



22 March 2015

Invitation and Call for Papers

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, to be held on Saturday, 30 of May 2015 in the premises of the Mission of Poland.

Dr. Janusz Korczak was a Polish-Jewish paediatrician, educator, children's author and radio broadcaster and 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.

He 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 Childhood protection and participation and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child with particular reference to Articles:

Article 3 1. In all actions concerning children, whether undertaken by public or private social welfare institutions, courts of law, administrative authorities or legislative bodies, the best interests of the child shall be a primary consideration.

Article 12 1. States Parties shall assure to the child who is capable of forming his or her own views the right to express those views freely in all matters affecting the child, the views of the child being given due weight in accordance with the age and maturity of the child.

Article 13 1. The child shall have the right to freedom of expression; this right shall include freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds, regardless of frontiers, either orally, in writing or in print, in the form of art, or through any other media of the child's choice.

Article 15 1. States Parties recognize the rights of the child to freedom of association and to freedom of peaceful assembly.

Article 19 1. States Parties shall take all appropriate legislative, administrative, social and educational measures to protect the child from all forms of physical or mental violence, injury or abuse, neglect or negligent treatment, maltreatment or exploitation, including sexual abuse, while in the care of parent(s), legal guardian(s) or any other person who has the care of the child.

Article 20 2. States Parties shall in accordance with their national laws ensure alternative care for such a child.

The topic of the seminar will be:

Childhood Protection and Participation - Janusz Korczak and the Convention on the Rights of the Child





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im. Janusza Korczaka*



We cordially invite you to take part in the seminar and to give a lecture on a relevant subject in accordance with your experience and activities.

If you wish to contribute to this International Meeting to be held on **May 30, 2015**, please forward your topic no later than **April 15, 2015** to Batia Gilad, Chairperson of the International Korczak Association, address: batia.gilad@gmail.com

Looking forward to meeting up with you.

Thanking you for your cooperation.

The detailed program will be sent to you during the end of April.

Batia Gilad

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