



REGGIO CHILDREN

Presents

*The Reggio Emilia Approach to Education:
Experiences in Dialogue*

in collaboration with

***AECES
and
EtonHouse Education Centre***

***4-6th of March 2010
Novotel Clarke Quay, Singapore***

Programme and Registration Form

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Why should you participate?

This conference differs from traditional conferences in that it presents a unique opportunity for educators in the Asia Pacific region to listen to and engage with representatives directly from Reggio Emilia, Italy

The opportunity also exists for conference participants to form networks with other educators in the Asia Pacific region to further support your ongoing understanding of the educational project of Reggio Emilia

About Reggio Emilia

Hailed by *Newsweek* magazine as being amongst the best forms of early childhood education in the world, the Reggio Emilia approach which originated after World War II in Northern Italy is recognized world-wide for its innovative approach to education. From 4th to 6th March 2010, representatives of Reggio Children will be visiting the Asia Pacific region and will be available to speak to a conference of early childhood professionals. This would be a significant milestone for the early childhood sector not only in Singapore but also in the region.

This conference will include speakers from Reggio Children who will be presenting the context of the town of Reggio Emilia, Italy; projects from the Reggio Emilia schools and the principles and philosophies of the educational projects. It will also include respected international speakers and educators from the early childhood field to share with the participants their experiences and best practice to strengthen the quality of early childhood provisions in Singapore and the region.



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How did this conference initiative occur?

"I have an idea about coming to Singapore, because of the importance of the experiences that are taking place in the context with children, teachers and parents. Many are the requests that Reggio Children received and still receives from the Asia Pacific area about creating networks of exchanges and experiences among educators. Think about the idea and let us know if you think it would work."

so said Amelia Gambetti to EtonHouse representatives attending an intensive study week on documentation in Reggio Emilia, Italy, October 2009. From that time until the present, representatives of EtonHouse and AECES have worked tirelessly to bring this idea to fruition. With the assistance of many individuals in Singapore and Italy, we are proud to invite your collaboration in this unique experience. **The conference is a not-for-profit initiative by the organizers, the proceeds of the same if any will be used towards supporting a charity on the well-being of young children.**



Amelia Gambetti

Amelia Gambetti was an educator in the Reggio Emilia Municipal Preschools for 25 years. Currently she is one of the five members of the Board of Directors of Preschools and Infant Toddler Centres Istituzione of the Municipality of Reggio Emilia.

She is part of Reggio Children/International Centre Loris Malaguzzi Managing Committee She is currently the International Network Coordinator for Reggio Children, responsible for promotion and development of initiatives, while she continues to be the US Liaison for Consultancy to Schools. She provides leadership and guidance to schools in North America. Among them for example: Boulder, CO; San Francisco and Santa Monica, CA; St. Paul, MN; Miami, FL; Greenville, SC; Atlanta, GA; Toronto in Canada. Amelia was a visiting lecturer at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst from 1992-1993.

Amelia is a member of the World Forum Foundation and is on the Editorial Board of Innovations in Early Education: The International Reggio Exchange. She is also a distinguished contributor to Child Care Information Exchange. She has played a key role in the creation and development of The Hundred Languages of Children exhibit that has brought Reggio Emilia to thousands of people. Currently she also coordinates the new exhibit, a North American version of the "The Wonder of Learning - The Hundred Languages of Children."



Emanuela Vercalli

Emanuela Vercalli has a background in Languages and a Conservatory Degree in Piano. She has been working at Reggio Children since 2000 within the International Exchanges. She is particularly involved in the Reggio Children International Network Coordination together with Amelia Gambetti. She was part of the World Forum on Early Care and Education organization as National Representative for Italy.

She has been coordinating the exhibition, "The Hundred Languages of Children" and its versions in five different languages since 2003 for Reggio Children. Currently she also coordinates the new exhibit "The Wonder of Learning - The Hundred Languages of Children".

Emanuela has been a child inside one of the infant toddler centres and one of the preschools of the Istituzione infant toddler centres and preschools – Municipality of Reggio Emilia, Italy.

