European Youth Exchange project ‘Yes we rock’, funded by the European Union program Erasmus+.</p> <p>The youth exchange of 16 (future) care leavers from four different countries, coordinated by the Dutch Foundation ‘Kinderperspectief’, took place in Croatia in October 2014.</p> <p>Participated in the Austrian national conference of the project ‘Together against violence’.</p> <p>Participated in the international conference of the project ‘Together against violence’ in Barcelona, Spain, where the results of the three-year-project were presented.</p> <p>Participated in network meetings and activities of the Austrian National Coalition for the implementation of the UN CRC in Austria.</p> <p>Participated in the Eurochild Annual Conference 2014, representing the Austrian National Coalition for the implementation of the UN CRC in Austria.</p> <p>Held strong and intense partnership with FICE Kenya.</p> <p>Members of FICE Austria are individuals, organizations, companies and municipalities. 6 new members in 2014.</p>
 Belgium	Individual member Zoran Kacarevic	Worked in the field of child care and persons with disabilities.
	FICE Bosnia & Herzegovina	<p><i>FICE Bosnia & Herzegovina:</i></p>



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 <p>Bosnia and Herzegovina</p>	<p>Mr. Nedzad Hadzicc</p>	<p>After the closing of FICE South East Europe in 2014 FICE Bosnia and Hercegovina had the opportunity to become a full member and their activity is as follows:</p> <p>Held Constituent Assembly of FICE Bosnia and Hercegowina in November 2014.</p> <p>Passed the process of registration (Government).</p> <p>Organized a workshop Lifebook for Youth, Tuzla December 2014.</p>
 <p>Brazil</p>	<p>FICE Brazil</p> <p>Mrs. Dayse Cesar Franco Bernardi</p>	<p><i>FICE Brazil:</i></p> <p>Carried out the project :“Reshaping of Residential Care Services for Children and Adolescents” aimed at promotion of new practices of residential care through the re-organization of inter-sectorial relations in Brasilia and other Federal District cities, analyzing the current situation and planning new proposals for comprehensive protection and enforcement of the guarantee of the right to family and community life.</p> <p>Carried out the project: “Addressing Violence and Strengthening the System for Ensuring Rights of the Promotion, Protection and Defense of Children and Adolescents in Brazil” aimed at coordinating partnerships and developing products directed towards guaranteeing the rights of children and adolescents; analysis of the situation of violence against children and adolescents; elaboration of a baseline for the social protection system for addressing violence against children and adolescents in strategic cities and production and reproduction of materials to support the action of the municipalities. Partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund – UNICEF</p> <p><u>Seminars & Conferences:</u></p>



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		<p>Held an International Seminar on the Quality of Residential Care Services on November 26-27, 2014.</p> <p>Held a Seminar on Social Work with Families: meaning, concepts and methodologies on May 30, 2014</p> <p><u>Courses & Workshops:</u></p> <p>Training for work with families</p> <p>Continuing education for teams from the Social Welfare secretaries and sheltering services teams in the municipalities of Itapetininga, Santos, Itatiba, Jaguariúna and Sumaré, all in the State of São Paulo.</p> <p>Organized workshops on the following topics</p> <p>Individual plan and life project for youth offenders and children in residential care</p> <p>Working with adolescent drug users</p> <p><u>Affective sponsorship of children with remote chances of adoption</u></p> <p>Group work: communication and ties</p> <p>Planning the Municipal Plan childcare</p> <p>What to do in situations of domestic and sexual violence</p> <p>Training for Child Protection Workers</p> <p>Municipal Plan for Socio Service</p> <p>Development from Childhood to Adolescence</p> <p>Working with Families and Networks</p> <p>Adolescent Development</p> <p>Training of Local Councilor's Rights of the Child and Adolescent</p>
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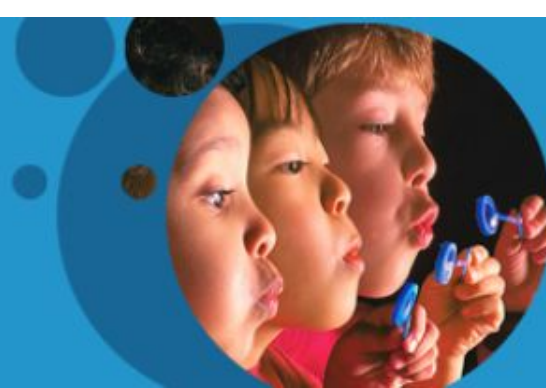


		<p>Participation in the National Movement Pro Family and Community Life</p> <p>1.1. Seminar & Regional Workshop for the Southeast Region of the National Movement Pro Family and Community Life, held on September 3-5, 2014.</p> <p>1.2. National Seminar Pro Family and Community Life – MNCFC, Brasília, held on November 3-5, 2014.</p> <p>NECA (linking contacts to the organization of FICE BRAZIL), took part in the Directing Board of the National Movement Pro Family and Community Life</p> <p>2. Expert Consultation on the Individual Assistance Plan – PIA for children and adolescents in sheltering services – Brasília, October 9, 2014 - attended by NECA</p> <p>3. Expert Consultation and Regional Consultation on Violence and Alternative Care</p> <p>4. 89th Ordinary Meeting of the Directive Board of the Inter-American Children’s Institute (IIN), of the Organization of American States (OAS). Brasília, December 9, 2014</p> <p>5. Articulation to mobilize NETWORK FICE-Brazil.</p>
 <p>Bulgaria</p>	<p>Association for pedagogical and social assistance for children FICE-Bulgaria</p> <p>Mrs. Dashenka Krалеva</p>	<p><i>FICE-Bulgaria:</i></p> <p>Realized an international partnership project “Social informatics in the care system for children and youths”, financed by Leonardo da Vinci Programme, European Commission (EC). The project is directed at the use of the electronic communication in the social workers’ work in the residential services for children and its importance for the quality management. In the project are taking part the Institute for children and youth support in Mainz as well as other organizations from</p>



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		<p>Germany, the Privada Resilis Foundation (member of FICE Spain) and the St. Joseph Institute (member of FICE Luxembourg).</p> <p>Realized “Together against violence” project focused on the prevention of cases of violence repetition by children and young people aged 14-18 years. The project was realized in Bulgaria, Spain and Austria and was funded by “Daphne” Programme, EC. As a result of the teamwork of the three FICE-sections were realized researches related to the legislation concerning the children repeated perpetrators of violence, the factors leading to this violence behavior and the services in the three countries. The project ended with the elaboration of standards and recommendations to them for the children perpetrators of violence services.</p> <p>The “Children, authors of their life in the community” project, funded by OAK Foundation was extended in 2014 with the realization of the project "Study and description of the factors leading to the exclusion of young people in Bulgaria", which was implemented in the period 01.05.2014 - 30.06.2014. The aim of the project was to analyze and summarize the factors leading to exclusion from public life of young people between 16-30 years. Despite the short deadline for implementation of the project were design methodology for analysis of the factors leading to exclusion; was done to study the main reasons for this big problem and were derived recommendations for reducing the impact of the factors leading to it.</p> <p>Realized “New Perspectives” project, funded be UNICEF Bulgaria. The main objective of the project is to develop an analysis of the situation in Social-pedagogical Boarding Schools, where children with criminal behavior are placed. Throughout the realization of this project a multinational model will be developed for work with children, directed to meet their needs and work with their families.</p>
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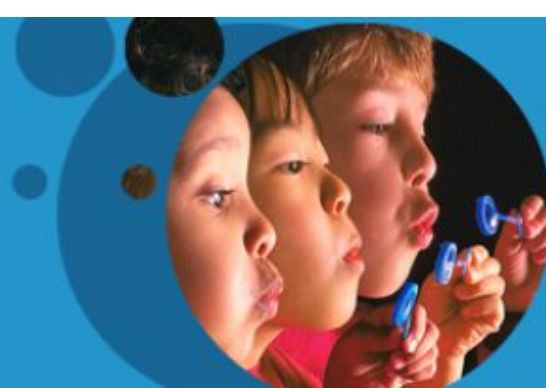



