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## FICE-INTERNATIONAL REPORT 2011

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.

### *The 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 enforce 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 the 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.



## EXTRACT FICE-INTERNATIONAL SECTIONS REPORTS

COUNTRY	Name of the National Section and President	ACTIVITIES
 <p>Austria</p>	<p>FICE-Austria Mr. Herрман Radler</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organizational tasks, related with development of FICE-Austria.</li> <li>• International collaboration with FICE-Switzerland, FICE-Czech Republic and Slovakia, FICE-Romania and FICE-Israel in the field of child care: exchange of experience, methods and programs.</li> <li>• Organizational and financial support of FICE-Kenya and there work for developing of child care system.</li> <li>• Participation in national and international conferences.</li> <li>• International work in the countries, which are not FICE members: Egypt and Hong Kong.</li> <li>• Contact and cooperation with children's homes, therapeutic communities and national organizations in the field of childcare.</li> <li>• Participation in Federal councils and working groups of FICE International.</li> </ul>
 <p>Belgium</p>	<p>Individual Members</p>	<p>The individual members are professionals working in the field of support for children at risk.</p>
 <p>Bulgaria</p>	<p>Association for pedagogical and social assistance for children FICE-Bulgaria Mrs. Dashenka Tashkova</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects in the field of deinstitutionalisation;</li> <li>• Projects in the field of children with special educational needs;</li> <li>• Trainings for social workers and educators;</li> <li>• Development of methods for working with children with behavior problems and their parents;</li> <li>• Conferences and seminars;</li> <li>• International projects;</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presidency of FICE International;</li> <li>• Celebration of 10-year-anniversary.</li> </ul>
 Bosnia and Herzegovina	FICE Bosnia & Herzegovina Sena Druzic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects with young people with behavioral problems.</li> </ul>
 Canada	Individual Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work for starting of cooperation between International child and youth care network and FICE International.</li> <li>• International cooperation for preparation of the first ever Child and Youth Care World Conference, Connecting at the Crossroads, June 3013, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada.</li> <li>• Exchange of professional knowledge and information.</li> </ul>
 Czech Republic	FICE-Czech Republic Mrs. Hana Halfarová	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training of students.</li> <li>• Improving the curriculum of social pedagogy.</li> </ul>
 Denmark	FICE-Denmark Mrs. Karen Scott	<p>FICE Denmark has on many occasions focused on developing professional exchanges between residential educators from different countries, using the FICE-International network.</p> <p>FICE Denmark received a request from Sct. Petersburg, via FICE in Helsinki that want to visit Denmark as part of a project within Nordic Council, and asked for support in the form of invitation letters from NGO's, which we were happy to supply.</p> <p>Held a one day seminar with a municipality, in which the President of the National Council for Children participated. A good contact was established with her.</p>
 England	Individual member Mr. David Lane	<p>David Lane participates in the development and maintenance of the website and magazine Children Webmag. Children Webmag's editorial policy has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• supported the recognition of children as individuals;</li> <li>• seen children in their social and cultural</li> </ul>





		<p>contexts;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• been independent of political parties, religions and denominations;</li> <li>• supported children’s rights;</li> <li>• opposed physical punishment;</li> <li>• supported the development of social pedagogy;</li> <li>• encouraged innovation in child care;</li> <li>• valued all types of child care service in so far as they meet individuals’ needs;</li> <li>• encouraged the sharing of ideas internationally through organisations such as FICE and AIEJI;</li> <li>• supported the development of a child care / social pedagogy / social education profession;</li> <li>• urged readers to contribute to the Webmag.</li> </ul>
 <p>Estonia</p>	<p>Estonian Union for Child Welfare (EUCW)            Katrin Saks            Estonian Children’s Fund            Sirje Grossmann-Loot</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seminars for professionals regarding children’s rights.</li> <li>• International cooperation in the field of child care.</li> </ul>
 <p>Finland</p>	<p>Central Union for child welfare            Mr. Martti Kemppainen</p>	<p>Membership in international organizations: Eurochild AISBL, FICE, IFCO, IFCW, OMEP, SCEP:</p> <p>Conferences and seminars in Finland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Conference on out-of-home care in Vaasa;</li> <li>• A Provincial seminar on “Encountering or collisions – multiplicity in child welfare”</li> <li>• A tour “We believe in you – believe in yourself, too!” organized by CUCW together with the Ombudsman for Children</li> <li>• A Seminar on “How children’s rights are realized in Finland?”</li> <li>• Participation in the organization of the European seminar by ISPCAN</li> </ul> <p>Participation in international conferences</p>





