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FICE INTERNATIONAL REPORT 2015

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:

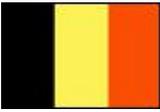
- Works through its national sections. Its members work as educators in homes, foster care families or out-of-home care trainers.
- Encourages professional exchanges between national sections.



EXTRACT FICE INTERNATIONAL SECTIONS REPORTS

COUNTRY	Name of the National Section and President	ACTIVITIES
 Australia	Associated Member RMIT University Jennifer Brooker	<p><i>FICE Australia:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked on setting up FICE Australia. • Worked on establishing what FICE Australia would add to the current offerings in child and youth work in Australia. • Held an information session in Melbourne, October 2015 targeted at those we thought would be initially interested in what FICE and FICE Australia would have to offer and would benefit from being involved. • 2 people became members of FICE Australia in 2015. FICE Australia has a total of 4 members
 Austria	FICE Austria Mr. Hermann Radler	<p><i>FICE Austria:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held its General Assembly in February. • Welcomed a delegation of 17 professionals from FICE Israel for a study visit in Austria in March, aiming to provide exchange and insight into Austrian child and youth care. • Realized in the frame of the study visit the Seminar "International Exchange on Child and Youth Care. Focus on Israel" at the FH Campus Wien. • Participated in the FICE CF held in Belgrade/Serbia and in the FICE CF held in Sofia/Bulgaria. • Organized and participated in the European Youth Exchange project 'Land in Sight', funded by the European Union program Erasmus+. The youth exchange of 20 (future) care leavers from four different countries, coordinated by the Dutch Foundation 'Kinderperspectief', took place in Austria in August 2015. • Organized trainings and workshops, e.g Trauma pedagogy, Asperger Syndrome, Aggressive behavior. • Implemented the first work package of the EU



		<p>funded project ABEONA (Topic: Improving the support, that youth workers provide young care leavers in their transition to an independent life and professional integration): Participation in the Kick-off Meeting; elaboration of a national report and organization of a youth worker exchange between two of the project partner organizations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is accredited since October 2015 as coordinating, sending and hosting organization of the European Volunteering Service (EVS) and is hosting the first European Volunteer (from Croatia). • Participated in various conferences and international meetings (e.g Conference of FICE Kenya 2015, NACCW Biennial Conference 2015, International Seminar on Child and Youth Care in Brazil,...) • Participated in network meetings and activities of the Austrian National Coalition for the implementation of the UN CRC in Austria. • Represented the Austrian National Coalition for the implementation of the UN CRC in Austria in National Partner Network Meetings and General Assembly of EUROCHILD. • 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 in August 2016 in Vienna.
 <p>Belgium</p>	<p>Individual member Zoran Kacarevic(ANCE)</p>	<p>ANCE provides technical and legislative support to 90 social services in two main fields: Support for children and youngsters and Support to people with physical and intellectual disabilities.</p> <p>Regarding the Support to people with physical and intellectual disabilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in an advocacy campaign to implement new changes in the law, regarding the practices and the types of support for people with disabilities. • Changes in the funding of social services, which will impact the quality of care. Our role is to guarantee that the subsidy will be used for the right purposes regarding the care for people with disability in order to guarantee the best quality of care



		<p>Regarding the Support for children and youngsters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Code for Support of youngsters is in process of development. The focus is put on prevention, mobilizing the resources of society to provide the best possible care to youngsters at risk. This Support is done with the assistance of different types of services - residential, community-based, accompanying, etc. Our mission is to support the provision of services that help young people at risk and to guarantee the necessary financial support for that.
 <p>Bosnia and Herzegovina</p>	<p>FICE Bosnia & Herzegovina</p> <p>Mr. Nedzad Hadzicc</p>	<p><i>FICE Bosnia & Herzegovina:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held three modules workshops with employees, and one expert seminar for cantonal prosecutors and judges. • Competition for all homes on “after 18 years” which is supported by NGO Kinderperspectief from the Netherlands. Zenica won first place and 5,000 Euro and second place went to Bihac get 2500 Euro for Social pedagogical living communities. • Participation of three young people and one companion to the international camp in Croatia, Erasmus + • We cooperate with an association "Support for independence - my future" for the formation of a farm educational for young people, and the place where they will get all the necessary skills for independent living with nature and old crafts. • FICE B &H is supported by FICE Switzerland
 <p>Brazil</p>	<p>FICE Brazil</p> <p>Ms. Isa Maria Ferreira de Rosa Guar.</p> <p>Ms.Dayse Cesar Franco Bernardi</p>	<p><i>FICE Brazil:</i></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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Realized project “Support for youth participation in Bulgaria”. Under this project a Handbook on Child and Youth Participation was published. Also, under this project, a training of professionals



