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Report of the Meeting of IKA Leading Members – Paris 18.1 – 22.1.2012

Present: Batia Gilad Chairperson, Malgorzata Kmita General Secretary, Joop Berding Vice General Secretary, Jonathan Levy, French Association Consultant, Kelvin Ravenscroft, UK Association Consultant, Christle Kellner – UK.

1. Proclamation of Korczak Year 2012 in Poland

Poland is organizing various events, the IKA Group have concentrated on the event at the UNESCO Chair event called children rights / cultural prospective led by Prof. Fraczek and planned for September 2012 as a summer school. IKA and UNESCO representatives from different countries are invited to participate and to take part. Action: IKA is to write to Prof. Franczek and discuss possibility to connect the summer seminar and IKA conference in Warsaw.

2. Geneva Seminar 1. And 2. June 2012

a. The 4th Korczak seminar will be the first event to bring together children and the members of the children's rights Committee in Geneva. **We will be approaching all national JK Associations to send an adult and a child of the age of 10 or older able to communicate in English to participate in the seminar.** It was agreed that on the first day we will welcome the children and organize a program of activities to get the children involved in the understanding of article 3 of the convention on the rights of the child.

The first day will be mainly for children and the second day will consist of an introduction with adults, which will lead to some concrete proposals and a better understanding of implementation of article 3, which emphasizes action that best promotes the interest of the child. The group agreed upon the structure of the 2 days which emphasizes dialogue, openness and the visit to the UN. Action: Batia to write to the chair of the committee, to the members of the committee, to the Polish mission, to Waltraut Kerber-Ganse and Lothar Krappmann for assistance.

b. We will invite NGO's who are dealing with children's rights to take part in the seminar.

c. Workshop design for Geneva Seminar. The group designed the program for a 2 days seminar and outlined the structure of the introduction workshop and the main workshop dealing with the 3rd article on the convention on children's rights.

3. IKA Website

Batia has been in contact with the Polish Korczak association, who have agreed to let us use their Website concept. Jacek Krugel is in charge of the Polish Website, Joop will be in contact him by e-mail, regarding the building of the Website and Batia will write to Teresa Skudniewska. All agreed that collaboration between IKA and the Polish Association were beneficial and that the Website should include stories of Korczak, ways of thinking about education, pictures, comic strips

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for the young ones, information about conferences and good practices and dissemination of projects throughout the world.

4. LOGO

The group shared several ideas for a logo; Batia showed us several Photos of Korczak and children. It was agreed that Korczak and children of mixed gender to be on the future Logo and green color for the bird. After completion of the graphics a decision will be made.

5. Korczak vacations in Broniszowo

A discussion took place with regard to organizing future events around "educational moments". This year however, we would like to spend about **4 days exploring future events in Broniszowo combining it with a visit to Korczakowo and including a visit to Treblinka on the 5th of August**, ending the event in Warsaw.

We would like to spend the time in Broniszowo to explore the aims of IKA and different ways of cooperation between national JK Associations so as to strengthen the position of IKA in promoting JK worldwide. Funding for this could be accessed from the Leader program under the Polish-German cooperation. We will approach Kelvin regarding the budget for the event. Action: IKA to approach Cezary Lusinski regarding the Broniszowo Castle. We also have to approach Jerzy Zgodzinski who leads Korczakowo and to PSK to follow up the combining of the events. We expect about 20 members of different IKA Association to spend some time on "Thought showering" – sharing ideas.

6. Burundi Project

Joël Hakizimana provided us with the draft application for a Janusz Korczak children's rights seminar.

The group agreed that the application should aim mainly at educators (teachers' school principals, child professionals) and not youth leaders or students. The seminar should be attended by people from Burundi and other African French speaking countries. We would like the seminar to benefit the poor and deprived children and not the academic excellence students and action from that is to inform Joël and amend application.

7. Visitors from Yad La Yeled France

The IKA group were joined by Beatrice Rosenberg, Eglal Errera and Monique Ridel from the Janusz Korczak prize France. It is the 4th year since the prize started operating in France and it's now in 3 different regions. This year's theme is "Children in Exile and Changing Life".

The albums will be chosen by the children themselves. **Yad La Yeled France** wishes to cooperate with us in promoting the prize to IKA French speaking countries as a beginning. Next year they plan to run a theme "Thank you children" with emphasis on the children's potential.

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8. Caux 2013

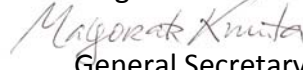
The tender for the Caux Conference 2013 will be put forward by the end of February 2012. The idea being to bring together in the Caux palace different educational movements: Korczak, Montessori, Ferine, Steiner and others. We are exploring also other educational Philosophy from Eastern Europe and elsewhere (contacting Roza for advice) also children NGO's and intergovernmental organizations, UNICEF, UNESCO, teachers and child professionals. The plan is for a 5 - 6 days conference combining panels, workshops, discussion groups and cultural activities with a parallel program for children who will deliver the messages at the end of the conference.

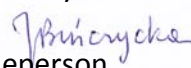
The Caux facility provides the ideal setting for community based experience. The title of the Conference could be "Being Peace - Children inspiring the world".

9. The next meeting of the Leading Group will take place in Geneva 31.May 2012 before the seminar.

Please comment on this report and send your views, observations, suggestions and plans for 2012 to Batia Gilad.

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