		<p>The goal is the work on each separate case to be individualized.</p> <p>Realized the “New knowledge for support” project, funded by ERF through the State Refugees Agency. The main activities are related to organizing and conducting training seminars for teachers and parents on a preliminary prepared program for children - refugees. The activities aim to increase the competence of teachers of Bulgarian mainstream schools to work with foreigners and to promote and support contacts between parents and teachers.</p> <p>Realized the “Protection and support for children” project which aims to provide social services consistent with the specific needs of unaccompanied minors refugees, housed in a protected area on the territory of the State Refugees Agency and under its jurisdiction. Services will be provided for children in the protected areas in the two shelters.</p> <p>Realized the “Support of the youth participation”, funded by the “Old Oak” Foundation. The project provides training to representatives of organizations that are relevant to youth participation in Bulgaria; development of a manual for youth participation and its representation and distribution among stakeholders and institutions.</p> <p>Implementation of a public order “Training of staff of the newly created services for children with disabilities and supervision to enhance the professional skills to work with children with disabilities in the implementation of Action 6 of the State Agency for Child Protection’s project “Childhood for everyone”. For 2014 the trained teams of newly created social services for children with disabilities are in more than 52 municipalities.</p> <p>The educational center TRACE Ltd. continued to provide trainings on different topics: Strategic planning; Establishment and management of effective teams; Change</p>
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		<p>management; Programming, planning and management of social services; Organization and functioning of groups of residential; Case management; Social work with families; and others. Besides trainings, TRACE Ltd. offers individual and group supervisions for work in social services and departments for child protection, as well as case conferences and family-group conferences.</p> <p>In 2014 the Center for Professional Training SPSPD FICE – Bulgaria gave Certificates for profession received to 62 participants in trainings conducted on projects of FICE or Educational Center TRACE LTD. Curriculum content is constantly updated, enriched and further developed to include the experience of our partners from Bulgaria and abroad.</p> <p>FICE-Bulgaria held the Presidency of FICE International.</p> <p>Participated in FICE CE and CF both held in Frankfurt, Germany and in Barcelona, Spain.</p> <p>Members of FICE-Bulgaria are 47 individual and legal entities;</p> <p>The General Assembly was held in October.</p> <p>Published three editions of the FICE newsletter, which are bilingual (Bulgarian and English) and are available on the website of FICE-Bulgaria.</p> <p>FICE-Bulgaria experts took part: in different state commissions; in the National Council for Child Protection; consulted foreigner organizations; communicated with its members and was preparing for new projects.</p> <p>Members of FICE-Bulgaria are 47 individual and legal entities.</p>
 <p>Canada</p>	<p>Individual Members</p> <p>Mr. James Anglin</p> <p>Mr. Thom Garfat</p>	<p>Dr. James Anglin:</p> <p>Dr. Anglin works in the School of Child and Youth Care, University of Victoria, BC, Canada.</p> <p>Presented at conferences and held meetings with service providers and academics in Nagoya, Japan in support of FICE-Japan</p>



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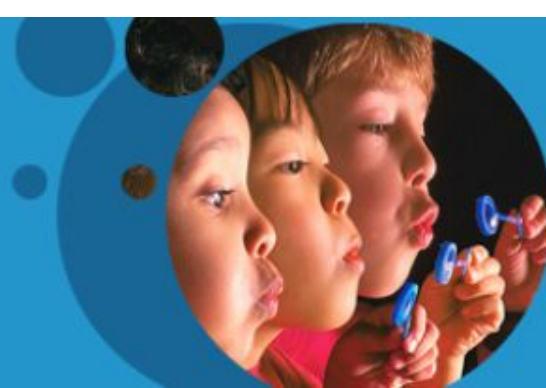




		<p>(October) and in Sao Paulo in support of FICE-Brazil section (November).</p> <p>Published Anglin, J.P. (2014). Pain-based behavior with children and adolescents in conflict. <i>Reclaiming Children and Youth</i>. (22) 4, 53-55.</p> <p>Published Anglin, J.P. (2014). Child and youth care is not rocket science: It's <u>far</u> more complex than that! <i>Relational Child and Youth Care Practice</i>, 27 (2).</p> <p>Published Silva, I.S., Gaspar, F. & Anglin, J. P. (2014). Webster-Stratton Incredible Years Basic Parent Programme (IY) in child care placements: Residential staff carers' satisfaction results. <i>Child and Family Social Work</i> (online, February).</p> <p>Published Holden, M.J, Anglin, J.P. Nunno, M.A. and Izzo, C. (2014). Engaging the total therapeutic residential care program in a process of quality improvement: Learning from the CARE program model. In Whittaker, J.K., del Valle, J.F. and Holmes, L., <i>Therapeutic Residential Care for Children and Youth: Exploring Evidence-Informed International Practice</i>, London, U.K.: Jessica Kingsley.</p> <p>Published Knorth, E.J., Harder, A.T.& Anglin, J.P. (2014) 'The black box never sleeps ...': Inside perspectives on youth placements in residential care. <i>International Journal of Child and Family Welfare</i>, 18, 2-9.</p> <p>Published Fulcher, L., Moran, A. & Anglin, J.P. (2014). Sisters of Pain and the child protection paradox: An ethnographic study of a young woman living in secure care. <i>International Journal of Child and Family Welfare</i>, 18, 38-52.</p>
 Czech Republic	FICE Czech Republic Mrs. Jana Koubova	<p>FICE Czech Republic:</p> <p>Organized seminar focused on new civic law and its application for children care. The seminar was organized in Poděbrady.</p> <p>Organized seminar in October which was focused on the topic of child abuse and neglect.</p>



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		<p>The seminar included experience exchange with colleagues from Slovakia.</p> <p>Organized regular meetings of the FICE section committee, every two months.</p> <p>Participated in the realization of the regional rounds of The Dearest Concert, where gifted children from children's home perform. The state parade took place in Vrbno pod Pradědem.</p> <p>Participated in the realization of the regional rounds of various sport competitions of children from children's homes, state competition was organized in Ostrava. Winners from each category qualified to the international games in Hungary.</p> <p>Organized two days long specialized seminar for its members and other interested parties. Main topics were: "The application of the new Civic Code in the Children homes practice"; „Psycho-hygiene conditions of teaching of the mentally disabled children in children homes“ and „Children stay in the facility – Findings of the Public law attorney“.</p> <p>182 members from various children care facilities.</p> <p>5 new members for 2014.</p>
 Denmark	<p>FICE Denmark Mrs. Karen Scott</p>	<p>In process of reconsolidation</p>
 England	<p>Individual members Mr. David Lane Mr. Vic Citarella</p>	



