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Dear Network Members and Network Interested,

We are deeply moved by the passing away of the European Network of Masters on Children's Rights' member, Prof. Angelo Saporiti of the University of Molise in Campobasso, Italy. He joined ENMCR in December last year and contacts to him and his PhD programme on Children's Rights were just developing. We feel with his other colleagues and keep him and his outstanding work to make children's rights a reality in valued memory.

For comments and feedback on our newsletter, and/or our forum suggestions for improvement, or news you would like to have included please write to info@enmcr.net

Sincerely,

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Editors



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General News Internal

In Memoriam of Prof. Angelo Saporiti

This passed July 11, Prof. Angelo Saporiti, sociologist and director of the Department for Human, Historical and Social Sciences and member of the Academic Senate of the University Molise in Campobasso- Italy passed away.

As researcher and scholar, Prof. Saporiti investigated in broad sectors of social sciences: as macro sociologist, in the methodology of social investigation, the evaluation of and research on children and the rights of the child. Within this last sector, he formed part of the group of researchers that in the beginning of the 1990s participated in the project: *Childhood as a Social Phenomenon*, realising, together with Giovanni Sgritta the report for Italy and with An-Magritt Jensen the Monography: *Do children count? An approach to the analysis of the demographic statistics taking childhood as unit of observation.*

Within the multiple initiatives he developed we want to refer the recent investigation with the title: *Three perspectives on the rights of the child (Tres miradas a los derechos de la infancia)* in which he documents a comparative study between Catalonia (Spain) and Molise (Italy)

Last year in November, Angelo Saporiti applied to become a member of the ENMCR with the PhD programme on "Tutela e promozione dei diritti dell'infanzia" (Tutelage and Promotion of Children's Rights) he offered in the University of Molise. His application was accepted and contacts started to form.

We share the loss of this notable scientist, scholar and defender of the rights of the child. May he rest in peace.

European conference: Focus on Children in Migration- From a European Research and Method Perspective: Call for papers

Date: 20-21 March 2007; Location: Warsaw, Poland

Migration of children in Europe is a multifaceted and complex issue, and includes asylum seeking and refugee children, children forced or voluntarily migrating for work, children being abandoned when their parents migrate, as well as children being trafficked for various exploitative purposes. According to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, the departure of children to neighbouring countries is an issue of particular concern, and many children leave their country unaccompanied by their parents. The absence of relevant statistical data with respect to separated unaccompanied children, as well as children being trafficked or leaving their country to work in neighbouring countries, makes it difficult to assess the situation of children in migration in Europe, and hence also to answer with corresponding preventive and protective actions in the practical support work.

Save the Children Sweden and the **European Network of Masters on Children's Rights** are pleased to announce the upcoming European Conference 'Focus on Children in Migration' in March 2007, aiming to highlight the issues of concern listed above. The conference is a two-day event and will include both renowned European keynote speakers in plenary sessions and seminars in parallel sessions, as well as panel discussions.

Preliminary keynote speakers from Unicef Innocenti Research Centre in Florence Italy will present an overview of 'Children on the move in Europe'.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Save the Children Sweden and the **European Network of Masters on Children's Rights** hereby open an invitation to researchers from a wide range of academic disciplines as well as experts from practical field work to contribute papers in one of the following fields:

- Latest research findings on children in migration from a child rights perspective
- Methods and examples of how to relate research and field work with each other in a mutually beneficial manner
- Relevant and appropriate child participation as a research tool
- Ethical considerations on working with children in migration
- Documentation of best practices that can be relevant for strategic expansion

Abstract deadline: 30 September 2006; **Complete papers:** 30 November 2006

Kindly send your abstracts to: Save the Children Sweden, Europe Programme, Susann Olsson, 107 88 Stockholm, Sweden or to: susann.olsson@rb.se. For further information, please contact Susann Olsson.