		<p>and meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FICE CF meetings in Prague and Bucharest</li> <li>• IFCW (International Forum for Child Welfare) meetings in Singapore and Melbourne</li> <li>• Eurochild meeting of the thematic work group on alternative care in Prague</li> <li>• “Trafficking in Children – A criminal act calling for a child protection Response” in Oslo</li> <li>• Expert Group for Cooperation on Children at Risk meeting in Prague</li> <li>• OMEP European regional meeting and conference in Nicosia and Hongkong</li> <li>• Conference on the Council of Europe programme “Building a Europe for and with children” in Monaco</li> </ul> <p>Projects in Russia: Keys to success – support to the development of preventive child welfare in the Republic of Karelia”, including work on child and youth welfare plans, welfare indicators, training, a study visit to Finland, etc.</p>
 <p>Germany</p>	<p>FICE-Germany (Internationale Gesellschaft für erzieherische Hilfen). Mr. Josef Koch President: Dr. Hans-Ullrich Krause</p>	<p>FICE-Germany celebrated its 50-year-anniversary.</p> <p>During 2011 FICE Germany IGFH had realized activities towards reform in the care system for children especially in defence of their rights. IGFH had also realized research projects in the field of special problems in education and social work.</p> <p><b>Activities in 2011:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participating in consultations in the political sphere, concerning the children’s rights.</li> <li>• Organizing exchange experience among professionals, children and youths.</li> <li>• 7 Projects</li> <li>• 18 Events, Conferences, Seminars</li> <li>• 30 Trainings</li> <li>• 5 new Publications (books) and the Journal</li> <li>• „Forum Erziehungshilfen“- 5 issues</li> </ul>




		<p>p.a.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 Policy Papers and Resolutions</li> <li>• 25 Honorary Bodies</li> <li>• Members: 1.600</li> </ul> <p>Please notice the whole report 2011</p>
 <p>Hungary</p>	<p>FICE-Hungary Mrs. Vera Hazai</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• „Way out – supporting young adults raised in residential homes to start their “independent life” Project;</li> <li>• International sports events;</li> <li>• Volunteering in residential homes program</li> </ul> <p>Events and programs for children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring Ball</li> <li>• Children’s Parliament</li> <li>• Cooking competition for Little Chefs</li> <li>• Summer camp</li> <li>• Present day</li> <li>• Cultural events</li> <li>• Competitions</li> </ul> <p>Professional events for experts working in child protection. The following accredited training programs were implemented in 2011:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special diet, modern nutrition</li> </ul> <p>Other activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooperation with the Artemisszió Foundation</li> <li>• Free „Green” telephone number service</li> <li>• Representation of interests</li> </ul>
 <p>Israel</p>	<p>FICE-Israel Mr. Emmanuel Grupper</p>	<p>FICE-Israel focuses on developing professional exchanges between residential educators between different countries using for that the FICE-International network. This year we received in Israel a group from FICE Germany and FICE Romania and sent a group of Israeli directors of children's home to visit different child protection programs in Romania.</p>