		<p>working in the field of child and youth care was carried out on the topic of Child and Youth participation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Realized project “New Perspectives”. The project was focused on a set of activities in the socio-pedagogical boarding schools for children in conflict with the law in Bulgaria. The aim of the project was to improve the situation of children in conflict with the law by training professionals, working with them, implementing a new model of work and involving all stakeholders in the process.• Realized project “New knowledge for support” funded by the European Refugee Fund. The aim of the project was to enhance the competences of Bulgarian teachers, working with refugee children. A programme for teaching Bulgarian languages, Math and Social skills to refugee children was developed, based on the Dutch teaching programme Remelka.• Realized project “Safety and support for the children”. A model of work with unaccompanied refugee children was developed - “Mobile center for work with unaccompanied refugee children”. A multidisciplinary team of experts provided the social service to children placed in refugee centers in Bulgaria.• Started working on project “Unlocking children’s rights: Strengthening the capacity of professionals in the EU to fulfil the rights of vulnerable children” in partnership with 10 European NGOs. The project involves training of professionals working with children in conflict with the law, in residential and detention settings as well as legal and other professionals and practitioners who interact with children in the context of judicial proceedings (civil, criminal or administrative law).• Started working on project “Professional Development” that involves updating, adapting and republishing of the main training modules of APSAC FICE-Bulgaria and Educational centre TRACE.• Carried out trainings of professionals in the field of child and youth care on different topics, such
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		<p>as: "Work with children with problematic behavior", "Remelka - a methodology for teaching children with learning disabilities"; "Casework in the individual work with children and young people"; "Team work"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized the CF in Sofia in October 2015 and Conference "Back to childhood - good practices for work with unaccompanied refugee children". Experts from different FICE countries as well as Bulgarian experts and stakeholders took part. • The members of the organization at the end of 2015 are 45 natural persons and legal entities.
 <p>Canada</p>	<p>Individual Members</p> <p>Mr. James Anglin Mr. Thom Garfat</p>	<p>Report from Professor James Anglin, Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In April, gave a joint presentation on "Thriving Amidst Complexities: Creating Therapeutic Experiences and Positive Outcomes for Children and Youth in Residential Care" with a colleague from Cornell University at the American Association of Children's Residential Treatment Centres in Savannah, Georgia. • On July 1, gave the opening keynote address at the FICE-South Africa conference in Cape Town on "The Impact of Child and Youth Care Work: How We Make a Difference in the Lives of Children, Youth, Families and Communities", and attended meetings of FICE-Africa. • Presented on September 3 "The Legacy of Janusz Korczak" at Global Connections Holocaust Memorial Conference at the University of Victoria. • Co-led a seminar at the Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW), October 7-9, with Drs. Anna Schmid and Clara Bombach (FICE-Switzerland) on Child and Youth Care in International Comparison. This included a day seminar with members of FICE-Hungary and members of FICE Switzerland. • Presented keynote at <i>Unity through Relationship Conference</i> in Dublin, Ireland (November 9) on "Congruent Care: Theory - Dialogue - Practice" • Two book chapters submitted for publication:



		<p>“To Care for the Soul of the Child: The Legacy of Janusz Korczak” and “From Last Resort to Positive Option: The Evolution of Residential Care With Children and Youth.”</p>
 Czech Republic	<p>FICE Czech Republic Mrs. Jana Koubova</p>	<p><i>FICE Czech Republic:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organized 2 specialized seminars aimed at child care, called “Pedagogue between paragraphs” aimed at the law and child care standard and „How to be able to get one’s own way and not to get lost in the crowd”. Participated in the realization of the regional rounds of The Dearest Concert, where gifted children from children’s home perform. State parade took place in Plzeň. Participated in the realization of the regional rounds of various sport competitions of children from children’s homes,. A state competition was organized in Solenice. Winners from each category qualified to the international games in Czech republic in Ostrava. Children competed in athletics, football, volleyball and table tennis. 4 new members. A total of 186 members from various child care facilities by the end of 2015. They work as directors, education and social workers, special pedagogues and psychologists
 England	<p>Individual members Mr. David Lane Mr. Vic Citarella</p>	
 Estonia	<p>Estonian Union for Child Welfare (EUCW) Mr. Loone Ots</p> <p>Estonian Children’s</p>	