News from members and associated members:

New Publication: Política y Sociedad, Facultad de Ciencias Políticas y Sociología

Sociología de infancia: Publicaciones Universidad Complutense de Madrid

Consortium of authors, amongst them: L.Gaitán, M.Liebel; H.Wintersberger; F. Casas; B. Hungerland

The compilation of articles of prominent experts on childhood and children's rights gives an insight into the scientific development of a new sociological paradigm on childhood, which is called New Sociology of Childhood. From this sociological point of view, which started developing in the 1980s, children and young people are seen as integral part of society from the beginning, and not as actors yet to become a full part – they used to be seen as dependent on and passive- of society only when they have reached a certain age or maturity. Today, there is also a tendency that children's and young people's issues are presented in the media and the public more frequently, without receiving much attention from the social sciences. The new paradigm on which the newly published book is based not only respects children as part of society from the very beginning but also gives the children freedom and liberty rights and the right to participate and form society. The articles in this book try to capture this new paradigm and make it more explicit, give theoretical and methodological insights to the new orientation and also give concrete examples of the implementation and reality of viewing children accordingly.

For further information or to order a copy of the book, please contact Universidad Complutense Madrid, Prof. Dra. Lourdes Gaitán, Campus Somosaguas, 28233 Madrid, Spain. E-mail: mlourdes.gaitan@wanadoo.es.

Postgraduate Programme in Children's Rights

Date: 12 February 2007 – 2008, Location: Sion, Switzerland

The Master of Advanced Studies in Children's Rights (MCR) is a part-time two-year postgraduate programme in children's rights, which is jointly organised by the Law School and the Institute for family research and counselling at the University of Fribourg (Switzerland) and the Institut Universitaire Kurt Bösch (IUKB), associated with the International Institute on children's rights (IDE), both in Sion, Switzerland.

The programme is designed for professionals who work with children's rights issues, these may include: lawyers, psychologists, sociologists, judges, social workers, government officials, staff from non-governmental organisations, academics and journalists.

The programme takes place over a two-year period and requires participants to attend four week-long residential Modules per year. In addition to the residential Modules and the completion of exercises and examinations based on the required course reading materials, students are also expected to devise an individual training programme which consists of a segment of practical experience (internship) in an organisation other than their workplace, the preparation of an observation report on their own workplace and the completion of a Master's thesis. Each residential module has a specific theme: (1) Children's rights in context, (2) International legal instruments on children's rights, (3) The general principles of the CRC, (4) Child labour, (5) Violence against children, (6) Juvenile justice, (7) Child protection and (8) Implementation and monitoring strategies.

Deadline for applications: **15 September 2006**

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Master of Arts in Child Welfare and Applied Childhood Studies

Date: October 2006 - May 2007; Location: Swansea, UK

The Master of Arts in Child Welfare and Applied Childhood Studies (MACWACS) is a one-year full-time or two-year part-time degree delivered by the Department of Applied Social Sciences at the University of Wales Swansea. It is a well established (since 1997) diverse programme which attracts students who are professionals in practice with children and families, or at the beginning of a career in either research or practice with children.

The programme is delivered one day a week throughout an academic year (October-May). Students take six modules from eight on offer, three of which are compulsory. The compulsory modules are Children and Childhood in the Social Sciences, Child Welfare, and Understanding and Doing Research. Optional taught modules include Sexual Exploitation of Children, Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood Studies, Child Study and Child Development, Children's Rights, and Therapeutic Work with Children. In addition there are

two practice-based modules for current practitioners, Children's Service Development and Social Change and Advanced Practice with Children.

All modules are assessed through submission of written essays. Upon completion of all the taught modules, students submit a 20,000 word dissertation. All students are allocated personal tutors from amongst the programme staff who are experienced practitioners and researchers in child welfare. There are opportunities for students to gain experience of working with children and families in the local community (either in a volunteer capacity or as an employee), where permitted by UK entry regulations.

Application deadline: **8 September 2006**

For more information, contact: Carol Cook, MACWACS Administrator; University of Wales Swansea; Department of Applied Social Sciences ; University of Wales, Swansea, Wales, SA2 8PP, UK; Email:

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<http://www.swan.ac.uk/pgcourses/HumanSciences/MACChildWelfareAppliedChildhoodStudies/>

General News External

Youth Protection in the Use of Mobile Phones

Brussels/Berlin, 25.07.2006: The European Commission has launched a public consultation on the possible dangers for children and young people connected to the use of mobile phones. All stakeholders such as youth protection services, parent and consumer protection association, content providers, mobile phone and network equipment producers as well as regulating administrations are called upon to give their opinion by **October 16, 2006**. In the passed years the use of mobile communication means by children and young people has increased enormously. According to a Euro-Barometer survey in May 2006, 70% of European children between the age of 12-13 have their own mobile phone and in the age group of 8-9 year olds 23% have their own phones. The consultation is part of a process which started in June 2005 in the frame of the forum "secure internet". The commission wants to start discussion on a European level, in order to establish a self-regulation, as has already been established in some member states. With the ongoing four year program (2005-2008) illegal and dangerous internet contents shall be fought.

