

## Announcements



### **MARIE-LOUISE PASQUIER DIES**

Marie-Louise Pasquier, president of the Association Montessori de France from 1986 until 2002, died very suddenly on October 22. She is remembered for her life-long and passionate dedication to Montessori education in general and particularly to Montessori in France.

A full obituary will appear in *Communications* 1, 2006.



### **PILOT PROJECT ASSISTANTS TO INFANCY TRAINING OF TRAINERS PROGRAMME**

The Sponsoring Committee is delighted to announce that the Pilot Project now also includes training at the Assistants to Infancy level.

More information, including a downloadable brochure, can be had from our website [www.montessori-ami.org/training/trainers.htm](http://www.montessori-ami.org/training/trainers.htm).

Interested candidates are invited to send their c.v. to:

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### **NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The next Annual General Meeting of AMI will take place on Saturday, April 22, 2006 at 14.00 hrs. The Agenda, confirmation of the time and directions on how to reach the venue will be published in the first issue of *Communications* for 2006.

#### **Hotel Reservations**

If you are planning on attending the Annual General Meeting, it may be advisable to make your hotel reservations without delay, as the tourist season is picking up around that time of the year.

## ANNUAL REFRESHER COURSE 2006

The Joint Annual Refresher Course organised by AMI/USA and AMI-EAA is planned for February 17-21, 2006 and will take place in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The Refresher Course, catering for the three age-levels features the following speakers and topics:

Assistants to Infancy—"Optimizing the A-I Prepared Environment"  
by Patricia Wallner

Primary—"Language as a Means"  
by Lynne Lawrence

Elementary—"Montessori Language as a Springboard into Exploration"  
by Jean K. Miller, Ph.D

Lynne Lawrence is also delivering the keynote lecture, open to the general public. Her "Universal Vision of Montessori" will address such topics as what the school experience should provide—compliance to mandated standards and written reports, or a solid, holistic education? According to the Montessori vision, the essence of education is to serve and support the child in fulfillment of his human potential.

Furthermore, the Refresher caters for Administrative Workshops and an Assistants Workshop led by Janet McDonell titled "Assisting in the Montessori Environment—Theory into Practice."

On-line registration is available through the AMI website ([www.montessori-ami.org](http://www.montessori-ami.org)), from where a brochure can also be downloaded.



## CONFERENCE MEXICO

Centro de Estudios de Educación Montessori, Mexico City, continues a twelve-year-old tradition: the organisation of a yearly Montessori conference. Next year's conference will be held from March 8-11, and will take place in Morelia, in the state of Michocán, about 300 km from Mexico City. For further details, please contact [cee\\_montessori@infosel.net.mx](mailto:cee_montessori@infosel.net.mx) or [uli@prodigy.net.mx](mailto:uli@prodigy.net.mx).

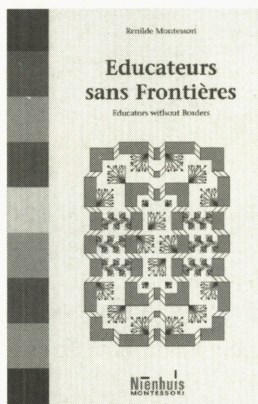
## EDUCATEURS SANS FRONTIÈRES

Renilde Montessori's original English manuscript of *Educateurs sans Frontières* is now available in a paperback edition and is sold through Nienhuis Montessori ([www.nienhuis.com](http://www.nienhuis.com)). She recalls how the book came to be written.

In 1997 I visited the offices of Desclée de Brouwer in Paris to discuss some publishing matters with regard to Maria Montessori's books.

During a pleasant chat with the charming gentleman then in charge I told him about the newly hatched concept of *Educateurs sans Frontières*. After listening attentively for some time, he suddenly acquired the intent, faraway look of a hunting dog who has caught a scent. I waited politely until he returned to the here-and-now, which he did, surprising me with a peremptory, no-question-about-it command: 'You shall write a book about this.' I replied 'But, cher monsieur, I have never written a book in my life, nor do I have any desire to do so, certainly not in French. Besides, there are far too many books in the world already.' He paid no heed whatsoever and said 'You may write it in English. We have an excellent translator.

Au revoir.' Being brought up to obedience, joyful or not, what could one do before this amazing show of implacability but write the book as instructed?



## AUSTRALIANS ORGANISE A MONTESSORI STUDY TOUR

The Inaugural Montessori Study Tour is latching on to the Centenary celebrations in January 2007. It will be leaving Australia early January to be in Rome for the opening celebrations. From Italy the group will visit the Netherlands, France and England before returning home to start the new school year. The tour will include visits to significant places within the history of Montessori as well as time for sightseeing and relaxing with friends.

For more information about the Study Tour please e-mail  
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