	<p>Fund</p> <p>Mrs. Sirje Grossmann-Loot</p>	<p><i>Estonian Children's Fund</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organized ADHD support groups in 14 different places (Tallinn, Tartu, Viljandi, Põlva, Kunda, Paide, Saue, Keila, Rakvere, Viimsi, Rae, Harku, Narva, Jõhvi). Most of those places hold support groups once in a month (except on summer months).
 <p>Ethiopia</p>	<p>FICE Ethiopia:</p> <p>Mr. Muhammed Said</p>	<p><i>FICE Ethiopia:</i></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><i>Central Union for Child Welfare:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members: 133, including 94 child welfare NGO's and 39 municipalities 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 Advocated the platform called "Child Footprint" (outlined for the Parliamentary Election held in Spring 2015); particular focus on the poverty of families with children (e.g. sent an information package to all MPs about the topic) Realized three consultative committees (preventive child welfare, child and family oriented child welfare and the implementation of child welfare) and temporary working groups (e.g. on after-care and on digital media and child's right to privacy) 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 their families. The programme focuses on the improvement of growing conditions of children aged 15 years and younger. In 2015, over 30 projects were included in the programme. Was represented in about 20 bodies, committees, steering groups and expert groups set up by public authorities and NGO's. Held 4 national seminars (altogether about 1350 participants) and 1 international conference (The



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		<p>Nordic Congress on Child Welfare, about 400 participants) on child welfare issues together with other NGO's, public authorities and other networks, and one Day for Youth (about 40 participants)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held seminars for guardians assigned to unaccompanied minors • Cooperated with Estonian Union for Child Welfare and Estonian authorities; realized projects and other cooperation with Russian NGO's and authorities • Is a member of 8 national and 7 international organizations or networks • Participated in FICE CF meetings in Belgrad and Sofia, including a seminar held in Sofia • Participated in 7 international conferences, including conferences organized by OMEP, IFCO and SCEP (Separated Children in Europe) and in an international event on after-care organized by FICE-Germany • Launched a new website on the rights of the child (www.lapsenoikeudet.fi, in Finnish and Swedish only) in cooperation with a national network focusing on communication of the rights of the child • Published five reports based on empirical studies and a material package for guardians assigned to unaccompanied minors • Published a magazine "Child's World" monthly (in Finnish only) • Sent "Mail from the field" newsletters, 42 letters (about 2000 subscribers) • Sent 3 letters with "News from the world" (about 1400 subscribers) • Sent 9 letters with news from the library and information service (about 1200 subscribers) • Organized press conferences and press releases • Supported www.lastensuojelu.info – information about Finnish child welfare for immigrants in 10 language
	<p>FICE Germany (Internationale Gesellschaft für</p>	<p>FICE Germany:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FICE Germany has 1.415 Members (individual Members, Youth authorities, NGOs, Universities, education centers)



<p>Germany</p>	<p>erzieherische Hilfen). President: Dr. Hans-Ullrich Krause Mr. Josef Koch</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published 5 issues of the journal FORUM ERZIEHUNGSHILFEN, Circulation 2 600. Published Online – monthly newsletter of the IGfH; 12 issues p.a. • Published “Youth services - and then? To design the transitions of young adults from residential care and foster care” - A Workbook by Britta Sievers, Severine Thomas, Maren Zeller • Section days groups of IGfH (ed.): Daycare today - a practical Handout (With numerous templates) • Published Four Expertises from the Dialogue Forum Foster Care of IGfH/ FICE Germany • Developed Eight Official statements / Papers concerning the following topics: the governance and further development of child care; Inclusion - contributions of child care, the situation of unaccompanied minor refugees, ambulant and social space related services, Child protection and about the cooperation between social educational provisions and youth psychiatry. • Held 19 Expert-Conferences • Carried out trainings for professionals • Realized the „It’s All Rights 4u after Care – Care Leavers: understanding, supporting giving them a voice!“ project. • Realized participation and joint implementation of a pilot project „Children’s rights in (residential) child care! Having rights, asserting rights” – P ilot project in the province of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. “Management of participation and complaints in child care“ • 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“. • 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). • Participated in Dialogforum Foster Care – Development of new ideas for the foster care system in Germany. The Forum's aim is to make
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		<p>visible specific questions and legal requirements for action in dialogue with different actors in fostering children's help.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carried out “Integration of educational assistance in day-care centers and more social area reference (2015-2017)” - Evaluation: Friedhelm Peters and staff, Diana Düring; Start and first phase of the project, developing supporting design • Realised a Study Trip to Poland, two big conferences with 250-300 colleagues about participation in foster care and about learning from care leavers.
 <p>Hong Kong</p>	<p>FICE Hong Kong Ms. NG Wing-yan, Winine</p>	<p>FICE Hong Kong SAR (Asia):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the FICE Federal Meetings in Serbia. “. <p>Work at Therapeutic Communities Austria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invited to have staff training on: “Workshop on understanding and basic communication skills with Asperger Syndrome” and “Workshop on understanding and management skills on aggressive behavior” • Realized a school project about Anti-bullying at school • Realized a project about the concept of Social Inclusion • Realized a project about the concept of Resilience towards Children, Youth and the Family (Developing Positive Family Development) • Developed the training “Service to support the teachers to understand more about children with special needs in order to have an integrated atmosphere at school” • Carried out Psychodrama Workshops on Personal Growth (Series) with the aim to promote healthy life and enhance the chance to raise the awareness of adults to focus more on how to provide a healthy childhood to our generation. <p>1. Carried out a Psychodrama Workshop on</p>



