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AMI Pavilion at the Congress

It is just weeks until we all gather in Portland for the International Montessori Congress. The congress committee and volunteers have been doing a fabulous job of organising, scheduling and planning the hundreds of details that go into hosting an event for 2000 people. We are thrilled to have a central place, near the registration desk at the main entrance to the convention centre, for an AMI Pavilion to showcase the work of AMI.

We are writing to invite you to help us find volunteers for the Pavilion, and identify and send photographs for display.

Call for volunteers at the Pavilion

We hope that you will join us in hosting the AMI pavilion – we want the journey to be interactive. It would therefore be wonderful if representatives of the affiliates, EsF participants from the past three assemblies and AMI trainers volunteer to join the AMI staff in the pavilion for a shift during the congress. The exhibit will be “open” for visitors before each programming day begins, during breaks throughout the day and for a time at the close of each day.

Please RSVP to Glenn Goodfellow (glenn@montessoricongress.org) and Jacquie Maughan (JMaughan@PacificCrest.org) to let us know the representatives from your organisation or training centre that will be available. We will then create a roster of volunteers and schedules.

The pavilion exhibit will feature the three pillars of our work, each with a large column for display surrounded by table-counters: **Legacy, Capacity, and Outreach**. The columns will form a walkway through the pavilion for the congress participants to see the story of AMI unfold.

LEGACY:

The legacy area will zoom in on the 1913-2013 centenary of international training courses and feature the newly published lectures from Maria Montessori’s first International Training Course, given in Rome. In addition, the small diary that Dr Montessori wrote during her first voyage to America in 1913 will be on show. This area will feature the Maria Montessori House in Amsterdam and plans for its development as a centre of study and a museum.

CAPACITY:

The Capacity section will display AMI training brochures from each level, a sample album from each level, information on all of the International Affiliated Societies and a table featuring the US affiliates. We will also exhibit photos and slide shows of schools and classrooms and events hosted by the affiliates around the globe.

OUTREACH:

Included will be the Aid to Life materials, a portion on the rights of the child and Montessori’s defence of those rights as well as the work of Educateurs sans Frontières (EsF), global projects and the newly formed Montessori Institute for the Science of Peace, the adolescent division of EsF.

Call for photographs

In addition to this walk-through exhibit with slide shows we will have wall space surrounding the pavilion on which we can tell the visual story of AMI's work through inspiring photos of children.

For this project we are seeking high-quality images of Montessori children at work, and it would be wonderful to have some photos from your educational community. Anything that highlights the local culture and geography of your country will be of special interest.

An important reminder is that the file-size and quality of the photos must be very good because these images need to be blown up. Lastly, because these images will be used in a public display, we interpret your photo submissions as confirmation that you have the rights to use them. If you are uncertain, please consult with relevant photographers, and people that have the legal responsibility for the children in the photograph(s) that permission is given.

To aid in this process, we've created a DropBox account, allowing you to quickly upload large files. It can be accessed here: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ygerdog0w1hr7ot/vE1GGw4aLp>

You will see a screen as shown below, and can upload your images directly into the DropBox. You can also create your own folder. Something to consider is that if you do not set up your own folder, the files should be named in such a manner that they can be easily identified.



Please send your photographs before 1 July.

We look forward to seeing you at the Congress and to showcasing the work of AMI.

Kind regards,



Lynne Lawrence
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Association Montessori Internationale