All information regarding the consultation can be found on the Commission's website:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/index_en.htm

Statement by UNICEF and the WHO on Escalating Violence in Lebanon and Israel

NEW YORK , GENEVA, AMMAN, BEIRUT, 19 July 2006 – UNICEF and the World Health Organization (WHO) today expressed serious concern about civilian casualties and new risks to health from escalating violence in Lebanon and Israel. Civilian deaths include dozens of children, with many more injured. The psychological impact is serious as people, including children, have witnessed the death or injury of loved ones and destruction of their homes and communities. The movement of medical supplies and ambulances to the affected areas is seriously curtailed. Unobstructed access for humanitarian assistance is critical to stave off needless death and suffering. The protection of civilians during conflict is an obligation under international humanitarian law. Unhindered humanitarian access to health facilities for the injured, for those who need care for chronic conditions and for pregnant women is equally critical to the prevention of more civilian deaths in this crisis.

WHO and UNICEF are working with a broad range of partners in Lebanon to save lives, protect civilians and support basic services such as health, water and sanitation, education and psycho-social care. The agencies, in coordination with the Ministry of Health, are providing emergency medicines and supplies for acute and chronic conditions.

The agencies are also ensuring distribution of fortified nutritional packs, micronutrients and oral rehydration solutions to ensure proper child and maternal health. WHO is conducting health assessments with national authorities to identify the most urgent health needs and gaps. UNICEF is supporting the pre-positioning of a number of generators in key health facilities throughout the southern parts of the country, along with sufficient levels of fuel reserves, so that health facilities can continue functioning.

For further information on UNICEF's and WHO's actions in Lebanon, please visit UNICEF's website:

<http://www.unicef.org/>

3rd Annual World Conference on Children without Parental Care

"Symposium for Enforcing the Human Rights of Orphaned and Abandoned Children"

"Applying ACTION to our PROMISES"

Date: October 23/26, 2006, Location: The Hague / Amsterdam / The Netherlands

This international conference, meant for Government Decision-makers, relevant NGO's and Researchers, will provide an open forum for communication and will identify new approaches and model practical solutions. The 4-day event will host up to 100 countries, represented by officials, NGO's and scientists. Already over 65 different nationalities have been registered.

A wide range of distinguished speakers, children's advocates and experts in various fields will discuss the long needed reforms in Child Welfare Policies. This event will also be the official launch of the IAC World Council, the new and very unique practical partnership between UN-Governments, NGO's and the Academic world.

Separate workshops will be organized in the fields of **Reunification** and **Child Soldiers, Foster care** and **Kinship care, Adoption** and **Residential / Institutional care**. Legal bottlenecks will be discussed as well as the World Orphans Week 2007 / 2008.

For more information, please visit IAC's website: www.iachildren.com

Info from CRIN Newsletters

JUNIOR 8: Young People Share Their Views with G8 Leaders [news]

Every year, the "Group of Eight Nations" (G8) meets to discuss key global issues and decide on common goals. UNICEF decided in 2005 to hold the first ever C8 Children's Forum alongside the G8 meeting to give young people a chance to debate the issues being discussed by the G8 and come up with recommendations for the G8 leaders. This year more than 60 young people aged 13-17 from G8 countries met in a forum called "Junior 8" in Pushkin, near St. Petersburg from 7-18 July to discuss what they think the G8 leaders should do about some of the most serious global issues.

The Junior 8 focused on the key themes of this year's G8 agenda: Education, Energy Security and HIV and AIDS. The children also discussed violence and other issues they see as priorities.

"It is important that the G8 leaders listen to the views of children, because the children will have to live with the decisions those leaders make," said UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Sir Roger Moore. The participants included young people from each of the G8 member countries: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Russian Federation, UK and USA. The views of children from non-G8 countries, will be included via a series of videoconferences linking the Junior 8 to children from Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America.