 <p>India</p>	<p>FICE-India Mr. M. Dewanji</p>	<p>FICE-India works in cooperation with children's movement SHISHU JAGAT.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertaking protest action programs in order to deal with the problems of child abuse, injustices, mental torture and harassment, physical torture and exploitation.</li> <li>• Participating actively. Active participation in running Integrated Education Program for the members;</li> <li>• Organizing sports, cultural and recreational programs for the members;</li> <li>• Developing linkages with govt. departments and local councilors and other development agencies;</li> <li>• Sports organized by a unit of SHISHU JAGAT</li> <li>• Celebrations of Teachers day;</li> <li>• Program "Education for all";</li> <li>• Vocational trainings;</li> <li>• Publications.</li> </ul>
 <p>Luxembourg</p>	<p>Association Nationale des Communautés Éducatives et Sociales - ANCES Mr. Charel Schmit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The articles of the association (statuts, Satzung) have been completely reviewed and reformulated in order to widen the field of action of the association.</li> <li>• The ANCES has become member and national of the French speaking network (<a href="http://www.aifris.org">www.aifris.org</a>).</li> <li>• The ANCES has initiated and set up a national ONG group for the realization of a supplementary NGO-report on child's rights issues in Luxembourg (<a href="http://www.radelux.lu">www.radelux.lu</a>).</li> <li>• Co-organization of several conferences and symposia on social work issues, child's rights and child and youth care.</li> <li>• Participation in a national platform against sexual abuse and exploitation initiated by <a href="http://www.ecpat.lu">www.ecpat.lu</a> – elaboration of a reference guide on prevention of multiple kinds of violence against minors.</li> <li>• Publishing activities.</li> </ul>



 <p>Kenia</p>	<p>FICE-Kenya Herman Jaoko</p>	<p>The idea of FICE Kenya was conceived at the 2010 FICE Conference in South Africa where Kenya was represented as an observer. The Goal of FICE Kenya is to promote the welfare of children and youth to grow and develop as better citizens.</p> <p>Main activities in 2011:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support the family as the basic social structure for the upbringing of children and young people.</li><li>• Promote the rights of children and young people together with their families by focusing on orphans, vulnerable children and those with special needs.</li><li>• Develop standards for children with special needs, children at risk, and children living in child and youth care institutions</li><li>• Influence the experts in the field and political decision-makers by means of the new media and means of communication of its work and its findings.</li><li>• Promote the initial and ongoing local and international training of child and youth care workers who work with young people in various settings</li><li>• Promote international exchange of knowledge and experience in the field of childcare through trainings meetings, seminars, symposiums and research.</li><li>• Advocate for the highest quality of care and education for children and young people unable to live at home</li><li>• In the spirit of international understanding and global solidarity support within its means meetings and exchanges of professionals as well as children and young adults.</li><li>• Provide limited relief efforts in cases of war and catastrophes to children, young people and their families.</li><li>• Solicit funds for the smooth running of the organizations activities.</li></ul>
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 Macedonia	<p>FICE-Macedonia Galaba Zlatkovska-Gareska</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charity project for financial support of foster families using Trade activities;</li> <li>• Charity project supports Day centers for children with disabilities using social responsibility of the business;</li> <li>• Regional seminars for social workers and educators;</li> <li>• Research “Educational aspirations and social grouping in poor children aged between 6 and 18”;</li> <li>• Support of care leavers (youngsters from children homes);</li> <li>• Main item for 2012: “Deinstitutionalization as process for successful socialization”</li> <li>• The presidency of FICE-Southeast Europe.</li> </ul>
 Montenegro	<p>FICE-Montenegro Mr. Miloead Scekic</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project "Postinstitutional protection of children without parents".</li> </ul>
 Netherlands	<p>FICE-Nederlands Mr. Cees Wierda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elaborated on the substantive issue: Protective Coats.</li> <li>• Build a website containing a database with (current) information about international activities and projects of the members of FICE NL.</li> <li>• Organized en hosted networking events to promote working internationally in the youth care field for professionals and policy makers.</li> <li>• Organized a pre- and post-conference in relation to the FICE Congress in South Africa.</li> <li>• Expanded the FICE NL network.</li> <li>• Explored the possibility to start an (international) youth welfare council.</li> <li>• Secured knowledge and experience that comes from international exchange.</li> <li>• Participated in the international working groups as chairman of the working groups ‘mission and vision FICE Inter’ and ‘Child Care International Network (CCIN)’.</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiated a project for youth in care concerning the theme 'inclusive growth'.</li> <li>• Contributed to the development of the European quality framework for the care for children in 'out of home care' (Quality4Care).</li> </ul>
 Romania	<p>FICE-Romania Mr. Toma Mares</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FICE-Romania took a part in development of new Low for education;</li> <li>• Projects in the area of social services.;</li> <li>• Projects in the area of special education;</li> <li>• Trainings for social workers and educators;</li> <li>• Development of methods for working with parents and children;</li> <li>• Conferences, seminars and vocational trainings;</li> <li>• International projects;</li> <li>• FICE-Romania hosted the FC of FICE-International in October 2011.</li> </ul>
 Russia	<p>Russian Children's Fund Mr. Albert Likhanov</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charity actions for fund raising for orphans in boarding schools;</li> <li>• Implementing international projects in the field of child care;</li> <li>• Public campaigns for equal chances for socially deprived children.</li> </ul>
 Scotland	<p>Individual member Mr. Andrew Hosie</p>	<p>He was a former general secretary of FICE Inter.</p> <p>He was involved in the improvement of the curriculum for students and social workers. He made the connection with the Centre for Excellence for Looked After Children in Scotland.</p>
 Serbia	<p>FICE-Serbia Mrs. Zeljka Burgund</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Group Conference Model implementation in Serbia.</li> <li>• Regional cooperation: PRIDE Program training for trainers in Bulgaria.</li> <li>• Annual FICE Serbia Conference topic: Changes in Youth Care.</li> <li>• Trainings for members –empowering staff in better understanding children needs.</li> </ul>