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 <p>Estonia</p>	<p>Estonian Union for Child Welfare (EUCW)</p> <p>Mr. Loone Ots</p>	<p>Estonian Union for Child Welfare (EUCW)</p> <p>Realized the “Safer Internet project”, which mission is wiser Internet use by children and their parents and the prevention of the online distribution of material containing illegal content. 75% of the project was being co-financed by the European Commission’s Safer Internet Programme.</p> <p>Realized “Free of bullying kindergarten and school” project, which is based on Danish methodic. The target groups are children, kindergarten teachers, parents and other people important for children.</p> <p>Realized the “Child’s voice! Project”, which aims to promote awareness of children’s rights in society and child rights situation in coherent knowledge for children, young people and adults to act in the best interest of the child. The project will be held within 24 months, focusing geographically on Ida-Virumaa. During the project, youngsters were involved to let them monitor their rights to see, how they are ensured. through the project, an input will be gathered for the Alternative Report of Child’s Rights, which Estonia has to present in every five years</p> <p>Celebrated the Child Rights Convention with national and international conference and many other thematic events, such as children’s essay/drawing/picture/video contest, film festival based on children’s rights. Additionally organized different trainings and other public seminars, roundtables etc.</p> <p>34 member-organizations. No new members.</p> <p>Estonian Children’s Fund:</p> <p>Presented 16 study scholarships for young people living in safe homes, children’s shelters, substitute homes and foster families, who wish to continue or have already started their studies in institution of higher education.</p> <p>Created 3 new support groups for parents of children with attention deficit disorder (in Jüri,</p>
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	<p>Estonian Children's Fund</p> <p>Mrs. Sirje Grossmann-Loot</p>	<p>Viimsi, Keila). We now have 11 support groups all around Estonia.</p> <p>Wrote a new project with the aim to improve the quality of life for children with ADHD and to improve the everyday well-being of their families in Ida-Viru County. Right now, there are no support groups for parents of children with attention deficit disorder in Ida-Viru County, this is why, it is most important to give out valuable information to everyone involved. The project is funded by The Council Of Gambling Tax. The ultimate goal is to have two functioning support groups in Ida-Viru County by the end of this year.</p>
 <p>Ethiopia</p>	<p>Mr. Muhammed Said</p>	<p><i>FICE Ethiopia:</i></p> <p>ADA is implementing community based child care and support projects including vulnerable children support and economic strengthening to their parents/guardians. The approach in all the projects is inclusive - families, guardians and close relatives play an important role in our care and support program and projects.</p> <p>Currently the following specific projects are under implementation:</p> <p>Yekokebe Berehan Highly Vulnerable Children Support Project. This project is implemented in partnership with Pact-Ethiopia in 21 districts and supports 53,631 (F 28,363) highly vulnerable children. The project for Highly Vulnerable Children is providing Health Services, Food and Nutritional Services, Educational Services, Psychological Services, Shelter and Care Services, and Economic Strengthening to the target children and their care givers.</p> <p>The goal of HVC Project is to reduce vulnerability among HVC and their families by strengthening systems and structures to deliver quality essential service and increase resiliency. The specific objectives are: to build the capacity of stakeholders to effectively use</p>



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		<p>improved data management system and employ a national HVC supervision system; Employ effective and efficient family centered aged based and inclusive HVC care management system; Enhance the capability of community members for coordinated and improved responsiveness towards HVC care; Establish effective and efficient monitoring, evaluation, reporting and learning system in the project catchment area.</p> <p>Community Based Pre-school Project implemented in collaboration with the local governments and the local community. The aim of this project is to mobilize families and guardians to send their children to pre-school in order to cultivate children in schooling from their early age of 4-6 years. ADA's support is focused on awareness creation along with the supply of in-door and out-doors playing and learning facilities for children in the newly established pre-schools or extra classes opened in the already existing primary schools.</p> <p>Reaching Educational Attainment of Children in the Hinterlands (REACH) Project. The project has been implemented in collaboration with Pact-Ethiopia. The Goal of the project is to strengthen the provision of basic education services, in terms of access, equity and quality for out of school children. The specific objectives are: to expand the access to quality basic education to school children in the catchment areas of the project intervention; to increase retention of children in the learning centers through the provision of Scholastic Materials and hand washing facilities.</p> <p>Improving Sexual and Reproductive Health Practices of young girls in Amhara National Region through retention of girls in the school system: This project is supported by Lucile</p>
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		<p>and Packard Foundation. It is focused on increasing age at first marriage by making girls stay in schools through mobilizing the school and the surrounding community including parents.</p> <p>Prevention of Gender Based Violence project: supported by UNFPA and is ongoing in 5 districts, the project is focused on GBV prevention including fighting child marriage by using community conversation (CC) through mobilizing the youth as community action facilitators.</p> <p>ADA has 3.98 million members that actively contribute to the development of the region. It has seven branch offices across the region and a Liaison based in Addis Ababa. We have branch offices in 147 districts of the region to coordinate membership programs. It also has some branches in the country and in abroad.</p>
 <p>Finland</p>	<p>Central Union for Child Welfare</p> <p>Chairman of the Board of CUCW: Professor Pentti Arajärvi</p> <p>Mr. Martti Kempainen</p>	<p>Central Union for Child Welfare:</p> <p>Realized many events and produced materials in order to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the UNCRC.</p> <p>Realized three consultative committees (preventive child welfare, child and family oriented child welfare and the implementation of child welfare).</p> <p>Realized three temporary work groups on 1) young people's experiences on the placement and family reunification, 2) the ethical principles of children's participation, and 3) aftercare.</p> <p>Was represented in 10 bodies set up by public authorities and over 20 committees, steering groups, expert groups e.g. established by non-governmental organizations.</p> <p>Coordinated the assistance programme Emma & Elias. The goal of the programme (2012–2017), financed by the Finnish Slot Machine Association (RAY) is to promote the health and social wellbeing of children and</p>