		<p>“Personal Growth” (JUNE, 2015)</p> <p>2. Carried out a Psychodrama Workshop on “Inner Children” (JUNE, 2015)</p> <p>3. Carried out a Supervision Group on Psychodrama Workshop (JUNE, 2015)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked in partnership with :The Chinese University of Hong Kong , The Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (IVE) -- Social Work Department, Social Welfare Across Borders Limited, Public (for the personal growth workshop) • Carried out Play Therapy Training with the aim to promote the application of Play Therapy into the counseling services. This training is provided by Ms NG Wing-yan, the director of TC Hong Kong. Mainly serving the social workers and counselors. • To be interviewed by Parent Magazine for having more concepts on Children’ time management for having a balanced life in Hong Kong
 Hungary	<p>FICE Hungary Mrs. Agnes Hamori</p>	<p>FICE Hungary:</p>
 India	<p>FICE India Mr. Malay Dewanji</p>	<p>FICE India:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education center level sports were organized in every year for all children coming to total education centers(TECs). • Excursion programme: was arranged for selected 108 children at risk, from every center only after having written permission of their parents or legal guardians. • Important national and international days were observed through organizing meetings on the relevant issues such as National Children’s Day, National Literacy Day, International Women’s Day, Indian Independence Day, National Teachers’ Day etc. • “Sit & Draw” competition was specially organized for the children of all the “Total Education Center(s)”. Drawing materials have been given to the children as gift.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Awareness generation programme on Elimination of Child Labour” was held at the House of Hope, Kolkata -700042, in collaboration with Liberal Association for Movement of People (LAMP) and the FICE-India. • Several vocational training programmes on different trades like Tailoring and Knitting, Beauty and Fashion Design, Driving, Computer basics, Computer Hardware, Computer Accounting(Tally), Mobile phone repairing , Nursing and Home Care etc. were successfully organized under the guidance of FICE-India and 828 poor youths benefitted in 2015. Moreover, entrepreneurship development and personality grooming programme were successfully undertaken for all these youths at risk. • Residential School-Hostels Programme for the deprived children : Two hundred children of two residential school-hostels (Cossimbazar School and Haranath School), run with the support of the both Union and West Bengal State Governments • Child Rights & Library Development programme: The children leaders of the Shishu Jagat have been successfully running their small library(s) in Kolkata city. • Published “Wall Magazine(s)” - Children of Shishu Jagat of all TECs run by its network member organisations across the country were encouraged to bring out ‘Wall Magazine’ in their respective schools/education centres. • Published “News Letters”. All children of network organizations of FICE India and its associate “Shishu Jagat” across the country contribute their writings like stories, poems, drawings, sketches in their own languages for publication of a children’s magazine namely – ‘Shishu Jagat’ in periodic intervals. • Held Annual General Meeting of FICE-India on 27th December, 2015 45 representatives of the member organisations of the FICE-India, actively participated in the said meeting.
 Israel	<p>FICE Israel Mr. Emmanuel Grupper</p>	<p>FICE Israel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized a joint seminar with FICE-Austria in March 2015 where a group of Israeli residential educators made a study visit to residential programs in different parts of Austria. One day



		<p>was dedicated to a formal Austrian-Israeli seminar that took place in the University for Applied Sciences in Vienna.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized a day seminar on health education in residential children's homes • Organized new University training programs for residential educators while on-the-job • Participated in public initiatives to increase the maintenance fees paid by governmental agencies to residential programs for educating and rehabilitating children & youth at risk • Participated in two major events organized in the Knesset (Israeli Parliament). One was dedicated to paying tribute to All residential care educators. In doing that, the Knesset members meant to give support and help in improving public opinion towards residential care. The second was dedicated to increasing the awareness of decision makers towards the needs of care leavers and support a proposal made to change the legislation to better meet the specific needs of care leavers without any family support. • Participated in FICE Federal Council meetings in Belgrade (spring 2015) and Sofia (Autumn 2015) • Participated in a conference on care-leavers organized by FICE-Germany in Berlin (September 2015) • Published a booklet summarizing the impressions of participants in the Austrian-Israeli seminar. • Made progress in the development of the Middle East regional platform by creating new contacts with professionals in the child protection field from Cyprus. • Memberships: Realized an increase of 24 new members bringing the membership to 504 active members.
 <p>Kenya</p>	<p>FICE Kenya Mr. Simon Otieno</p>	<p><i>FICE Kenya:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established Kenya National Association of Child and Youth Care Workers- Kenya • Registered 84 members to the association. • Started the initial development of a safe park in Kenya • Organized FICE-Kenya conference held in April 2015