Recommendations

History was made on Monday when, for the first time, youth delegates had the chance to share and discuss their views directly with the G8 world leaders. Following a year of preparations and a week of intensive work here finalising their recommendations, youth delegates representing each G8 country sat down with the heads of state for a 40-minute discussion on HIV, education, tolerance and violence, and energy security.

After brief welcoming remarks by Russian President Vladimir Putin, Junior 8 delegates took the floor to present their views to G8 leaders.

"We feel the intellectual and moral energy of your work", concluded Mr. Putin, wrapping up the session. **"It's precisely with the input of youth that we'll solve the problems facing us."**

We hope that this statement reveals to be the truth and children and young people are listened to more carefully and openly. (comment: R.B.)

FORCED MARRIAGES: Next Report of the Special Rapporteur on Trafficking [call for information]

The Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, Ms Sigma Huda, will devote her next thematic report to the aspects of the issue of forced marriages that are relevant to her mandate.

She has prepared a questionnaire to gather information on this subject, in English, French and Spanish. The Special Rapporteur would be grateful if responses could reach her no later than **31 October**, so that they can be reflected in her next report to the Human Rights Council.

Please send your responses to the questionnaire as well as other relevant information to Ms. Rachel Rico-Balzan: rrico@ohchr.org and Geneviève Clottey: gclottey@ohchr.org. Fax: +41 22 9179006. Visit:

<http://www.crin.org/resources/infodetail.asp?id=9480>

Related Campaigns:

Amnesty International: Global Campaign to Stop Violence against Women

<http://web.amnesty.org/actforwomen/index-eng>

International Campaigns against Honour Killings

<http://www.stophonourkillings.com/>

No Circ

<http://www.nocirc.org>

Campaign against Honour Killings in Turkey

<http://honourkillings.gn.apc.org/index.htm>

Crusade against Female Infanticide

<http://www.aidindia.net/deskfemale.htm>

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD: Role of NGOs in next elections [guidelines]

The Committee on the Rights of the Child is composed of 18 independent experts with recognised competence in the field of human rights. Members are elected for a term of four years by States parties in accordance with article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Members serve in their personal capacity and may be re-elected if nominated.

The next meeting of States parties will be held at the United Nations in New York in February 2007 to elect members to replace the nine current members whose terms expire on 28 February 2007.

A fact sheet on the nomination and election procedures and the role that NGOs can play in these processes has been prepared by the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Visit: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=9387>

For more information, contact: NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child; 1 rue Varembe, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland; Tel: +41 22 740 47 30; Fax: +41 22 740 1145; Email: ngo-crc@tiscalinet.ch

Website: <http://www.crin.org/NGOGroupforCRC>

PARTICIPATION: Child and Youth Participation Resource Guide [publication]

The UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Office has just published a Child and Youth Participation Resource Guide. This annotated bibliography includes key English language documents on children's participation grouped in four parts and 27 chapters:

- Part One: Introduction to child and youth participation
- Part Two: Children involved in research, analysis, planning, implementation and evaluation
- Part Three: Children's participation in programme areas
- Part Four: Children involved in political decision making

The resource guide includes a CD which contains full-text versions of many of the documents included in the guide. Copies of the Child and Youth Participation Resource Guide can be obtained from chongkolnee@unicef.org.

Day of General Discussion: Update on Child Participation (25 July)

The Committee on the Rights of the Child's next **Day of General Discussion on 15th September 2006** will be a key opportunity for children and young people around the world to inform and influence the Committee's advice to governments on the implementation of Article 12 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

An Interagency Planning group has been established, comprising Save the Children, ECPAT International, Plan International, IFCO, CRIN and UNICEF, advising the Committee on the Rights of the Child on children's ethical and meaningful participation in the Day of General Discussion, within the constraints and challenges such an international process creates.

The Interagency group is disappointed by the limitations placed on children's involvement with the process. However, the group also recognises that children and young people will be present in Geneva, albeit in small numbers with a probable maximum of 30 places being allocated to under 18s, and is therefore committed to supporting, informing and enabling their participation within the space and opportunities available.

The group sees the engagement with the Day of General Discussion as part of a wider process and is in discussions with the Committee to explore children and young people's involvement, especially at the national and regional levels, to meaningfully influence the process of drafting the General Comment on Article 12.