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		<p>their families. The programme focuses on the improvement of growing conditions of children aged 15 years and younger. In 2014, over 30 projects were included in the programme.</p> <p>Organized a study tour of a delegation of 7 persons from FICE-Romania to Finland in cooperation with the National Institute for Health and Welfare, Sippola Reform School and Konstan koti ja koulu, May 13–20.</p> <p>Held 6 national and 2 international seminars on child welfare issues together with other NGO's and public authorities.</p> <p>Held the international conference <i>“INVESTING IN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – Policies and Practices for Promoting Welfare”</i> together with IFCW (International Forum for Child Welfare).</p> <p>Held the National Conference on Child Welfare <i>“Functional and Effective Child Welfare”</i> together with the city of Hämeenlinna.</p> <p>Held Youth Day on aftercare, attached to the National Conference on Child Welfare, for young people with experience on aftercare services, together with the groups of developers in Hämeenlinna and Janakkala, youth and child culture services of the city of Hämeenlinna, the group of Young Developers and the team “Survivors” of the Centre for Expertise in Child Welfare.</p> <p>Participated in FICE CF and extraordinary GA in Frankfurt, Germany and Barcelona, Spain.</p> <p>Participated in seminar “Together Against Violence”, November 5–6 in Barcelona, Spain.</p> <p>Participated in seminar of “Child Friendly Procedures in Criminal Justice System”, March 19 in Tallinn, Estonia.</p> <p>Participated in seminar of Children's Rights Coalitions in Europe, April 28–30 in Sofia, Bulgaria.</p> <p>Participated in CONNECT Conference, June 17–18 in Brussels, Belgium.</p>
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		<p>Participated in OMEP World Assembly and the Congress, July 1–5 in Cork, Ireland.</p> <p>Participated in IFCO Conference, August 26–29 in Dublin, Ireland.</p> <p>Participated in Eusarf Conference, September 5–9 in Copenhagen, Denmark.</p> <p>Participated in the Day of General Discussion organised by the Committee on the Rights of the Child, September 11–13 in Geneva, Switzerland.</p> <p>Participated in Seminar of “The Best Interest of the Child”, September 19 in Tallinn, Estonia.</p> <p>Participated in Nordic Health Law Conference, September 25–26 in Bergen, Norway.</p> <p>Participated in Eurochild Annual Conference, November 26–28 in Bucharest, Romania.</p> <p>Made over 20 statements, comments and motions and several public hearings on draft laws, committee reports and memoranda, international conventions etc. related to children’s rights and child welfare.</p> <p>Published a report <i>“How Children’s Welfare Costs Accumulate”</i> (the original version in Finnish was published in 2012).</p> <p>Published a report on violence against children <i>“Herra Koivuniemi pantu viralta – 30 vuotta ruumiillisen kurittamisen kieltämisestä”</i> (in Finnish).</p> <p>Published a guide on <i>“The Ethical Principles on the Participation of Children and Young People”</i> (in Finnish).</p> <p>Sent “Mail from the field” newsletters, 42 letters (about 2000 subscribers).</p> <p>Sent 4 letters with “News from the world” (about 1400 subscribers).</p> <p>Sent 11 letters with news from the library and information service (about 1200 subscribers).</p> <p>Organized press conferences and press releases.</p>
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		<p>Supported www.lastensuojelu.info – information about Finnish child welfare for immigrants in 10 language.</p> <p>Campaigned for the Child’s Rights Manifesto, organized a panel discussion for MEP candidates and lobbied for the establishment of the intergroup on children’s rights in European Parliament.</p> <p>Launched the platform called “Child Footprint” for the Parliamentary Election in 2015.</p> <p>Campaigned for “violence against children”: Finland banned the use of corporal punishments in 1984. In order to celebrate the milestone, CUCW carried out the survey of attitudes to corporal punishments and realized a campaign in social media together with Emma & Elias programme and the Federation of Mother and Child Homes and Shelters.</p> <p>Realized a hearing session for children and young people with disabilities together with the National Council on Disability VANE and Finnish Committee for UNICEF.</p> <p>Cooperated with Estonian Union for Child Welfare and Estonian authorities; realized projects and other cooperation with Russian NGO’s and authorities.</p> <p>Members: 129, including 91 child welfare NGO’s and 38 municipalities.</p>
 <p>Germany</p>	<p>FICE Germany (Internationale Gesellschaft für erzieherische Hilfen).</p> <p>President: Dr. Hans-Ullrich Krause Mr. Josef Koch</p>	<p>FICE Germany:</p> <p>Participated in FICE CF held in Barcelona, Spain.</p> <p>Organized and took part in FICE CF held in Frankfurt, Germany.</p> <p>Realized the „Care Leaver” project in Germany.</p> <p>In January organized and held conference for Socio-pedagogical diagnoses of the family and cooperation with the family in cases of risks to the child’s welfare.</p> <p>In February organized and held conference for Girls in (residential) child care: Approaches, coping with crises, educational processes –</p>



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		<p>Insights from current research for practitioners.</p> <p>In March organized and held ongoing conference of experts: further development of the foster care system; Research panel (residential) child care; IGfH-Congress child care day groups „Imprints of Learning“.</p> <p>In April organized and held German-Israeli Symposium. In the context of the educational trip of the EFSHAR delegation.</p> <p>In May organized and held IGfH-Panel (residential) child care for students and young professionals.</p> <p>Organized further education of professionals in fields of social work: 2 series of further education and extra occupational series of qualification; 16 seminars of advanced education; Inhouse – seminars of advanced education.</p> <p>Published Diana Duering/Hans-Ullrich Krause, Friedhelm Peters, Regina Rätz, Nicole Rosenbauer, Matthias Vollhase (Editors): Critical glossary of child care.</p> <p>Published Dirk Nüsken: Expertise of the project „Leaving Care“: Transitions from residential child care to autonomous life as a grown up in Germany – facts and statistics.</p> <p>Published Reinhard Wiesner: Expertise of the project „Leaving Care“: Legal aspects of the starting position - Transitions from residential child care to autonomous life as a grown up in Germany.</p> <p>Published 5 issues of the journal FORUM ERZIEHUNGSHILFEN, Circulation 2 600.</p> <p>Published Online – monthly newsletter of the IGfH; 12 issues p.a.</p> <p>Made official statements on: Development of youth welfare. Statement of the IGfH concerning the 14th Report on the situation of children and youth in Germany; Care Leaver/ Transitions. Life after youth welfare services. Rights of Care Leavers!; Implementing Rights for Care Leavers! Demands for policy and practice (University of Hildesheim and IGfH);</p>
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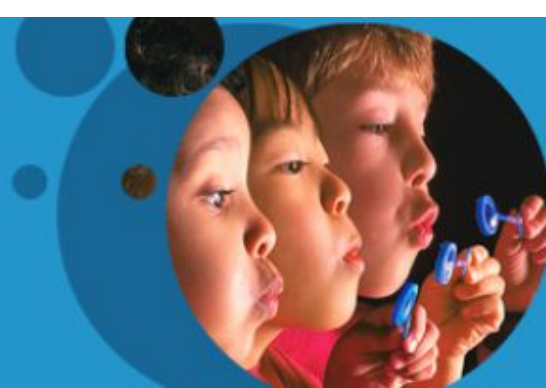



		<p>Statement concerning the governance and further development of child care; Inclusion – contributions of child care. A position of the child care associations in Germany; Unaccompanied minor refugees – best interests of the child first! A statement of German child care associations concerning a recent debate about distribution of unaccompanied minor refugees.</p> <p>Organized and held 8 specialist panels/councils: Specialist panel professional foster care/ foster families; Specialist panel residential care; Specialist panel integrated care; and others.</p> <p>Realized the „It’s All Rights 4u after Care – Care Leavers: understanding, supporting giving them a voice!“ project. Objectives of the project: To understand the environment of care leavers and their experiences with social services and institutions of (higher) learning. To trace their transitions to be able to address the necessary measures of support.; To develop information for care leavers (print and online) about their rights in the phase of transition and about the range of offers concerning counseling, education, and support.</p> <p>Realized participation and joint implementation of a pilot project „Children’s rights in (residential) child care! Having rights, asserting rights” – Pilot project in the province of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. “Management of participation and complaints in child care“.</p> <p>Realized project for applied research and development of practice: „Unaccompanied minor refugees in child care institutions: Evaluation and further development of concepts, approaches of action and procedure of placement“.</p> <p>Realized practice associates in the international project “Cultural Encounters in Interventions Against Violence” (CEINAV) of the EU-Programme HERA (Humanities in the European Research Area).</p>
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		<p>Organized and took part in a work group: new and revised edition in cooperation with BAG LJÄ: Advice book: Having rights – asserting your rights. A book with advice not exclusively for boys and girls in child care.</p> <p>Organized and took part in German Child Care Fair, Berlin: 5 big panels organized by IGfH Unaccompanied minor refugees; Care Leavers; Rights for protection and participation; Questions for the future of young people in child care; Arguments against confined placement of young people.</p> <p>Organized and took part in Congregation of members of IGfH; Leipzig “Child and youth care– thinking about inclusion and exclusion”.</p> <p>Organized and took part in 4th parliamentary breakfast with members of the federal parliament (and four child care associations). Topic: Inclusion and child care.</p> <p>FICE Germany has 1.435 members, including 45 new members for 2014.</p>
 <p>Hong Kong</p>	<p>Ms. NG Wing-yan, Winine</p>	<p><i>FICE Hong Kong SAR (Asia):</i></p> <p>Participated in FICE CF held in Frankfurt, Germany and in Barcelona, Spain.</p> <p>Gave consultations in a Radio Program in order to promote “Positive Parenting” and “Happy Parenthood”.</p> <p>Gave a speech before the Hong Kong Shue Yan University, The Society of Counseling and Psychology Department to promote the “The work of Sex Therapist” to raise the awareness on the children development at Universities.</p> <p>Gave an interview for the Parent Magazine for having more concepts on Children’ time management for having a balanced life in Hong Kong.</p> <p>Held trainings for the International Social Service (ISS Hong Kong branch) for promoting the Parent Education on the special children. The target was the staff working with Chinese Families. (not Hong Kong families).</p>