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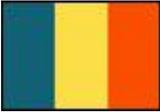
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in the NACCW Bi-annual conference held in Cape Town. • Participated in the FICE-Africa teleconferences. • Organized Monthly children clubs • Carried out elections of the officials • Participated in the Global Alliance Webinar • Safe park establishment • Registered KACYCW • DREAMS Project launched in December 2015 for a period of 2 years. • Started the construction of a child/youth friendly health facility-Dispensary • Established collaboration with the local universities on short trainings. • Members of FICE Kenya are 24 organizations including 5 new ones.
 Luxembourg	<p>Association Nationale des Communautés Éducatives et Sociales - ANCES Mr. Charel Schmit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
 Netherlands	<p>FICE Netherlands Mrs. Gitta Griffioen</p>	<p><i>FICE Netherlands:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in FICE CF held in Sofia, Bulgaria and Belgrade, Serbia. In Bulgaria Tin Verstegen presented the Dutch approach for unaccompanied minors. • Gitta Griffioen was chosen as the president of FICE Europe. • Held a general meeting for members to discuss different topics and inspire each other. • Worked on communication and marketing about the work of FICE through sending newsletters in the Netherlands and a by making a short movie about FICE in Dutch and English. The movie can be seen at: http://www.fice.nl/en. • FICE NL worked on a FICE framework of international youth exchanges for FICE



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		<p>International.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Led and took part in the FICE Inter Working group “Sexual abuse in institutions”. FICE NL also participated in activities of the working groups “Unaccompanied minors” and “Careleavers”. • Invited Scott Miller as a speaker for an inspiration session. The topic was “How to become a top-therapist?” • 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. • FICE NL organized a meeting about trafficking on children for both members and other stakeholders. Philip Ishola was the keynotespeaker. • On behalf of FICE Inter was an active part of ENSACT (European Network for Social Action). ENSACT has collected good practices through the 7 partner organisations of ENSACT (EASSW, ICSW Europe, IFSW Europe, FESET, FICE, PowerUs and SWHIN. • FICE NL member ‘Kinderperspectief’ introduced “Life book” in South Africa and Serbia. • Members are 39 organizations and several members as a person.
 <p>Romania</p>	<p>FICE Romania Mr. Toma Mares</p>	<p>FICE Romania:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaign for endowment of kindergartens (from 92 poor rural localities from a poor developed county) with educational materials, games, toys, etc.; • Continuing to support activities from day centers (from 2 schools) for children at risk of dropping out school; • Via peer solidarity action, already famous for 17 years, brand of FICE Romania, there were organized collections of objects (teaching materials, clothing, games, toys, sweets, etc.) from children, teachers and parents for children from poor areas (in 2015, children, parents and teachers from schools from Bucharest helped kids, families and teachers from Vaslui county); • In the same category, to support through concrete and immediate actions some children from socio-economic vulnerable areas, took part campaigns “Books for school libraries in rural



