

## APPRECIATION!

A.M.I. is very much aware of its short-comings — we are often criticized about various sorts of things. Praise, however, is seldom received. It was, therefore, a pleasant surprise to receive a very positive report about a consultation visit to one of the A.M.I.-accredited schools in the U.S.A. We quote from the letter:

“On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to express our appreciation for the concept and quality of the A.M.I. Consultation Program.

The obvious extensive experience, in both teaching in the Montessori classroom and administration of Montessori schools, enabled the Consultant to have a perspective of the whole and the parts that made her comments and recommendations extremely helpful to us.

She has demonstrated the ability to come into a situation and immediately grasp the present status. She made perceptive comments and recommendations for changes. We felt this consultation experience will enhance the Montessori program of our individual school and will improve Montessori programs wherever the Consultant will go.

We also wish to commend you on the quality of the Consultation Program. As we experienced it, the Consultation Program is a meaningful accreditation process. As a result of the visit we have not only our notes from her meeting with this Board but also her report detailing the specifics of her findings and recommendations.

Thank you for providing a useful tool in the form of the A.M.I. Consultation Program and such a highly qualified individual to conduct the Consultation. We look forward to the continuing improvement of our Montessori program and your continued assistance in reaching our goals.”

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the A.M.I. will take place on Saturday the 25th April 1987 at 1 o'clock at 57 Nes, Amsterdam, Holland (the same venue used for the last four years). Directions to reach this address appear on page 11 of *Communications* 1986 No. 1.

The Agenda and confirmation of the time and venue will be published in the first issue of *Communications* for 1987. Members who have any special items they wish to have discussed at the meeting are requested to submit their points to Head Office before the 1st February 1987.

As reported in the minutes of the General Meeting of the 5th April 1986 (see *Communications* 1986 No. 2/3 page 6) reports from the Affiliated Societies and the Training Centres will be presented. As there are several Training Centres in the U.S.A. this should be a combined report. Items of interest from other Montessori sources will also be welcome.

**May we request that reports (if possible in English) from both the Affiliated Societies and the Training Centres be sent to reach Head Office by the 1st February 1987.**