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		<p>Promoted the healthy parent-child relationship (invited by ISS HK) by using the Children story book for Chinese Families.</p> <p>Took part in the staff training on “Asperger Syndrome” and “Non-directive Play Therapy” at Therapeutic Communities Austria in August.</p> <p>Organized the “School Project” aimed to develop training for support the teachers to understand better the children with special needs in order to have an integrated atmosphere at school. The project included also the topics: Anti-bullying at school; Social Inclusion; and Resilience towards Children, Youth and the Family (Developing Positive Family Development). Prepared the next school term project called “I am G.R.E.A.T”.</p> <p>Organized the “Personal Growth Training Project”, conducted by Hermann Radler (the director of TC Hong Kong Ltd) in order to promote healthy life, to understanding oneself better and to promote the awareness of healthy development in childhood and how to have a happier life. The training used the means of the Psychodrama Therapy.</p> <p>Held series of Psychodrama Workshops on Personal Growth with the aim to promote healthy life and even enhance the chance to raise the awareness of the adults to focus more on how to provide a healthy childhood for our generation. Main topics were: “Inner Children”, “Fairy Tales” and “Personal Growth”.</p> <p>2 member organizations, including one new for 2014.</p>
 <p>Hungary</p>	<p>FICE Hungary Mrs. Agnes Hamori</p>	<p>FICE Hungary:</p> <p>Participated in a research project called “Is a State a good parent? – Concept of corporate parenting in the Hungarian Child protection System” with the University of Debrecen, Department of Sociology and Social Policy. Under the research project published a book chapter about FICE Children’s Parliament.</p> <p>Organized “Holocaust project” in 4 custody centers (1 year long thematic, literary and art</p>



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		<p>project for young offenders), participants: 250 14-19 years old young offenders.</p> <p>Organized Annual Child protection Conference (20/11/2014) Participants: 400 professionals. Main theme: Children's rights, development directions in the Hungarian child protection system.</p> <p>Under the aegis of the Conference organized the XV. Children's Parliament. Participants: 40 children and young adults. Main theme: Social integration with public care background.</p> <p>Called a "Good practices in the child protection in 2014" competition. Winning tenders were presented in the Conference.</p> <p>Shot a short film on FICE-Hungary's annual activity by Union for Youth. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1LYjk8f6UU.</p> <p>Organized competition for little chefs (participants: 150 children with 18 cooking team).</p> <p>Organized Würth Summer Camp (participants: 62 children from 21 institutions and from 16 foster families).</p> <p>Organized International Children's Day (participants: 200 children from institutions and foster families).</p> <p>Organized Gift Day for children in care: (participants: 300 children from institutions from and foster families) FICE-Hungary's official song was presented.</p> <p>Participated in FICE CF held in Frankfurt, Germany.</p> <p>Members are 45 institutional members, 200 individual and 17 honorary members.</p> <p>Accepted 10 new individual members.</p>
 India	FICE India Mr. Malay Dewanji	<p>FICE India:</p> <p>Several rights-based awareness generation programs and development activities have been specially undertaken for the identified</p>



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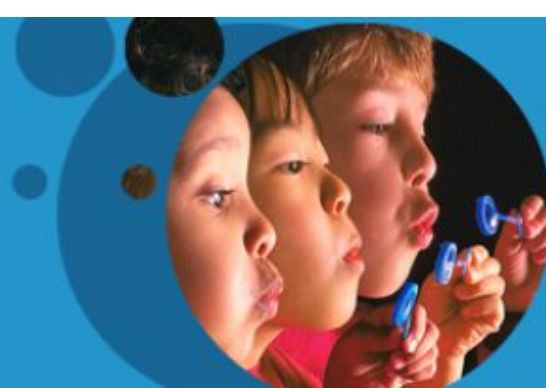



		<p>about 2,000 children at risk, through the member organizations of the FICE India. These programs have been specially organized for the deprived children to meet their socio-cultural and education needs and also to develop the children's leadership. The target children are provided with bridge education, vocational training and advocacy, awareness generation for their mainstreaming into the civil society. The target children have also been provided with mid-day meal, nutritional health care and recreational facilities such as sports and cultural activities.</p> <p>Together with two member organisations LAMP and GUP realized Residential Schools Program for deprived children: 200 children of two residential schools, run with the support of the both Union and State Governments were benefited by full time education and meals and all other needs. Key objectives of this program were: to provide full time education of the children at risk; to protect children at risk from hunger; to ensure school enrolment of all children at risk; to improve socialization among children belonging to all castes and class.</p> <p>Started a Mobile Text and Referral Books Library for the children at risk of Kolkata City, with the support of Japan Government, which will cover about 9,000 street and working children of 18 slums of Kolkata city.</p> <p>Published Wall Magazine(s) – give opportunities to children at risk to express their feelings and opinions on any subjects or issues they face by posting their articles, poem, drawings and other such compositions to share with each other.</p> <p>Published Children Magazine “Shishu Jagat”- all children of network organizations of ‘Shishu Jagat’ across the country contribute their writings like stories, poem, drawing, sketches in their own languages for publication of a children’s magazine namely –‘Shishu Jagat’ in periodic intervals.</p>
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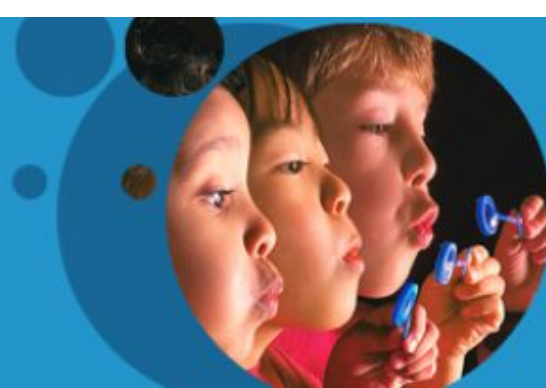




		<p>Published News letter on different issues related to the area specific problems and prosperity of the children at risk across the country.</p> <p>Held Annual General Meeting in December and representatives of 36 organizations actively participated.</p> <p>There are 45 grassroots level child development organizations working in different parts of India, members of FICE-India, including 3 new organizations for 2014.</p>
 <p>Israel</p>	<p>FICE Israel Mr. Emmanuel Grupper</p>	<p><i>FICE Israel:</i></p> <p>Participated in FICE CF held in Frankfurt, Germany and in Barcelona, Spain.</p> <p>Organized a joint seminar with FICE Germany in Bavaria. 19 Israeli directors and residential educators made a most enriching study-visit In German out-of-home programs, organized by Prof. Mechthild Wolff, member of the Board of FICE-Germany.</p> <p>Published a position paper stating the need to regulate and impose a formal professional education to all people working with children, especially in out-of-home care.</p> <p>Hosted in Israel a delegation of Ukrainian foster-care organization that intends to become FICE National section for the Ukraine.</p> <p>Initiated a survey about unaccompanied minors from Africa, considered as 'asylum seekers' and their right for education.</p> <p>Participated in a day seminar hold in the Israeli Parliament (Knesset) for identification and support for out-of-home educators and programs in Israel.</p> <p>Gave a consultative audition before the committee for children's rights of the Knesset-defending the cause that there should be a mandatory formal professional education for all people working with children at risk, especially in out-of-home care.</p>



