

August 23 - August 27, 2010

Montessori Summer Seminar

Montessori and Neuroscience: A Natural Partnership

Why?

The Montessori Summer Seminar wishes to offer teachers and trainers the opportunity of deepening their knowledge of current insights into brain development and how these can be connected to the Montessori approach – a brain-based education by definition. Additionally, the seminar has reserved a number of “slots” for historical components: there will be lectures on Montessori’s own development of thought, and visits to Montessori sites of special interest & significance in the Netherlands and Germany.

How?

This 5-day seminar includes lectures with particular emphasis on how the human brain develops and works, and how present-day research corroborates Montessori’s findings.

There will be participatory workshops and moments of “meditation”. The historical components of the seminar are physically linked with visits to Montessori landmarks: the house in Amsterdam where Maria Montessori worked and lived from her return from India until her death, and where her study is being preserved in an authentic state. Visits to Nienhuis, manufacturers of Montessori teaching

materials, and Montessori’s grave in Noordwijk are also included. Participants will be part of an international group, and meet scholars, pedagogues and workshop presenters that will ask thought-provoking questions, and look afresh at received ideas.

For Whom?

This seminar will be excellently suited for educators, teachers and trainers from all countries who wish to deepen their “Montessori insights”, at both abstract and concrete levels.

Who are the organizers?

This Seminar is offered by Hogeschool Edith Stein/OCT, Hengelo in close collaboration with the University of Muenster, and Association Montessori Internationale.

Speakers that have committed so far are Martine Delfos (Netherlands), Froukje Bakker (Netherlands), Esther Grindel (Germany), Liene Hendriksen (Netherlands), Steve Hughes (USA), Fred Kelpin (Netherlands), Lynne Lawrence (United Kingdom), Harald Ludwig (Germany), Sylvia Sarink (Netherlands), Paola Trabalzini (Italy)

The dates?

Monday 23 August - Friday 27 August, 2010

The Programme

Sunday 22 August

Arrival, welcome and get-together

Monday 24 August

Location: Hogeschool Edith Stein

Workshop

“Why Movement Activates the Brain’s Motor Development: Walking the Line from 3-12” by Ms Liene Hendriksen, and Ms Sylvia Sarink, Montessori teacher trainer, specialized in music.

Lecture

“Activity Based Learning, Montessori Education, and Higher Order Cognitive Development.” Dr Steven J. Hughes.

The lecture is followed by discussion.

Lecture

“Education as an Instrument That Switches on the Work of the Brain” Dr Martine F. Delfos.

Personal moments of reflection

“The power of silence”

Tuesday 24 August

Location: Muenster

Lecture

“Recent Montessori Research in Germany – a Survey: Outstanding Achievements by Montessori Students” by Professor Dr Harald Ludwig.

Workshop

“Meeting the Needs of Highly Gifted Children in Montessori Free Work” by Dr Esther Grindel, staff member at the International Centre for Research on highly gifted children (ICBF) at the universities of Muenster and Nijmegen.

Optional:

Visit to the city of Muenster – where the peace treaty of Westphalia was signed (1648), with opportunity to join a special walking tour with English guide.

Personal moments of reflection

Wednesday 25 August

Visits to Montessori schools catering for:

- 2-4 years
- 3-6 years
- 6-12 years
- 12-15 years

A special tour of the Nienhuis Zelhem factory and showroom, followed by a visit to their Montessori museum.

Lecture

“Montessori – A Sustainable Model for Developing Countries”
Lynne Lawrence

Personal moments of reflection

Thursday 26 August

Visit to the grave of Maria Montessori, Noordwijk

Guide: Mr Fred Kelpin.

Lecture

“The Young Montessori: Scientific Formation and Social Commitment” by Paola Trabalzini, Italy. Professor of Aspects of Education in the Education and Training

Sciences degree course at Rome’s La Sapienza University.

Friday 27 August

Visit to AMI, Amsterdam

Visit to the Amsterdam house where Maria Montessori last worked and lived.

Or

Visit to Montessori day care “Two Voices”

Presentation of certificates

The official presentation of the Summer Seminar Certificates will take place at a farewell dinner on Thursday evening, 26 August.

Want to know more?

Have a look at the AMI website under the tab Events/Events highlights for a brief write-up and some photos, or for an impression from one of the 2009 participants go to <http://www.vimeo.com/7518106>

Status of the certification

The awarded certificate is based on 2 ECTS (50 hours). The certificate contains the following text: *Montessori Summer Seminar ‘Montessori and brain based education’*.

The seminar is an in-depth course leading to a certificate that supplements any existing Montessori qualification. The certificate can also be used as evidence of your professional development. If you wish the course to be acknowledged as to part of your study, we advise you to write a daily report and include personal reflections. Whether you can use those reports as part of your regular study is at the discretion of your own college/university.

Registration and application for grant

Procedure

- 1 Fill in the application form on the website: <http://www.edith.nl>
- 2 You will receive a confirmation that you have been pre-registered.
- 3 Investigate the possibilities for an application of a grant outside Europe or within Europe.
- 4 Within Europe you may be eligible for funding within the scope of the Comenius Programme.
 - Request the seminar grant application from your National EU Agency or download it from the website: http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/socrates/comenius/natagenc_en.html
 - Tip: Request a grant without delay! Your country's agency might have an early deadline for a grant.
- 5 As soon as you are informed by your National Agency that you are eligible for a grant, please inform the coordinator: Ms Liene Hendriksen by email: internationaloffice@edith.nl
- 6 Deadline for application: April 1, 2010. A limited number of places is available.
- 7 In the first week of May you will receive confirmation of your final registration, a detailed programme and a list of participants.

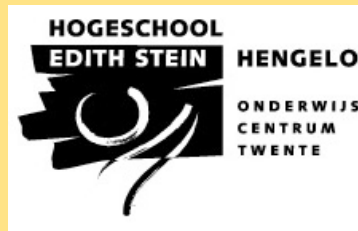
Registration becomes final upon payment of 20% of the total fees.
This registration fee is non-refundable.

Seminar Fees

The seminar fees are Euro 1,580 and cover tuition fees, all transportation, accommodation, and meals throughout the week.

The registration fee (20%) needs to be paid before April 1, 2010.

The balance of Euro 1,264 needs to be paid before June 1, 2010.



APPLICATION FORM MONTESSORI SUMMER SEMINAR 2010
HOGESCHOOL EDITH STEIN TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE/OCT

The undersigned would like to register for the following activity

1.	Title of the course:	Montessori Summer Seminar
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Family name:	Mr. / Ms.*	
Maiden name:		
Given Name (as in passport):		
Given Name, if different from above		
Date of birth:		Place of birth:
Home address:		
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Telephone number:		
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Invoice address:	School / home*	
Signature:		
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Date of completion:		

* = please cross out options that do not apply.

As soon as you have returned the completed form, a non-refundable registration fee of 20% will apply. The full fee is payable no later than May 1, 2010. There is no restitution of fees for cancellations received after that date.

Please return this form fully completed and signed to:
educatievediensten@edith.nl or internationaloffice@edith.nl