		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Network meetings.</li> </ul>
 Slovenia	Faculty of Pedagogy Mr. Mitja Krajncan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publishing a professional journal for pedagogy and social work;</li> <li>• Improvement of the curriculum of social pedagogy;</li> <li>• Professional Conference dedicated to FICE Slovenia's tenth birthday.</li> </ul>
 South Africa	FICE South Africa Mr. Donald Nghonyama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replication of standardized disability program in 62 Isibindi sites nationally - 1 310 children with disabilities registered (from 193 in 2007).</li> <li>• Admission of 12 Isibindi clients with disabilities into KZN resource school.</li> <li>• Human rights impact.</li> <li>• Safe Park integration.</li> <li>• Over 300 clients fitted with assistive devices.</li> <li>• Empowerment of families.</li> <li>• Creative partnerships with service providers.</li> </ul>
 Spain	FICE-Spain Mr. Guillem Compte	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FICE - Spain worked on improving its international partnerships. It was held a meeting of a cooperation agreement with RELAF.</li> <li>• FICE-Spain took a part in planning of FASI Congress Innovation prospects in social services and vulnerable children that took place in February 2012.</li> <li>• FICE Spain holds the Vice-Presidency for Latin America.</li> </ul>
 Switzerland	FICE-Switzerland Mr. Rolf Widmer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FICE-Swiss works on preparation of 2013 FICE Congress in Bern, Switzerland. <a href="http://www.fice-congress2013.ch">www.fice-congress2013.ch</a></li> <li>• FICE-Swiss lead the four-year project in connection with the congress-items with goals: To set on the theme of the congress and discuss it in FICE-sections before Congress; Program for Educational</li> </ul>