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		<p>FICE Israel has total membership of 480 persons, including 30 new members for 2014.</p>
 <p>Kenya</p>	<p>FICE Kenya Mr. Simon Otieno</p>	<p>FICE Kenya:</p> <p>Participated in FICE CF held in Frankfurt, Germany and in Barcelona, Spain.</p> <p>Participated in the formation of FICE-AFRICA.</p> <p>Offered psychosocial trainings and counselling.</p> <p>Attended Leadership training in Zambia.</p> <p>Worked on expanding FICE-Awareness in Kenya.</p> <p>Attended the “Together against Violence” conference in Barcelona, Spain.</p> <p>Realized the “Volunteer placements” project - In conjunction with MMS-Kenya, the well-established volunteer placement program targets international students with the main intention of cultural exchanges on child and youth care work. 2014 realized students from Switzerland, Austria and Germany among others.</p> <p>Realized “Training of Child Care Workers on Psychosocial Support”, which is an ongoing project that targets Child and Youth care workers across the FICE-Kenya membership network. By the end of 2014, the following groups benefited from the training: MMS-K, Kazingumu, Jiwipachi where the trainees were introduced to various PSS tools, Stress, Coping and Resilience, Caring of Carers, needs of Children and Children Rights.</p> <p>Participated in the World AIDS Day.</p> <p>Participated in the Day of an African Child.</p> <p>Participated in the Children Clubs events.</p> <p>Members of FICE Kenya are 16 organizations including 5 new ones.</p>
 <p>Luxembourg</p>	<p>Association Nationale des Communautés Éducatives et Sociales – ANCES</p>	<p>Association Nationale des Communautés Éducatives et Sociales – ANCES:</p> <p>Participated in FICE CF held in Frankfurt, Germany.</p>



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	Mr. Charel Schmit	
 Macedonia	FICE Macedonia Mrs. Galaba Zlatkovska-Gareska	<p><i>FICE Macedonia:</i></p> <p>After the closing of FICE South East Europe in 2014 FICE Bosnia and Hercegovina had the opportunity to become a full member.</p>
 Netherlands	FICE Netherlands Mr. Gitta Griffioen	<p><i>FICE Netherlands:</i></p> <p>Participated in FICE CF held in Frankfurt, Germany and in Barcelona, Spain.</p> <p>Held a general meeting for members to discuss with and inspire each other.</p> <p>Translated the FICE Netherland website from Dutch into English.</p> <p>Worked on building on our network through news on our website, twitter and LinkedIn.</p> <p>Led and took part in the FICE Inter Working group "Sexual abuse in institutions". The goal is to collect good practices and share these through the FICE Inter website and the Congress in Vienna 2016.</p> <p>One board member of FICE Netherlands took part in Q4C (Quality for children) Netherlands. Their goal is to translate and implement the standards of Q4c in the youth care system in The Netherlands.</p> <p>Organized a meeting about trafficking on children for both members and other stakeholders. The goal is to enlarge awareness and to bring stakeholders together, to discuss with each other and start alliances will be necessary to be able to help victims of trafficking.</p> <p>On behalf of FICE Inter was an active part of ENSACT (European Network for Social Action) with the goal to develop an observatory on internet. In this observatory the situation of youngsters all over the world is (visually) shown through pictures and movies. Also good practices in care are part of the observatory.</p>



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		<p>Held a workshop about International exchange in youth care during a national congress about youth care. Cardea, a member organization presented their youth exchange program. Erasmus+ financed the program.</p> <p>Organized a network and inspiration event about trafficking - several presentations about trafficking powered by an educator, policemen, supervisor of victims, a victim and a professional of the register of the number of (possible) victims. The outcome of the meeting can be read on our website.</p> <p>Members are 39 organizations and several members as a person.</p>
 <p>Romania</p>	<p>FICE Romania Mr. Toma Mares</p>	<p><i>FICE Romania:</i></p> <p>Participated in FICE CF held in Frankfurt, Germany and in Barcelona, Spain.</p> <p>Established new FICE communities, in educational and social care units from the 3rd and the 5th districts of the capital, as well as in four other counties of Romania</p> <p>Worked with the Argeş county branch.</p> <p>Recruited, trained and involved over 150 students and teachers from Bucharest, Alexandria, Vaslui and Alba Iulia, along with Anti-Drug National Agency and Bucharest General Police Department, based on a voluntary agreement.</p> <p>Worked on establishment of a new FICE section in the Republic of Moldavia.</p> <p>Organized the “Foster care – between reality and goal” debate, in partnership with the General Directorate for Social Assistance and Child Protection in Wallachia and in Moldavia. The event involved foster parents, adolescents, specialists, representatives of institutions responsible.</p> <p>Continued the exchanges at inter-county, county, local level, through projects on various topics: “School after school - between educational challenges and administrative difficulties”, “The Right of the Child to a</p>



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		<p>Qualitative Education- between theory and practice”, “Partnership and Voluntary Activities in the Child Protection Area”, “Education for Health” and others.</p> <p>In partnership with the Central Pedagogical Library and the Education Tribune, FICE Romania organized monthly debates on topics related to the defense of children rights.</p> <p>Realized „Know and decide!” project aiming at preventing and reducing drug, alcohol and tobacco use among students.</p> <p>Realized the program “Parenting – help to help yourself”, aiming at preventing school and family dropout in 16 schools from Bucharest.</p> <p>Under the title "Peer Solidarity", FICE Romania initiated, organized and monitored, through its communities, a series of actions by collecting goods and funds (school supplies, hygiene materials, clothing and food) that were offered in the spirit of solidarity to other colleagues in need, assisted in these centers.</p> <p>Realized the "Peer Solidarity to Save Lives of Children" project, organized in partnership with ISMB Bucharest - collected cash donations - 4,300 lei, amount used to purchase medical supplies and logistics, games, toys, fruits, etc. for the children hospitalized in two hospitals in Bucharest, as well as in Piatra Neamt County Hospital.</p> <p>Realized the "Children's Book Festival", organized and held in conjunction with the National Pedagogical Library "I.C. Petrescu" in Bucharest, Caras-Severin, Vaslui, Iasi, Alexandria, Roşiori de Vede, Constanta etc., managed to engage children of all ages and adults, participants in the symposia on best practices to attract children to reading.</p> <p>In the context of the joint collaboration programs with FICE Finland, in May, a group of Romanian specialists conducted a documentation activity in some Finnish communities.</p>
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		<p>Hosted a delegation of specialists from FICE Finland which participated in debates and exchanges of experience with the specialists from orphanages in Bucharest- 5th district, Vaslui and Iași counties, University of Psychology and Educational Sciences Bucharest, „Alexandru Ioan Cuza„University of Iași.</p> <p>Participated in the campaign "19 days of activism for prevention of abuse and violence against children and youth ", campaign launched by WWSF (Women World Summit Foundation) and developed between November 1-st to 19-th.</p> <p>Published 2 double editions of the Social and Pedagogical Review entitled "Child Social Protection".</p> <p>Edited two posters on preventing violence against children.</p> <p>Promoted the FICE Romania initiatives and concerns in written, television and audio media.</p> <p>Held meetings of the National Committee Office.</p>
 Russia	Russian Children's Fund Mr. Albert Likhanov	
 Scotland	Individual members Mr. Ian Milligan Mrs. Jennifer Davidson	
 Serbia	FICE Serbia Mrs. Zeljka Burgund	<p>FICE Serbia:</p> <p>After the closing of FICE South East Europe in 2014 FICE Bosnia and Hercegovina had the opportunity to become a full member and their activity is as follows:</p>



