

Report on the Activities of the MM 75 Fund in 1998



1998 was a year of celebration – the year in which we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the birth of Mario Montessori and the 25th anniversary of the MM 75 Fund. It was a year when the trustees reflected on the roots of the non-profit foundation under their stewardship and planned for its future.

The full board of trustees met twice in 1998, in April and again in September. The allocation of funds to people on the Training of Trainers Programme was discussed in June and in September.

Financial Assistance to Trainees in the Training of Trainers Programme

In the past year, the main work of the Fund remained the financial assistance given to trainees on the Training of Trainers Programme. In 1998, a total of five trainees benefited from the MM 75 Fund.

The following is an account of the monies paid out in 1998 as compared to payments made in 1997:

	1998	1997
Loans	NLG 99,626.00	NLG 88,884.00
Grants	NLG 114,827.00	NLG 71,570.00
Total	NLG 214,453.00	NLG 160,454.00

The Archives

With the financial help of the MM 75 Fund, the photocopying of all of Maria Montessori's papers was completed and the originals were housed with a company specialising in the storage of archives. It was also decided to assist with the work of the archives of Mario Montessori – work which commenced in the latter part of 1998.

The International Study Centre

At the request of the AMI Executive Committee, the trustees agreed to release approximately NLG 5,000 for a preliminary investigation in Spain regarding the establishment of the International Study Centre in that country.

Gifts to the Fund

While the number of people who generously supported the Fund in 1998 remained steady when compared to 1997, the total amount of money received, NLG 211,954.00, had dropped a little. Nonetheless, the trustees are very grateful for each and every donation received. The third instalment of the generous donation being made over a period of five years by Mr. and Mrs. N. Oppenheimer greatly facilitated the provision of financial help for trainees in the Training of Trainers Programme.

Looking to the future, the trustees are encouraged by the number of applications from trainees on the Training of Trainers Programme, as assisting people to become AMI Trainers is one of the main objectives of the MM 75 Fund.

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