Further information: Website: <http://www.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crc/discussion.htm>

Submissions to the Committee on the Rights of the Child: <http://www.crin.org/resources/treaties/submissions>

Jobs Postings

Save the Children: Research Consultant for Violence and Abuse in Schools (Albania)

Starting time: September 2006, Timeframe: 4 months

Save the Children in Albania is planning in 2006 to conduct a research project in the framework of the Violence and Sexual Abuse Programme. They are seeking to recruit a research consultant who will provide support with the design of the research methodologies and approach, carry out research and write a report on findings and recommendations for future work. The aim of the research is to: increase understanding on the issues related to violence and abuse of children, understand the causes of violence and abuse within schools, learn how this understanding can be used in building future interventions.

For more information, contact: Steve Ashby, Director; Save the Children in Albania; Email: sashby@savealbania.org; Tel: +355 (0) 6920 32 130

War Child: Expatriate Field Director (Afghanistan)

War Child, the international NGO that works with street children, children in conflict with the law and child soldiers in locations such as Iraq and the Democratic Republic of Congo, is recruiting for a Field Director for its programme in Herat, western Afghanistan. The programme is aimed at children in conflict with the law. The post holder's key responsibilities will include: representing War Child as an organisation in a positive manner to all stakeholders; contributing effectively to the implementation and development of War Child Programmes in Afghanistan; providing support to the War Child Country Programmes Co-ordinator and Programmes Director in developing new proposals and funding sources to meet existing and emerging needs that are consistent with War Child's country strategy.

Application deadline: **4 August 2006**

For more information, contact: Leila Billing, Country Programmes Co-ordinator, Tel: +44 (0)20 79169276, Email: leila@warchild.org.uk

Funding

European Cultural Foundation's second call for projects 2006

Application deadline: 15 September

The ECF Grants Programme supports projects that promote European cultural exchange and cooperation. The creation of artistic works, media projects or cultural policy development as well as capacity building of cultural organisations or international collaboration of arts managers are among the eligible types of projects. The programme funds small and medium-sized independent cultural organisations that work on cross-border and inter-regional projects. From 2006, the ECF gives extra attention to issues of diversity, which will also be expressed in the Grants awarded.

For more details visit the Grants page at www.eurocult.org

Upcoming Dates

August 15th, 2006: Deadline for applications for the "Goldene Göre"

September 1st-4th, 2006: European Media workshop in Potsdam

September 4th, 2006: MA in "Human Rights, Development and Social Justice" at the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague

September 8th, 2006: Deadline for application MA in Child Welfare and Applied Childhood Studies, starting in **October 2006- May 2007**

September 15th, 2006: Deadline for application to the MCR in Sion starting on **February 12, 2007**

September 15th, 2006: Day of General Discussion, UN-Committee on the Rights of the Child

September 15th, 2006: Deadline for applications to the European Cultural Foundation

September 20th- December 12th, 2006: Distance Learning Course on Rights-Based Programming (HREA)

September 28th, 2006: Stakeholder workshop ENMCR-CD at University of Amsterdam

September 30th, 2006: Deadline abstract submission for the European Conference: Focus on Children in Migration

October 1st -12th, 2006: Workshop "Children's Participation, Protagonism and Governance"

October 13th, 2006: Start Expert Course on Children's Rights in Berlin

October 15th, 2006: Deadline TEMPUS Applications (IMG's)

October 16th, 2006: Deadline submission of contributions to Public Consultation on Youth Protection in the use of Mobile Phones

October 23/26, 2006: 3rd Annual World Conference on Children without Parental Care

October 24-25, 2006: Juvenile Justice in Europe International Conference

October 31st, 2006: Deadline for submission of information to the Special Rapporteur on Trafficking on Forced Marriages

November 1st, 2006: Deadline Pre-call Erasmus Thematic Network Project

November 30st, 2006: Deadline submission full papers European Conference: Focus on Children in Migration

December 1st-2nd, 2006: Conference: Science Policies meet reality: Gender, Women and Youth in Science in CEE (Prague)

December 15th, 2006: Deadline Tempus Applications (GEPs)

March 20-21, 2007: European Conference: Focus on Children in Migration