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		<p>trainings, based at the Congress theme; Sustainability of results through targeted pre-conference and follow-on activities; Promotion of (new) national and international collaborations and partnerships (eg between FICE sections, associations, institutions or educational institutions, companies, etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FICE-Switzerland celebrated its 60-year-anniversary.</li> </ul>
 United States of America	FICE USA Mr. Dennis Felty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in FICE Federal councils.</li> <li>• During the period \$16,950 US dollars were donated by FICE USA members in support of programs in Masincedane and Tlangelani South Africa coordinated by the National Association of Child Care Workers in that country through FICE South Africa. In addition to one social worker salary, funding support also went to FICE South Africa's national conference in 2011 and other various projects.</li> <li>• In September 2011, three representatives of the NACCW in South Africa traveled to the United States, supported by members of FICE USA, to provide education consulting to those providing child services in the United States around the Isibindi model. Financial support included consultation fee and all related expenses.</li> </ul>
 FICE South East Europe	FICE-Serbia, FICE-Macedonia, FICE-Montenegro, FICE Bosnia and Herzegovina Mrs. Soca Popovska	<p>„Dialogue of Southeast Europe“ Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friendship Camps (activity focused on children and youth in residential care in region).</li> <li>• Continuing Education Programme (training program for professionals and significant others in children's homes).</li> <li>• Regional network meetings.</li> </ul>
 FICE Europe	All countries of Europe, members of FICE International Mr. Charel Schmit	<p>Main topics are: Child abuse in institutions, secure units, the ENSACT – network and the Council of Europe.</p> <p>There are different project ideas and they will be prepared in cooperation between FICE-EU members.</p>



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## FICE-INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR 2011

### 1. FICE-International main activities:

- Organization and carrying out of 2 Federal Councils:
  - ✓ April 2011 in Prague, Czech Republic:

In Prague FICE International representatives took part in conference “Quality in alternative care”, organized as closing event of “Quality4children” project (European standards for residential care for children). FICE International was partner in this 3-years project in partnership with SOS-Children villages and IFCO. FICE-Europe General Assembly was held. The new board of the organization includes 7 members from EU countries.

The president proposed Plan for organizational development.

There were four candidates nominated and voted for Vice Presidents: Emmanuel Grupper (Asia and Middle East), Guillem Compte (South America), Charel Schmit (Europe) and Søren Hegstrup (Editorial Board). Bettina Terp was nominated as candidate for Secretary General.

Following working groups were launched: “Vision and mission”; “Role of the Secretary General”; “Demands of former clients”; “Social Network”.

The report of the Congress of FICE-International (December 2010) in Stellenbosch was approved.

The next FICE International congress “Ways toward inclusion – Challenge for all of us” (October 2013) was discussed.

- ✓ October 2011 in Bucharest, Romania.

General Assembly of FICE International was held. Bettina Terp from Austria was voted for Secretary General of FICE International. Working plan for 2010-2013, proposed by the president was approved.

The Job description of Secretary General was discussed and approved.

The report of the treasurer was presented and approved.

The Mission and Vision of FICE-Inter were presented and approved.

Kenya was accepted for member of FICE International with Austria’s support.

FICE Switzerland presented Update Congress 2013 “Ways toward inclusion – Challenge for all of us”(October 2013) and a four year Project.

The website was discussed.

Working groups: “Financial Sustainability”, “Four year project/Congress 2013”; “Mission and Vision FICE-International”; FICE-Rumania organized International Symposium “Children – victims of poverty”.

### 2. 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



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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.

### **3. World situation and international relations:**

Large discussion was started about the situation in Syria and especially the condition of the children there. The president of FICE International proposed to FICE National sections to focus on work with asylum seekers and refugees in each FICE country. Discussion about "Educators without borders" was started as possible future project of FICE-International. The main idea is to be sent voluntary educators to refugee's camps to work with children.

Preparation for renewing of the status of the organization as advisor to UNESCO, UNICEF and ECOSOC.

There will be meetings held with IFCO and EUROCHILD about participation of FICE International in the congresses in Bulgaria in October 2012.

FICE International have good contacts with CYC-network and plans for partnerships.

A meeting was held and a cooperation agreement was signed with RELAF – a major step for building FICE-Latin America.

Sofia, May 2012

*Dashenka Krалева* – President FICE International