

**Nordic Celebration of the Centenary
for the first
Casa dei Bambini
Friday 31st of August to Saturday 1st of September
2007**

Marienlyst Hotel
Nord. Strandvej 2
3000 Helsingør

Honour the past, celebrate the present, and create the future

Place all children at the centre of society and assist them in becoming the transforming elements leading to a harmonious and peaceful humanity.

One day I looked at them with eyes that saw them differently and I asked myself: “Who are you, are you the same children you were before?” And I said within myself: “Perhaps you are those children of whom it was said that they would come to save humanity. If so, I shall follow you.” Since then I am she who tries to grasp their message and follow them. From a summary of a talk given by Dr. Montessori to students on the 6th January 1946

Program

Following the framework for the Centenary celebrations, we take the opportunity to celebrate both the Discovered and the Discoverer.

Friday 31st August

14.00 – 15.00 registration

15.00 In honour of the Past and of the Discoverer.

Opening remarks, Bente Lund Poulsen, Director of the Danish Montessori Society

Montessori People will give a short history of how Montessori came to the Nordic countries

18.30 Speech by Mr. Jørgen Chemithz of the Danish Red Cross

19.00 Speech by Andre´ Roberfroid, President of AMI, Gala Dinner

Saturday 1st September

09.00 Lecture: Barbro Stenlund

Observation. In the past Dr. Montessori had her students stand against the wall and observe for a long long time before they might work with the children. Why is it so important to observe children now and in the future?

09.50 Coffee

10.15 Lecture: Ulla Wikefeldt

Nature and the Child - Botany as an indirect Path to inner Peace

11.10 Lecture: Marja-Leena Tyrväinen

The Child in Society, the Child's Society

12.00 Lunch

13.15 Lecture: Jenny Marie Höglund:

How can we aid the Child in the Second Plane in his Strife for Moral Independence?

14.05 Lecture: Carla Foster: Supporting Boys' Identity in an Interdependent Society.

14.55 Coffee

15.30 Panel discussion and questions:

Jenny Marie Höglund, Carla Foster, Andre´ Roberfroid, Barbro Stenlund, Marja-Leena Tyrväinen and Ulla Wikefeldt

Mediator: Dinny Rebild

16.30 Closing remarks

All lectures and speeches will be given in the English language

Conference fee: DDK 2000.00

To be paid by **15th May 2007** To the Danish Montessori Society at Giro Bank: 1551, 3707822

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Please send registration of **name of school, and delegates** to the Danish Montessori Society, by post: Tjørnebakken 4, 2800 Kgs. Lyngby, Denmark or by e-mail: d.rebild@wanadoo.dk

Please mark subject MONTESSORI CELEBRATION

Accommodation

Hotel Marienlyst has an offer of a Standard Single business at DDK 970.00 per night
On information of the Montessori Conference

Other Hotels in and around Helsingør:

Hotel Hamlet: Bramstræde 5, 3000 Tel. +45 49 21 05 91

Scanticon Comwell, Nørrevej 80, 3070 Snedkersten. Tel. +45 49 22 03 33

Skandia Hotel, Bramstræde 1 3000 Helsingør Tel. +45 49 21 09 02

Hotel Villa Brinkly, Strandvejen 258, 3070 Snekkersten Tel. 49 13 20 91

Other options go to: www.visithelsingor.dk

Transportation:

SAS has cheap Snowflake tickets: <http://www.sas.dk/>, as does Easy Jet: <http://www.easyjet.com/> and Sterling Airways: <http://www.sterling.dk/da/flight>

Trains leave Copenhagen Airport at least every twenty minutes to Helsingør:

<http://www.dsb.dk/cs/BlobServer?blobtable=Download&blobcol=urldownload&blobheader=application/pdf&blobkey=id&blobwhere=1148304664420&ssbinary=true&filename=file.pdf>

Ferries every twenty minutes from Helsingborg, Sweden to Helsingør:

http://www.scandlines.dk/DKFront/Front_DK

From Helsingør Station to Marienlyst Hotel: local train towards Gilleleje:

<http://lokalbanen.bellcom.dk/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=115>

Options if you are staying on the Sunday:

Kronborg Castle, the castle where Shakespeare placed the tragedy of Hamlet

Louisiana, Museum of Modern Art with a wonderful park looking out over the Sound

Sweden, the town of Helsingborg is twenty minutes away by ferry

Copenhagen, The Little Mermaid, Tivoli, etc

Organisers: Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

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Carla Foster considers herself lucky to have grown up in California, a place where tolerance for ideas and differences is high. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and Scandinavian Studies and a Masters in Old Icelandic Literature and Norwegian Literature from UC Berkeley, before setting her foot upon a Montessori path. She took her AMI 3-6 diploma in London, 6-12 diploma in Milwaukee, and worked in the public Montessori schools in Milwaukee. Then she worked in California before travelling to Norway, where she has been since 1995. Building a class up from the ground floor has been a long process, full of valuable insights. She will be starting the Trainer of Trainers Program in the summer of 2007. In her not so spare time she teaches African and Irish dance.

Jenny Marie Höglund has an AMI diploma for the ages 3-6 and 6-12 and has mainly worked with the 6-12 and adolescents. She also holds a M.Ed. and is currently completing her AMI Training of Trainers Programme at the elementary level.

Barbro Stenlund has a Bachelor of Arts degree and took her training in MMTO, London in -75, -76. She was granted the status of AMI Montessori Trainer in April 1993. She has worked as a Trainer on the AMI Course at Uppsala University, Sweden. She is also a lecturer and examiner. Miss Stenlund has been involved in the field of Montessori education since 1976 – except for a break when she ran her own art gallery in Stockholm. In 2006 she found herself back in the classroom for 6 months with the 3-6 year olds, which she found an extremely rewarding experience. At present she also sits on the AMI-Kamratforening's Board in Sweden.

Marja-Leena Tyrväinen has a traditional Finnish kindergarten teacher degree, University studies of adult education and early childhood education and received an AMI diploma for ages 3-6 in 1984, working with children since 1987. In 2001 Marja-Leena became an AMI Montessori Primary Teacher Trainer and was the Director of Training for the first Finnish language AMI 3-6 training course in Finland 2004-06 at the University of Helsinki

AMI Trainer Ulla Wikfeldt is the founder of the Maria Montessori Institute in Stockholm. During the past 15 years, Ulla has been responsible for the AMI education of Montessori teachers for ages 3-6 for the Institution of Teacher Education, Uppsala University in Uppsala, Sweden. Ulla has 30 years of experience within Montessori:

- Montessori teacher and manager with Montessori pre-school for 10 years
- Lecturer, nationally and internationally
- AMI's examiner in England, Germany, Pakistan, Finland, Japan, Korea and USA.
- In addition to a BA in education, AMI Montessori Teacher Training, Ulla has also completed AMI's 4 year methodology teacher training for ages 3-6
- AMI board member

There will be an exhibition of Montessori Materials at the Venue