



## **SEMINAR FORMAT/Elementary level**

*The Seminar Format planned for the Elementary level is subject to satisfactory enrolment.*

The Seminar Format of the Training of Trainers Programme comprises the following:

- Attendance at the five seminars (see dates below) & submission of written assignments
- Course Cycle 1: full-time attendance on an academic-year course, sitting through the lectures/presentations and gaining experience of the practical aspects of the course
- Course Cycle 2: full-time attendance on a course, either summer or academic-year, with the same Director of Training as for Course Cycle 1, lecturing to the students under the guidance and supervision of the Director of Training & continuing to gain experience of the practical aspects of the course

*Satisfactory completion of all six seminars, course cycles 1 & 2, and acceptance of the written assignments entitles the trainer-in-training to Auxiliary Trainer status.*

The final phase of training consists of independent work on the part of the trainer-in-training on research papers.

*Upon successful completion of this phase, Trainer status is granted.*

### **The Seminars**

The seminars will be international in character.

- They will be conducted by AMI Trainers from around the globe.
- Participants are expected to hail from many different countries, bringing with them a rich tapestry of languages and cultures.

### **Dates**

- 1<sup>st</sup> seminar: October 7 - 18, 2013 [2 weeks]
- 2<sup>nd</sup> seminar: March 24 - April 4, 2014 [2 weeks]
- 3<sup>rd</sup> seminar: October 20 - 31, 2014 [2 weeks]
- 4<sup>th</sup> seminar: March 2 - 13, 2015 [2 weeks]
- 5<sup>th</sup> seminar: October 5 - 16, 2015 [2 weeks]
- 6<sup>th</sup> seminar: February 29 - March 12, 2016 [2 weeks]

### **Tuition Fee**

For the series of seminars there is a tuition fee of Euro 5,000, payable in three instalments.

### **Additional Costs**

The trainer-in-training is responsible for his/her own costs incurred for travel, accommodation, meals, day-to-day living expenses, books and study materials for the series of seminars as well as for the practical training periods.

### **Venues**

The seminar sessions in 2013, 2014 and 2015 will be held at the Washington Montessori Institute.

The final session will be held at the AMI premises in Amsterdam.



### **Eligibility**

Requirements for prospective candidates:

- An AMI Elementary diploma
- An AMI Primary diploma \*
- Five years of teaching experience, three of which are consecutive, in an Elementary class where the Montessori principles and practice are fully implemented; when the experience is not in a 6-12 class, a combination of experience working with lower (6-9) and upper (9-12) elementary aged children is required
- A university degree

\* A tuition-free place on an AMI Primary course can be offered to a candidate for the Seminar Format at the Elementary level who has already been through the application process and been provisionally accepted for training.

Participation in the seminars fulfils the requirement of the *year away*, and as such the seminars are also open to trainers-in-training on the regular Training of Trainers Programme.



### **Contingency Clause**

In the event that the trainer-in-training would miss one or more seminars, regardless of the circumstances, in order to fulfil the requirements and become an AMI trainer, it would be necessary to complete the training on the regular Programme.

### **Making an Application**

The first step towards making an application is to send your curriculum vitae to the Training Group at AMI ([trainingoftrainers@montessori-ami.org](mailto:trainingoftrainers@montessori-ami.org))