She is currently part of the Reggio Children/International Centre Loris Malaguzzi Managing Committee.

International Speaker Network:

Reggio Children has personally invited colleagues from their International network to participate in this conference initiative in Singapore.

The International speakers (from the USA, Sweden and Australia) have all been in dialogue and in contact with the Reggio approach for many years. They work within organisations that provide professional development initiatives (in collaboration with Reggio Emilia) and that have developed out of their own experiences in dialogue with the schools in Reggio Emilia.

We invite you to explore the following website addresses to discover more about the organisations to be represented as part of this Singapore conference.

NAREA (North American Reggio Emilia Alliance), Atlanta, Georgia

www.reggioalliance.org/narea/whats_new.php

Reggio Emilia Institutet in Stockholm, Sweden

www.reggioemilia.se

International Network at REAIE (The Reggio Emilia Australia Information Exchange)

www.reaie.org.au

Specific International speaker biography details will be emailed to registered participants as soon as they become available.



Photo taken in Reggio Emilia -October 2009

Program 4-6th March 2010

Venue: Phoenix Ballroom, Level 6, The Novotel, Clarke Quay, Singapore

Thursday, 4th March 2010

- 12:00 p.m. Registration
- 1:30 p.m. Conference opening and welcome address
- 2 p.m. Introduction to the context of the town of Reggio Emilia; to Reggio Children and to the International Centre Loris Malaguzzi
- Introduction to the principles of the educational project of the Reggio Emilia philosophy.
- Amelia Gambetti and Emanuela Vercalli
- 3:30 p.m. Tea Break
- 4 p.m. Continuation of presentation
- 5 p.m. Closing for the day



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Friday, 5th March 2010

- 8:30 a.m. Centre/School visits
Assembling of participants at the hotel foyer (ground floor)
- 9:00 a.m. Departure for centre visits
Buses will leave promptly to allow maximum available time in selected settings.

Host centres have been invited specifically because of their interest in and attempts to practice aspects of the Reggio Emilia approach to early education. Participants will visit one (1) preschool/International school settings within the time period
- 12 p.m. Return to the venue
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 2 p.m. Opening interactions and participant reflections

Research for innovation in Reggio Emilia: Learning experiences and projects with children, teachers and parents.

Amelia Gambetti
- 3:30 p.m. Afternoon tea
- 4 p.m. Comments, reflections and conversations amongst working groups.
This provides an opportunity for participants to learn with and from each other and to establish possible networks to continue professional conversations after the conference.
- 5 p.m. Closing for the day



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Saturday, 6th March 2010

- 9 a.m. Interactions and participant reflections: Opportunities to share our thoughts and ideas about what we have seen, listened to and reflected upon as part of our conference experience.
- 9:30 a.m. Dialogue and presentations of experiences from Reggio Children International networks.
- 11 a.m. Morning tea followed by reflections, comments and conversations with participants
- 11:30 a.m. Dialogue and presentations of experiences from Reggio Children International networks
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Presentation of learning experiences from Reggio Emilia infant toddler centres and preschools by Amelia Gambetti.
- 3 p.m. Tea
- 3:30 p.m. Comments, reflections and conversations with participants
- 5 p.m. Conference closing



THE REGGIO EMILIA APPROACH TO EDUCATION: EXPERIENCES IN DIALOGUE

REGISTRATION FORM

Please print Parts A to D and return these with your payment.
Please complete one form per registration.

Date: 4 to 6 March 2010

Venue: Novotel Singapore Clarke Quay
Level 6, Phoenix Ballroom, 177A, River Valley Road, Singapore 179031

Part A: Details of Applicant

Surname: _____

Given Name: _____

(Please print clearly and indicate preferred name to appear on the name tag.)