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		<p>Organized trainings and exchange between members.</p> <p>Participated in many events within social care system.</p> <p>Published news at FICE Serbia web site, as well as expert articles in magazines in social care field. Also had several announcements at national and local media.</p> <p>Realized Training for implementation of Life Book for Youth Methodology in the country and in Bosnia (South East Europe region).</p> <p>Realized "IMPULS" project for day treatment center for children with severe disorders on early age – creation of innovative service in local community.</p> <p>Maintaining, widening and improving quality of mutual cooperation between "FICE Srbija" and network members.</p> <p>Implemented innovative practices, professional exchange at national, regional and international level.</p> <p>Advocated for children's rights.</p> <p>Held Traditional expert of FICE Serbia members, DONOR Market in the social care field.</p> <p>Held trainings for professionals who work in institutions and organizations in child protection field.</p> <p>Created new training programs ("My significant others") for staff members who do not have formal education for work with children.</p> <p>Maintained cooperation with local authorities and decision makers.</p> <p>Held the annual experts gathering (every year with different theme).</p> <p>Participated in FICE CF held in Frankfurt, Germany and in Barcelona, Spain.</p> <p>Took part in FICE Europe meetings.</p>
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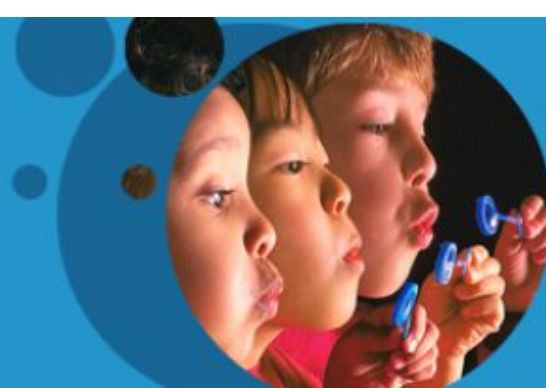




		Members are homes for children without parental care, homes for children with different kind of developmental difficulties, centers for social work, centers for foster care and adoption, day treatment centers, institutes for social affairs, safe houses, individuals, institutes for children with behavioral disorders.
 South Africa	FICE South Africa Merle Allsopp	<p><i>FICE South Africa:</i></p> <p>Participated in FICE CF held in Frankfurt, Germany and in Barcelona, Spain.</p>
 Spain	FICE Spain Ricard Calvo	<p><i>FICE Spain:</i></p> <p>Participated in FICE CF held in Frankfurt, Germany.</p> <p>Organized and took part in FICE CF held in Barcelona, Spain.</p> <p>Revised and approved the statutes.</p> <p>Developed the web site http://fice-es.org/.</p> <p>Elaborated a document to present FICE Spain (for communication purposes).</p> <p>Defined the mission, vision and values of the organization.</p> <p>Defined the strategic priorities for 2014-2016.</p> <p>Realized the “Together against violence” in Spain - the project focused on the prevention of cases of violence repetition by children and young people aged 14-18 years. The project was realized in Bulgaria, Spain and Austria and was funded by “Daphne” Programme, EC. As a result of the teamwork of the three FICE-sections were realized researches related to the legislation concerning the children repeated perpetrators of violence, the factors leading to this violence behavior and the services in the three countries. The project ended with the elaboration of standards and recommendations to them for the children perpetrators of violence services.</p>



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		<p>Started to develop a joint project among all FICE Spain organizations focusing on developing more community based care centers for children and youth. The idea of the project is that all FICE Spain members start implementing community based care services in the different Spanish territories where they work. The project is based on the guidelines developed by the European Expert Group on the Transition from Institutional to Community-based Care (http://deinstitutionalisationguide.eu/). We are currently looking for different options to obtain funding for this project. Members of FICE Spain organized and participated in the Final conference of the European Project Together Against Violence that was held in November 2014, in Barcelona. Members are 8 organizations.</p>
 Sweden	<p>Individual member: Mr. Nils Karlström</p>	<p>Visited the organization Concordia Social Project in Romania, where learned about their work with teens/adults on the streets; the way they offer them support and even help the older ones to get a professional training; their work with school children to prevent them from dropping out from school and their work with these children's parents; and more.</p>
 Switzerland	<p>FICE Switzerland Mr. Rolf Widmer</p>	<p>FICE Switzerland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the annual general meeting on Jun 13, the successful organization of the FICE World Congress 2013 in Bern was remembered, and it was confirmed once more that the topic of inclusion should continue to be addressed in as comprehensive a manner as possible on both national and international levels. FICE Switzerland in particular aims to support in an appropriate manner the groups of young people who had participated in the Congress and the Youth-Practice-Exchange in their continued engagement for youth participation. • Participated in preparing two online publications of papers from the FICE World



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		<p>Congress in Bern as member of the Editorial Board of FICE International.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A delegation of three persons from the board of FICE Switzerland engaged in a number of activities of FICE International and FICE Europa. These included the dissolution of FICE South East Europe, which had been founded in 2002, and the admission as full members of FICE Serbia and FICE Bosnia and Herzegovina and discussions as to the future organisation of FICE Europa. In addition, the foundation and development of FICE Brazil was supported intensively, with a member of FICE Switzerland representing both the national section and FICE International opening the very successful “2nd Seminar for the Quality of Residential Care” on 26 and 27 September in São Paulo in which over 450 experts from 99 municipalities in 16 States participated, some of them having travelled nearly 3000 kilometres to do so. • Participated in the creation of the “Safe Parks project for Syrian refugee children in Lebanon” which will be implemented in 2015. • Participated in the further roll-out and implementation of the Quality4Children standards, in the Rights of the Child Network Switzerland and in a number of events in connection with juvenile justice and its measures, held in Switzerland. • Re-structured and –designed its website. • Participated in FICE CF held in Frankfurt, Germany and in Barcelona, Spain. • Members are 100 institutions and individuals.
 <p>Ukraine</p>	<p>Ms. Lyudmyla Semkiv</p>	<p><i>FICE Ukraine:</i> Participated in FICE CF held in Frankfurt, Germany.</p>
	<p>FICE USA</p>	<p><i>FICE USA:</i></p>



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 <p>United States of America</p>	<p>Mr. Dennis Felty</p>	<p>Participated in FICE CF held in Barcelona, Spain.</p> <p>Continued to support several programs in South Africa through InVision Human Services: Mascinedane Child Care and Home, Tlangelani Community School Social Skills Advisor, WCFID (Western Cape Forum on Intellectual Disability) Training Program, and Educo Africa Caring for Caregivers Program.</p> <p>Created and coordinated four Dialogue Sessions at FICE Congress in Bern, Switzerland.</p> <p>Represented on the FICE Editorial Committee.</p> <p>Members are 6 individuals, representing different organisations. For 2014 FUCE USA has 2 new individual members and 1 new organization.</p>
 <p>FICE South East Europe</p>	<p>FICE Serbia, FICE Macedonia, FICE Montenegro, FICE Bosnia and Herzegovina</p>	<p>FICE South East Europe established in 2001 as a union of the former Yugoslavia countries has been closed in 2014. The countries' needs have developed in deferent ways, so their mutual representation is not needed anymore. All countries have been invited to join FICE as independent sections.</p>
 <p>FICE Europe</p>	<p>All countries of Europe, members of FICE International</p> <p>Mr. Charel Schmit</p>	<p>Participation in the realignment and the further work of ENSACT - European Network for Social Action.</p> <p>Held annual General Meeting on 6 November in Barcelona, with the election of a new board.</p>



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FICE INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR 2014

During the year 2014 FICE International activities could be summarized in the following topics:

National Sections Activities.

