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The Association Montessori Internationale announces with deep sorrow the death of Miss Veronica Ryan in April 1966. She was one of the most capable and enthusiastic Montessori workers in Ireland and gave a great contribution to the spreading of the movement in her country and abroad.

Born in 1922, she took a Montessori Training Course in 1945 in Ireland. From that moment she devoted the best of her energies to the child. Starting as a young, promising teacher in one of the Montessori schools near Dublin, she decided in 1951 to open a Montessori class in her own home. Soon the number of young pupils became too large for the premises. A Children's House was built on the grounds of her parents' estate. It was a lovely little school and whoever visited it was charmed by the well prepared environment and the happiness and the proficiency of the children.

She was an active member of the Irish Montessori Society from 1946 till 1966 and she attended regularly the international congresses and study conferences organized by the Association Montessori Internationale, of which she was an ardent promotor. No one would have imagined that the beautiful, smart young woman who charmed all who met her at our last Congress in 1964 would be so cruelly and so suddenly snatched away from life.

The R. C. Montessori Training Course of the Dominican Convent at Sion Hill, with which she collaborated, the Federation of Montessori Teachers and the Association of Montessori Directresses of which she was a member, will greatly miss her lively and valuable support, as certainly will A. M. I. who had chosen her as one of their international examiners and in 1964 had already sent her as their delegate to the United States of America.

With great respect, sympathy and sadness A. M. I. commemorates Veronica Ryan, one of their most loved members.