



Permanent Representative
of the Republic of Poland
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Dear Colleagues,

The Mission of the Republic of Poland together with the International Korczak Association have the honor to invite you to the international seminar devoted to Dr. Janusz Korczak:

Towards Inclusive Education - Janusz Korczak and the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The seminar will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2014 in the premises of the Mission of Poland.

Dr. Janusz Korczak was a Polish-Jewish paediatrician, educator, children's author and radio broadcaster. He is highly regarded as a pioneer of radical child-centred approaches to teaching and learning, at the heart of which is his concern for the well-being and thriving of children. He is respected for his innovative, creative and inspiring pedagogical approaches and for his sacrificial loyalty and dedication to the children in his care.

Dr. Janusz Korczak is widely recognized as a visionary innovator in his recognition and affirmation of the intrinsic and universal rights of the child, which the 1989 United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child has embodied in international law.

This year the International Korczak Seminar in Geneva will explore Korczak's life, legacy and pedagogy and its relationship to Inclusive Education and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child with particular reference to Article 2:

“1. Parties shall respect and ensure the rights.... (of) each child.... without discrimination of any kind, irrespective of the child’s race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, property, disability, birth or other status.

“2. Parties shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that the child is protected against all forms of discrimination or punishment on the basis of the status, activities, expressed opinions, or beliefs of the child’s parents, legal guardians, or family members.”

We cordially invite you to take part in the seminar and to make an intervention on a relevant subject in accordance with your experience and activities. If you wish to contribute to this International Meeting please be so kind as to forward your topic no later than **11 April, 2013** to **Batia Gilad**, Chairperson of the International Korczak Association (batia.gilad@gmail.com). This will allow us to send the detailed program in April.

Looking forward to meeting you at the seminar,

Sincerely,

Remigiusz A. Henczel



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