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		<p>areas” (in Arges county) and “Give a colleague/a classmate a notebook, a pen or something else useful for school”;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• FICE Romania participated, during 1-19 November 2015, at the campaign 19 days of activism for preventing abuse and violence on children and young people, campaign launched by WWSF (World Women Summit Foundation), Geneva• Carried out "Know and decide!" - National project to prevent and reduce drug use among young people, carried out with the NAA (National Agency Antidrugs) and the Crime Prevention Department of the General Inspectorate of Romanian Police;• National Festival of book for children "Joy of Reading", the eleventh edition, contest of literature and arts for children, conducted in schools in Neamt, Iasi, Cluj, Teleorman, Satu Mare, Vaslui, Caras-Severin, Constanta and Bucharest, in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Cultural and Pedagogical Association of Publishers, school inspectorates in the counties participating, National Children's Palace, the National Library.• Organization and conduct of the International Conference 25 years in the service of defending child rights, in collaboration with the Romanian Senate;• Launching the book "25 years - Mission and action for the good of children (1990-2015). Testimonials and perspectives";• National Conference "Preventing violent behavior in children of preschool age", organized in Bucharest on November 12, 2015;• Editing work "human solidarity - concept and action" after the national conference organized in Bucharest on April 24, 2015;• Editing and publication of two double numbers of the representative publication of FICE Romania, Journal of pedagogy and social work, “Social protection of the child”, the only magazine of its kind in Romania• 16 county branches, made from 350 educational communities (7500 members) ; 18 new
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		educational communities
 Russia	Russian Children's Fund Mr. Albert Likhanov	<i>Russian Children's Fund:</i>
 Scotland	CELCIS Individual members Mr. Ian Milligan Mrs. Jennifer Davidson	CELCIS •
 Serbia	FICE Serbia Ms. Zeljka Burgund	FICE Serbia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted the spring meeting of FICE INTER CF. Organized an international Conference at the Faculty for political sciences in Belgrade. • President of FICE Serbia, Ms. Zeljka Burgund was active member of FICE Europe Executive Board. • Developed a network of partnerships. became a part of a "Network of organizations for children support of Serbia" which made easier for FICE Serbia to establish connections with similar organizations in country. • Established cooperation between organization members, as well as cooperation with other organizations on international level • Provided support to the professional development of members • Celebrated a jubilee - 10th Anniversary of National Child Help Line - NADEL (member of FICE Serbia) • Realized activities, projects and events with main goal to support individual members • Members of FICE Serbia participated in an international conference about LIFE BOOK For YOUTH methodology. • FICE Serbia's team is finishing preparations for accreditation of two new training programs /one is LIFE BOOK For YOUTH, and the other called "My significant others" is dedicated to improvement of knowledge and skills of staff members who are working in Serbian institutions for children.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Realized a two -day experts meeting in which participated representatives of 19 institutions. • Held trainings for professionals in child care protection related to improvement of competencies for direct work with children and families. • Realized, for the third time, project Exchange Fair in social care field. The project "Exchange Fair / For Better quality of life of children and families" with support of Ministry for work, employment, veterans and social affairs and Dutch partner "Child Perspectives". • FICE Serbia's members took part at many seminars, tribunes, conferences and trainings related to child protection and gave a full contribution in the process of creating conclusions and recommendations for improvement of our national child and youth protection system.
 <p>South Africa</p>	<p>FICE South Africa Merle Allsopp</p>	<p><i>FICE South Africa:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FICE South Africa was supported by FICE Switzerland to attend the FICE Brazil conference, and 2 people attended the event. Two presentations were presented on the Isibindi model and child and youth care work. • Regular meetings have taken place in all 9 provinces. In most provinces Youth Forums have been operating as parallel structures. • Regular leadership development seminars have been held including individual members • Over 7000 child and youth care workers voluntarily submitted to statutory regulation by registering for the first time with the South African Council for Social Service Professions. • A FICE Africa face-to-face meeting was held during the NACCW 20th Biennial Conference where there were approximately 35 attendees and UNHCR and FICE International representatives were in attendance. • The process of the scale-up of the Isibindi model is progressing well within the country, and 6900 child and youth care workers either have been trained or are currently being trained. Over 250 000 vulnerable children have been provided with



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		<p>regular home visits, or Safe Park services to date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FICE South Africa has entered into a memorandum of understanding with UNHCR to train child and youth care workers in a refugee camp in Zambia. • A Youth Development Program is in the process of being piloted with UNICEF support, as well as local CSI donors, and 11 500 youth were provide with social and educational services through this project. • FICE SA hosted a child and youth care conference attracting 1000 delegates in Cape Town. 150 youth attended a parallel youth conference over a 5 day period. The event was attended by 70 international delegates
 <p>Spain</p>	<p>FICE Spain David Astiz</p>	<p><i>FICE Spain:</i> General activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential care for children • Support to children and their families • Awareness rising in the field of children and youth care • Foster care • Family intervention • Labour insertion of families • Educational and leisure activities for children and their familiec • Members are 8 organizations.
 <p>Sweden</p>	<p>Individual member: Mr. Nils Karlström</p>	



 <p>Switzerland</p>	<p>FICE Switzerland Mr. Rolf Widmer</p>	<p><i>FICE Switzerland:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bachelor seminar was held by the School of Social Work of ZHAW Zurich University of Applied Sciences organized by Anna Schmid and Clara Bombach (both ZHAW & FICE Switzerland) and Samuel Keller (ZHAW) in collaboration with Martha J. Holden (Cornell University New York; FICE USA) and James Anglin (University of Victoria; FICE Canada) to discuss international approaches to residential care based on Cornell’s CARE model. • An expert event was held regarding the situation of unaccompanied minors seeking asylum in Switzerland at the Annual General Assembly on 23 October 2015. • The interest group “Quality4children” is reviewing its organisation and has become an expert group within FICE Switzerland. • Three board members of FICE Switzerland collaborated in working groups and activities of FICE International, FICE Europe and FICE Africa and supported the work of other FICE members in Europe, Africa and South America • A board member of FICE Switzerland participated in the organisation, opening and presentations at the Third International Seminar on Quality in Residential Care: Care as a Human Right organized by FICE Brasil in São Paulo from 9 to 11 November 2015. In addition to Brazilian members, representatives of FICE Austria, Rumania, Scotland and South Africa participated also.
 <p>Ukraine</p>	<p>FICE Ukraine: Ms. Lyudmyla Semkiv</p>	<p><i>FICE Ukraine:</i></p>
	<p>FICE USA</p>	<p><i>FICE USA:</i></p>