FICE International standpoints and positions on different topics, related to children and their welfare.

Organizing and co-organizing conferences and congresses.

International relations.

Organizational development and membership.

Forthcoming events.

National Sections Activities - See the country reports

FICE International unites more than 30 countries worldwide. Each national section has a specific operational structure, type of operation and financing (volunteers, professional advisers or staff members, number of members or activities in the country), but the basic philosophy and principles are the same as those of FICE International. Due to this specific situation, the country reports are very important instrument for coordination, planning and networking in FICE International. The main activities and actions are implemented on a country level.

In the country reports are presented results of the work of the national section of each country. The most common results are: charity projects for children and families at risk, activities with children living outside the family, exchange of knowledge and experience between professionals, organizing and participating in conferences and congresses on social issues, expressing a position on important global topics to improve children's lives, international cooperation.

FICE International standpoints and positions on different topics, related to children and their welfare

FICE International continued observing the situation in Syria and particularly the children-immigrants' issue. Different FICE National sections had alarmed the public society about the children's rights. On this topic a working group was formed to share experience and best practices in the countries members of FICE-International. An action plan was elaborated on the subject "*Unaccompanied Minors*" and the communication among the members was led by the group leader Emmanuel Grupper (FICE Israel). The goal is to improve the unaccompanied minors' lives by developing practical models for work with unaccompanied minors. Members in this group are representatives from the following FICE National Sections: Austria, Bulgaria, Germany, Israel, Netherlands, Switzerland, Spain and U.S.A.

Another discussion, on which FICE International took a standpoint, was the topic, related to the subject "*Social Inclusion*". On this subject the group leader is Roland Stubi (FICE



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Switzerland). The goal is to support the process for social inclusion within the FICE National Sections by establishment and functioning of the "Social Inclusion Standards for residential care services". Members in this group are representatives from the following FICE National Sections: Bulgaria, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, Israel, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland and USA..

Members of FICE International worked also in 3 additional groups:

"Leaving Care" with group leader Josef Koch (FICE Germany). The goal is to improve the situation of the youngsters after leaving the care system by working on "Care leavers" projects (in the sense of Social Inclusion). Members in this group are representatives from the following FICE National Sections: Finland, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Kenya, Serbia, Spain, Switzerland and Ukraine.

"Sexual Abuse in institutions" with group leader Gitta Griffioen (FICE Netherlands). The main goal is to share international knowledge and experience about the policy in case of sexual abuse in Youth care. Members in this group are representatives from the following FICE National Sections: Finland, Israel, Netherlands and Ukraine.

"Quality Standards and Mapping" with group leader Jennifer Brooker (FICE Australia). The group would investigate and create a map of youth work training around the world with the purpose of establishing quality standards in this area. Members in this group are representatives from the following FICE National Sections: Australia, Finland, Netherlands, South Africa, Spain and Switzerland.

Organizing and co-organizing conferences and congresses.

Three FICE sections (FICE Austria, FICE Bulgaria and FICE Spain) organized the "Together Against Violence" Conference, funded by the DAPHNE III Programme of European Union; Priority 4.1.3 Children as victims and perpetrators of violence (CVP). The event was part of the Together against violence project and took part in Barcelona, Spain. The project focused on the prevention of cases of repeat violence by children and youth aged 14-18 in Bulgaria, Spain and Austria. The specific goals of the project are directed towards:

Research and assessment of the factors resulting in acts of violence;

Description of the current system of services and its effectiveness;

Improvement of the effectiveness through provision of recommendations;

Information to the professional community.

FICE Europe, as a part of FICE International, collaborated in the organizations of the following conferences or events:

ENSACT - participated in the realignment and the further work of the European Network for Social Action.

Supported the European Network for Social Action (ENSACT), European Association of Schools of Social Work (EASSW), European association of training centres for socio-educational care work (FESET), International Federation of Educative Communities (FICE Europe), International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW Europe), International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW Europe), PowerUs – Service User Co-production in Social



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Work Education and Research, Social Work and Health Inequalities Network (SWHIN) with the goal to develop an observatory on internet. In this observatory the situation of youngsters all over the world is (visually) shown through pictures and movies. Also good practices in care are part of the observatory.

In the mutual work with these organizations FICE-International's experts shared their experience in the deinstitutionalized child care and has been developing projects related with the mission of ENSACT: to collectively promote these issues: a more inclusive society, a stronger role for service users, and a closer cooperation between professionals.

FICE International worked on four years project dedicated to Inclusion. The project was focused on the discussion of the aims and concepts of inclusion and the challenges these pose for experts and for society. During the 2014 actual practical models claiming to have achieved the goals of inclusion was exchanged and discussed in FICE International countries, especially those related to education, culture, and economy. The evaluation of the FICE Congress held in 2013 on Inclusion in Bern, Switzerland continued.

International relations.

FICE International management in the person of its president, secretary general and vice presidents collaborated on specific children topics with the following organizations:

Eurochild;

The International Foster Care Organization (IFCO);

International Association of Social Educators (AIEJI);

The International Child and Youth Care Network (CYC-Net);

ENSACT;

RELAF (Latin American Foster Care Network, for the Right to community and family-based care for children and adolescents);

Fundació Acció Social Infància (FASI);

CARITAS Germany;

DSB – German Union of Social Workers.

Organizational development and membership.

New members of the organization since 2014 are: Ethiopia (associate member), Hong Kong (associate member) and Ukraine (associate member).

In 2014 FICE held its Executive Committees and Federal Councils in Frankfurt, Germany and in Barcelona, Spain.

During 2014 FICE International continued its organizational consolidation. The contact with the members continued through correspondence on different topics, in relation with mutual



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projects, devoted to the children between the different National sections, visits for experience and topics exchange connected with children policies.

On FICE International website was published updated information about the FICE International experts from different countries. They are members of FICE International who are working in different child care fields. In addition FICE International supported its open group in Facebook, where interesting materials, information about future events can be found, old or new friends can be met and members have the possibility to share their opinion or to discuss important for them issues with other professionals in the childcare field.

Forthcoming events.

FICE International started the implementation of its Strategic Plan 2014-2020 and the Action plan to it for 2014-2016.

In April 2015 FICE Kenya will organize its first Conference which main aim is to create networks across continents to support actions and all those working with at-risk- children, children with special needs and children/young people in out-of-home care. The issue of CULTURE AND CARE in the contemporary world will be discussed. Guest Speaker will be Mag. Hermann Radler – CEO Therapeutic Gemeinschaften (Austria) and President FICE-Austria. The conference will be held on 9th and 10th April 2015 at NYAMASARIA Primary School off Kisumu-Nairobi road. Key topics for the conference:

1. Professionalizing Child and Youth Care Work in Kenya
2. Kenyan Child
3. Role of County Government in Child and Youth Care work.
4. Transforming Government services on Child and Youth Care Work.
5. Dependency and Care.

Between 30 June and 02 July 2015 FICE South Africa will organize 20-th National Association of Child Care Workers (NACCW) Biennial Conference in Cape Town. More information can be found at: <http://www.naccw.org.za/>.

FICE will hold its 33-rd Congress in Vienna, Austria, in the last week of August, 2016 with the theme: “Together Towards A Better World For Children, Adolescents And Families“. The event will be combined with the 2nd CYC World Conference and will be organized by FICE Austria and the International Child and Youth Care Network CYC-Net, under the patronage of the Government of Vienna. The preparation of the Congress entered its decisive phase which is associated with the creation of logo, website, various types of documents and agreements, negotiations for partnership and meetings. At this moment on the website of the Congress www.betterworld2016.org can be found information about the hosts, the topics, the program and more.

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