Singapore NRIC/FIN no.: _____

Passport number (for overseas participants): _____

AECES Membership Number (if applicable) : _____ or Etonhouse Educator: (Yes / No)

Position Held: _____

Name of Centre /Organisation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Tel: _____ E-mail: _____

Please tick below the closest match to your current place of employment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Child care | <input type="checkbox"/> Kindergarten | <input type="checkbox"/> International school/preschool | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playgroup | <input type="checkbox"/> Student care | <input type="checkbox"/> Training Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry/Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lecturer | <input type="checkbox"/> Student | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent | <input type="checkbox"/> Others _____ |

Special Diet Request (if any)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian | <input type="checkbox"/> Halal |
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REGISTRATION FORM

Please print Parts A to D and return these with your payment.
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Part B: Conference Fees

Please note the extended early bird dates to 8 Feb 2010.

Category	Date of Registration	Fee
AECES members (Singapore) or EtonHouse educators	Before 8 th Feb 2010	<input type="checkbox"/> SGD 295
Early Bird Registration (Singapore)	Before 8 th Feb 2010	<input type="checkbox"/> SGD 325
Early Bird Registration (Overseas)	Before 8 th Feb 2010	<input type="checkbox"/> SGD 500
Late Registration	After 8 th Feb 2010	<input type="checkbox"/> SGD 600

Part C: Method of Payment

By Bank Draft/ Cheque/ Telegraphic Transfer in Singapore Dollars drawn on a bank in Singapore and made payable to "AECES".

Bank Draft/Cheque No: _____ Issuing bank _____

Telegraphic Transfer: DBS Bank Limited, 6 Shenton Way, DBS Bldg, Singapore 068809
Bank/Swift code: 7171, Branch code: 004, Bank account no.: 004-014495-3

Please send the Registration Form (Parts A to D) together with Bank Draft/Cheque/Telegraphic Transfer details to :

AECES
Blk 18 Hougang Ave 3 #01-159, Singapore 530018.
or Fax: +65-6281 4328

**** Full registration payment must be made to confirm your registration.**

Part D: Centres/Schools Visits (5 March 2010) Registration

Participants are entitled to one (1) Centre/School visit. Please refer to the list of centres/schools overleaf and indicate your first and second preference.

First preference: _____ Second preference: _____

Please note the following:

* Centre/School visits will only proceed subject to sufficient demand.

* Places are limited to a **maximum** of 20 participants per group.

* Many centres have a **no photography policy**. We request that conference delegates respect this request when they are visiting.

* Access to the centres is via conference pre-registration and no visitor will be allowed access into the centres unless a member of the pre-registered centre visit and arriving in conference buses.

Name of Centre / School	Address
Canadian International School	371 Tanjong Katong Road, Singapore 437128 www.cis.edu.sg
Chatsworth International School East Campus	25 Jalan Tembusu, Singapore 438234 www.chatsworthkindergarten.com
Child at Street 11	Blk 102, Ang Mo Kio Ave 3 #01-1429, Singapore 560102 www.street11.org.sg
Creative O Preschoolers' Bay	31, International Business Park, #02-01, Singapore 609921 www.creative-o.com.sg
EtonHouse International Pre-School (Orchard)	2 Orchard Boulevard, Singapore 248643 www.etonhouse.com.sg
EtonHouse Vanda Pre-School	1 Vanda Road, Singapore 287771 www.etonhouse.com.sg
EtonHouse 764 Mountbatten Road Pre-School	764 Mountbatten Road, Singapore 437764 www.etonhouse.com.sg
Little Village Child Development Centre	41 Grange Road, Singapore 239704 www.littlevillage.com.sg
St. James' Church Kindergarten	29 Harding Road, Singapore 249537 www.sjck.org.sg
St. Joseph's Institution International	490 Thomson Road, Singapore 298191 www.sji-international.com.sg
The Australian International School	1 Lorong Chuan, Singapore 55681 www.ais.com.sg
The Caterpillar's Cove	535 Clementi Road, Blk 53, Level 3, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Singapore 599489 www.thecaterpillar'scove.com.sg
The Preparatory Place	40/42 Fernhill Road, Singapore 259101 www.theprepplace.com.sg

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Part E: General Conditions

Registration & Payment:

Registration will be confirmed upon receipt of the registration form and payment. All payment must reach AECES **before commencement of the conference or before the early bird date to enjoy special discounts.**

Your registration incorporates 2.5 days of conference attendance. Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis. There will be no refund of payment made for conference registration fees. Please send the Registration Form (Parts A to D) together with Bank Draft/ Cheque/ Telegraphic Transfer details to:

AECES
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(Fax: +65-6281 4328)

Please note: The programme of the conference is accurate at the time of printing. However, changes may occur due to unforeseen circumstances, for which the organizers cannot be held responsible.