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Mr. Dennis Felty

- An ACYCP board meeting and Wisconsin ACYCP national conference were held in March, 2015. FICE USA represented on Panel, FICE Bulgaria represented on the International panel.
- Post FICE- Serbia Federal Council meeting program TOWARDS THE RIGHTS TO A FAMILY ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYCHILD(May 6-8,'15) Dr. Carol Kelly represented the USA in an international panel of five professionals from five FICE countries. Her topic: Youth Care in USA – Experiences and examples of good practice in prevention of family separation.
- Participated in the 20th Biennial Conference of FICE South Africa(NACCW) from June 27 – July 5th.Represented FICE-USA. Mentored an entering professional from the USA.
- Visited Chance Children Home outside of Johannesburg South Africa to explore ongoing support in August 2015.
- Participated in the Federal Council meeting in Bulgaria from October 12 – 15th.
- FICE USA Members attended and represented on the working group: Unaccompanied Minors Crossing Borders.
Attended Jamaica Nathan Ebanks Foundation International Inclusive Education Conference & Accountability Expo from October 28 -31, Invited to represent FICE.
FICE USA Advisory Board Members provided extensive networking among FICE country members and individuals and among USA professionals including entering professionals and providing students and alumni to contribute.
- On-going work with the 2016 Congress Planning Committee. Included: speakers; encouraging USA professionals to attend.
- ACYCP FICE FICE Advisory Board Member served as liaison on the ACYCP board. Kept members informed and encouraged submission of proposals and attending. Made recommendations for several USA professionals who are doing keynote or chairing sessions. Contributing FICE/international focused articles for the ACYCP newsletter.
- Provided financial support to individuals



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		<p>working in South Africa in the amount of \$14,365 which included \$7,200 support to the Chance Orphanage in South Africa to cover salaries and extra supplies over the holiday period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Through ACYCP, provided input to publication for the development of youth around the world, with chapter on Global Child and Youth Care Work.• Continues to represent FICE USA at the Clinton Global Initiative Annual Meeting in New York City.• Reconvened the Disability Working Group at the New York venue consisting of a number of international organizations with interest in securing individuals with disabilities are highly represented within the CGI and encouraging CGI to increase awareness of disabilities in all of their international commitments.• The members of FICE USA are organizations and individuals working in the field of child and youthcare
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FICE INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR 2015

During the year 2015 FICE International activities could be summarized in the following topics:

1. National Sections Activities.
2. FICE International standpoints and positions on different topics, related to children and their welfare.
3. Organizing and co-organizing conferences and congresses.
4. International relations.
5. Organizational development and membership.
6. Forthcoming events.

1. *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.

2. *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. 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. The WG on unaccompanied minors is developing a training course for people working with refugee young people. This would be an online training course and Rolf Widmer together with Emmanuel Grupper are trying to carry out this idea and make it a reality. After the conference "**Back to childhood – good practices for work with unaccompanied refugee children**", a Statement was made by the participants in it. The Statemnt can be found on the [FICE website](#)

Members of FICE International worked also in 6 additional groups:



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- *“Social Inclusion”* with group leader is Roland Stubi (FICE 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. In 2015 the group discussions continued and the members of the group decided to start gathering information on the topic on the FICE International website. There is a separate sub-section “Social inclusion” under the section “Working Groups”(http://ficeinter.net/?page_id=3902). The aim is to gather as much useful information on the topic as possible in order to help professionals in the field.
- *“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. One of the results of the WG on care leavers was a seminar held in Berlin in September where effective programs and services for care leavers were presented and discussed. Publications on the topic have been gathered and uploaded on the website of FICE International. The group has set priorities for its future work: Organizations supporting the transition from care to adulthood; Education; Living skills; Transition to work; Procedures: e. g. Pathwayplans; Legal framework for leaving care; Rights of care leavers; Procedures to enforce rights for care leavers; Advocacy support, ombudsmanship; Policy making and lobbying for care leavers; Self-organization of care leavers
- *“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.
- *“Expansion and accessibility of FICE International”* is a working group that was founded at the Federal Council in Belgrade 6-10 May, 2015. The leader of the working group is Winnie Wing-yan from FICE Hong Kong. The working group discussed the possibility for expansion of FICE International and what is necessary to attract new members. Other topics, discussed in this working group are also the creation of regional networks (FICE African Network, FICE EEuropean Network, etc.) and the mentorship system, which has already been used as a way to help new members and encourage them to participate actively in all FICE activities.
- *“Collaboration and Innovation”* is newly founded working group under the lead of Anna Schmid from Switzerland and members from South Africa and Zambia. We had a skype meeting on 16 March in which Felix was unable to participate. The following two main concerns were discussed: “How can all members participate well in FICE International despite sometimes great geographical distances and travelling difficulties?” and “How can the collaboration at FICE Federal Councils and in between them be as productive and fruitful as possible?”. Discussions also included how FICE International can continue to build on its



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potential in the process of further establishing itself as an international network of relevance and influence.

