



69th OMEP World Assembly and International Conference

**“Early Childhood Relationships: The Foundation for a Sustainable Future“**

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

OMEP Croatia in cooperation with the Faculty of Teacher Education of the University of Zagreb and the Faculty of Teacher Education of the University of Rijeka cordially invite all preschool teachers, teachers, principals, pedagogues, psychologists, special educators and other experts who are involved in educating and caring for children from birth to eight years old, as well as academics, researchers, postgraduate students and policy-makers at international, national and local levels to contribute to rethinking early childhood by participating at the 69th OMEP World Assembly and International Conference

**“Early Childhood Relationships: The Foundation for a Sustainable Future”**

19 – 24 June 2017, Conference centre Tamaris, Milenij hotels in Opatija, Croatia.

Contemporary theoretical reflections and empirical research within early childhood and early childhood education emphasize the importance of children’s relationships with their environment from the micro- to the chrono-level. Attributes of these relationships are considered in relation to children’s development and quality of life. Simultaneously, contemporary early childhood policies are increasingly focusing on sustainability in the broad sense, whereas in early childhood practices both theories and policies are being brought to life in different ways.

The aim of this Conference is to discuss **early childhood relationships as the foundation for a sustainable future** in relation to:

1. Society, Culture, Community and Spaces
2. Values, Moral, Character and Spiritual Education
3. Paradigms, Theories and Research Methodologies
4. Relational Pedagogy
5. Play and Learning
6. Curriculum and Assessment
7. Leadership and Quality
8. Education for Sustainable Development
9. Rights, Equity and Respect for Diversity

## 10. Professional Education, Policy and Advocacy

Please submit your proposal by sending the title and abstract in English by 14 January 2017 here: <https://omep2017.exordo.com/login>

### Forms of participation:

- Individual Paper Presentation (15 minutes + 5 minutes for discussion)
- Self-Organized Symposium (90 minutes)
- Workshop (90 minutes)
- Poster Presentation (presenter available for 60 minutes for discussion with participants)
- 15' Conversation with... (round table of experts and academics ready to share their knowledge, experiences and reflections in an open and informal setting, 15 minutes)

### Important dates:

Website Opens	<b>1 September 2016</b>
Submission System Opens	<b>15 September 2016</b>
Abstract Submission Deadline	<b>14 January 2017</b>
Notification of Acceptance	<b>01 March 2017</b>
Registration Opens	<b>01 December 2016</b>
Early Bird Registration Deadline	<b>31 March 2017</b>
Registration Closes	<b>16 June 2017</b>
World Assembly	<b>19 – 20 June 2017</b>
International Conference	<b>21 – 24 June 2017</b>

### Participation fee:

Type	Amount (USD) OMEP members	Amount (USD) Non members	Deadline
Early Bird	350	400	31/03/2017
Regular Rate	450	500	16/06/2017
One Day	150	175	16/06/2017
Student	100	150	16/06/2017
On site	500	600	24/06/2017

### Venue:

Conference centre Tamaris, Milenij hotels, Opatija  
<http://www.milenijhoteli.com/opatija/en/index.php>

Opatija, Croatia  
<http://visitopatija.com/>

#### **Travel information:**

Detailed information about travel arrangements available at <http://www.visitopatija.net/en/directions>

Some airline companies provide discounts to Conference participants.

To obtain the Star Alliance Conventions Plus discounts please visit Conventions Plus online booking tool: <http://conventionsplusbookings.staralliance.com/trips/StarHome.aspx?meetingcode=OU01S17>

Registered Conference participants plus one accompanying person travelling to the Conference qualify for a discount of up to 20%, depending on fare and class of travel booked.

The participating airlines for this Conference are: ANA, Adria Airways, Aegean Airlines, Air Canada, Air China, Air India, Air New Zealand, Asiana Airlines, Avianca, Croatia Airlines, EVA Airways, EgyptAir, Ethiopian Airlines, LOT Polish Airlines, Scandinavian Airlines, Shenzhen Airlines, South African Airways, TAP Portugal, THAI, Turkish Airlines, United.

#### **Visa:**

Please check the web page of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs  
<http://www.mvep.hr/en/consular-information/visas/visa-requirements-overview/>

#### **Further information about the Conference:**

Website: [www.omep.hr](http://www.omep.hr)

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