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Part F: Suggested Hotels

The following accommodation options are included to assist you in making arrangements for your stay in Singapore. Participants are asked to please organize their own accommodation.

Hotel Name	Classification	Website & Online Booking contact
Novotel, Clarke Quay	Four/Five star	www.novotelclarkequay.com.sg, reservations@novotelclarkequay.com.sg
Peninsula Excelsior Hotel	Three Star	www.ytchotels.com.sg , pe.reservation@ytchotels.com.sg
Albert Court Hotel	Three star	www.stayvillage.com, reseasy@fareast.com.sg
Allson Hotel	Three star	www.allsonhotelsingapore.com allson.res@pacific.net.sg
Bayview Hotel	Three star	www.bayviewhotels.com/singapore, bayviewsingapore@bayviewhotels.com
Carlton Hotel	Four / Five star	www.carltonhotel.sg, mail@carltonhotel.sg
Citadines Singapore Mount Sophia	Four / Five star	www2.citadines.com, enquiry.singapore@citadines.com
Fairmont Singapore	Four / Five star	www.fairmont.com, singapore@fairmont.com
Fort Canning Lodge	Three star	www.ywcafclodge.org.sg, reservations@ywcafclodge.org.sg

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Hotel Name	Classification	Website & Online Booking contact
Gallery Hotel	Four / Five star	www.galleryhotel.com.sg reservations@galleryhotel.com.sg
Golden Landmark Hotel	Four / Five star	www.goldenlandmark.com.sg reaseasy@fareast.com.sg
Grand Park City Hall	Four / Five star	www.parkhotelgroup.com info_gpch@parkhotelgroup.com
Hotel Inter-Continental	Four / Five star	www.singapore.intercontinental.com sinhb-resvn@interconti.com
Hotel Royal @ Queens	Four / Five star	www.royalqueens.com.sg info@royalqueens.com.sg
Hotel Ibis Singapore on Bencoolen	Three star	www.accorhotels.com h6657@accor.com
Metropolitan YMCA	Budget class	www.mymca.org.sg rooms@mymca.org.sg
Naumi	Four / Five star	www.naumihotel.com naumiaide@naumihotel.com
Oxford Hotel	Three star	www.oxfordhotel.com.sg reservation@oxfordhotel.com.sg
Parkroyal on Beach Hotel	Three star	www.parkroyalhotels.com reservations@br.parkroyalhotels.com
Raffles Hotel	Four / Five star	www.affles.com singapore@affles.com
Rendezvous Hotel	Three star	www.rendezvoushotels.com/singapore, reservations@rendezvous.com.sg
Swissotel The Stamford	Four / Five star	www.swissotel.com reservations.singapore@swissotel.com
SIM Global Education Campus	Budget class	www.sim.edu.sg janegoh@sim.edu.sg

Alternatively, for the hotels mentioned above, you can choose to book online through the Singapore Hotels & Resorts Internet Reservation Office website. <http://hotels.online.com.sg>.

You could also visit the Singapore Tourism Board website for information on Singapore. <http://www.visitsingapore.com.sg>.

Part G: Map and general information on the venue

Novotel Singapore Clarke Quay
Level 6, Phoenix Ballroom,
177A, River Valley Road, Singapore 179031

www.novotelclarkequay.com.sg

Telephone: 6338 3333

Expressway

Central Expressway

Nearest MRT

North East Line-NE5
Clarke Quay MRT station

Bus Service

Along River Valley Rd:
32, 54 and 195

Along Clemenceau:
64,123,143

Car Park

Liang Court Car Park