Under the new section on the [FICE website - "Working groups"](#), information can be found about all working groups.

3. FICE Networks

- **FICE European Network**

FICE Europe made a new start, the goals can be found on the website of FICE Europe. FICE Europe joined the campaign "opening doors" of Eurochild. FICE Europe will participate in "Moving forward" a network to develop European standards for (youth) care.

A Board Meeting of FICE Europe was held on May 6th 2015. An extraordinary General Assembly of FICE-Europe was held on the 15th October in Sofia. According to the decisions of the Board meeting and General Assembly the members of the Board are as follows: Gitta Griffioen, President of FICE Europe, Hermann Radler Vice President. Carmen Ruth, secretary general ; Roland Stubi, the treasurer; Bettina Terp and Zjelka Burgund - members of the board. The General Assembly meeting in Sofia made changes in the Statute of the organization, which can be found on its website - <http://www.fice-europa.org/>

- **FICE African Network**

The members of FICE African Network are South Africa, Lesotho, Zambia, Kenya, Ghana and Ethiopia. FICE South Africa has made available the Basic Qualification in Child and Youth Care Work training to all the members of FICE Africa. Members are currently working towards securing funding for the training. FICE South Africa is working with UNHCR in Zambia to train the refugees based at the Maheba refugee camp. This opportunity is being used to transfer skills and capacity to FICE Zambia. FICE Kenya has now been granted full membership status by FICE International. UNHCR is responding to the issues of refugee children through Heshima-Kenya organisation, they have shown interest in training the workers in Child and Youth Care, discussion regarding the training will be held between the two chapters.

FICE Africa is committed to ensuring that all the people trained in Child and Youth Care Work retain the professional status of Child and Youth Care Workers which is a new cadre of child focused practitioners in Africa. At a teleconference meeting held on the 14th March an intention to have a face to face meeting in the first half of 2016 was discussed, a decision was taken to raise funds to make the meeting possible.

4. Organizing and co-organizing conferences and congresses.

Two main conferences were organized in 2015, both connected to the discussions of the two Federal Councils - in Belgrade and in Sofia:

- After the Federal Council in Belgrade(6-10 May, 2015), a conference "**Towards the right to a family environment for every child**" took place at the Faculty of Political Science in Belgrade. FICE Experts Merle Allsopp(FICE South Africa), Winnie Wing-yan (FICE Hong Kong), Anna Schmid(FICE Switzerland), Carol Kelly(FICE USA) and Jennifer Brooker(FICE



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Australia) presented the Youth Care Systems in their countries and examples of good practices for the prevention of family separation.

- Prior to the Federal Council in Sofia(14-18 October, 2015), an international conference, organized by FICE International and FICE Bulgaria in partnership with the Students' Diplomatic Club at the University of Sofia was held on 14 and 15 October in Sofia. Its title was "**Back to childhood – good practices for work with unaccompanied refugee children**". Many FICE experts from different countries , as well as experts from partnering organizations and state agencies in Bulgaria, presented various good practices for work with refugee children.

- Safe Parks Project - Information will be added soon.

5. 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:

- CYC - Network]
- 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.
- UNHCR
- UNICEF
- FRA

6. Organizational development and membership.

At the Federal Council which took place in Sofia, Bulgaria in October Zambia was accepted as new associated member. The General Assembly will vote on full membership for FICE Zambia at the General Assembly in Vienna, Austria in August 2016.

The Hungarian Organisation "Nevelőközösségek Nemzetközi Szövetsége a Magyar Gyermekéért — NENESZ" has applied for individual organizational membership and will introduce themselves at the Federal Council in The Netherlands in April 2016.

7. Forthcoming events.



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- FICE International started the implementation of its Strategic Plan 2014-2020 and the Action plan to it for 2014-2016.
- **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. On the website of the Congress www.betterworld2016.org information can be found about the hosts, the topics, the program and more. During the abstract submission period, a huge interest was shown by many experts from all over the world. The Congress will offer various panels and workshops lead by outstanding experts in the field of child and youth care, as well as additional programme, including pre-conference events(FICE International General Assembly and CYC-Net Clan Gathering), Youth Camp, Symposia, Study visits and Touristic events.
- FICE Congress 2019 - Information will be provided soon.

April, 2016, Almelo

Dashenka Krалеva – President of FICE International