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**Dear Network Members and Network Interested,**

We would like to invite you to read this year's eighth edition of crnews. As usual, for feedback, criticism and comments as well as any information input, please use the e-mail addresses: [crnews@eufund.de](mailto:crnews@eufund.de) or [info@enmcr.net](mailto:info@enmcr.net). If you do not wish to receive this newsletter any longer, please send a message with the subject "unsubscribe crnews" to either one of the above addresses.

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## **General News:**

### **Internal**

At the moment, ENMCR is organising a public event on Children's Rights in science, practice and politics in Germany and Europe. It will take place in Berlin on Thursday, September 29, 2005. On September 30, 2005 an internal ENMCR meeting will be held.

The conference is being organised jointly with the European Information Centre ([www.eu-infozentrum-berlin.de](http://www.eu-infozentrum-berlin.de)) which is located in the same building as our coordination office. The conference will serve the network to become more known in the "Child Rights Scene". Practitioners from the child and youth sector (NGOs, representatives of public institutions) have been invited to voice their needs as to what kind of academic qualification is required for successfully implementing children's rights in practical work. The German youth press service has already stated its interest in also participating in the event.

Effective participation possibilities for children and youth shall be discussed and in an evening panel discussion with politicians from Germany and the European Union a broader public audience should be sensitized for the implementation of the rights of the child. Especially "neuralgic" points of the UNCRC will be discussed.

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### **External**

#### **"Ready Steady Change"- publication of set of tools and trainings for child participation**

The Children's Rights Alliance for England has launched a comprehensive set of training and tools - called "Ready Steady Change" - to achieve children's and young people's effective participation in decision-making. The materials' main pack includes two training handbooks (one for training adult decision-makers; the other for training children and young people), a DVD of participation in practice, and promotional materials. A wide selection of handouts are included, including rights and the law, top 10 facts about the Convention on the Rights of the Child, dreamers and visionaries, and messages from research.

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#### **"Article 2: Youth for a Change" Voices of Youth Newsletter**

Children from the Voices of Youth UNICEF forum have recently launched an online Newsletter called "Article 2: Youth for a Change", to connect youth all over the world, make their voices heard, and raise awareness as well as take action on important problems that affect world-wide teenagers: poverty, education, war, HIV/AIDS, violence, social exclusion, etc.

Over the last year, young people from different countries and cultures have gathered together on the forum, and discussed world problems and new ways of getting involved. They ended up creating a new youth group, named "Article2", whose goal is to build a better future for the planet, by using young people's ideas, talents and personal skills.

For more information, contact: Article 2 Team, Voices of Youth UNICEF Forum  
Email: [article2\\_youth\\_for\\_a\\_change@hotmail.com](mailto:article2_youth_for_a_change@hotmail.com) Website: <http://www.article2.8k.com>

#### **"Investment and Citizenship: Towards Transdisciplinary Dialogue in Child and Youth" Conference in Ontario, Canada**

Brock University invites participants to submit abstracts for the conference: "Investment and Citizenship: Towards Transdisciplinary Dialogue in Child and Youth", to be held from 19-21 July 2006 in Ontario, Canada. This conference will be hosted by the Department of Child and Youth

Studies at Brock University and dedicated to exploring the current children's rights discourse from multiple perspectives. While acknowledging that Canada is falling behind many of its OECD partners in important areas of promoting and implementing the CRC, this conference is dedicated to bringing together children and young people from local, national and international groups, scholars, Convention experts and individuals from other cultural and legal contexts, as well as those from various disciplinary perspectives. One of the conference's primary goals is to foster an emerging 'transdisciplinary knowledge exchange' and provide opportunities for further collaboration.

The deadline for submissions is 12 September 2005.

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### **Regional Workshop for Children's Media Initiatives to Further Child Rights in South and Central Asia**

The Regional Workshop for Children's Media Initiatives to further Child Rights in South and Central Asia, which took place in Kathmandu from the 17 to 21 of July 2005, provided children with a forum to meet, share, build linkages and learn from each other's experiences in child-led media. 26 children from 6 different countries participated in the event. They wanted to change the common perception that adults have about children to show that children do have opinions and they want to be heard. They voiced their opinions and concerns through media, ranging from newspaper, TV, film, internet and radio to puppetry and theatre.

This workshop has been designed to provide children with a forum to meet and learn from each other's experiences in child led media. An exhibition of media produced by children at the workshop was organised on 20th July. The workshop has been video documented by two girl children who are from Pokhara, who have been trained in film making and have already produced films on children's rights.

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### **Iberoamerican communication prizes for the rights of childhood and youth**

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) have written out the 5th edition of the iberoamerican communication prize for the rights of childhood and youth. The prizes are awarded biannually for five different categories: Print media, radio, television, design, children's TV and a prize on communication on AIDS/HIV. The presented projects must be related to one of the topics in the iberoamerican geographical area. The initiative started in 1998, the organizers have awarded various journalists and communicators who actively promote the rights of the child and youth. By this, the prizes promote further journalistic research on the subject of children's rights and that the subject is more present in the media and therefore find more attention also in the public and political sector. The next prizes will be awarded on November 20 2005 in Panamá City. For more information please visit: <http://www.uniceflac.org/premios/esp/index.php?codigo=convo>

### **600 Children Meet for the World Summit in Japan**

Nairobi/Nagoya (25 July 2005) - Around 600 children aged 10 -14 from 65 countries gathered in Aichi Prefecture, Japan for the first ever Children's World Summit for the Environment. The 600 children were selected from over 2,000 applicants, based on the environmental projects of their schools and organisations. They shared their experiences and voiced their concerns on the importance of the environment in achieving the Millennium Development Goals. From 26 to 29 July, each day focused on a different theme - Energy, Biodiversity, Water, and Recycling. In addition, the Junior Board, which is made up of 11 children who guide the event, decided to draft a petition to governments and business leaders, urging them to pay more attention to the environment. A giant canvas was to be developed with an environmental message addressed to Heads of State and

Government who will gather in New York at the World Summit in September 2005. The Summit was organised by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Aichi Prefectural Government and sponsored by the Toyota Motor Corporation, Suntory, the Chubu Electricity Company, Japan Railways, the AEON Environmental Foundation and the Kyocera Corporation. It is supported by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the World Health Organization and the World Bank.

For more information, please contact Eric Falt, UNEP Director of Communications at +81-(0)80-3810.6129 or Theodore Oben, Head of the Children and Youth Unit at +81-(0)90-7022.0472

### **For those who want to take action:**

If you want to get active and help in Children's Rights Campaigns, please visit <http://www.earthaction.org/>. You will find campaigns and possibilities to get involved on combating violence against street children, combating (exploitative) child labour, children in armed conflicts and education for all.

### **News from the Members/Interested:**

Please visit the newly installed Website of UCM's expert course in socio-politics of childhood: [www.ucm.es/info/polinfan](http://www.ucm.es/info/polinfan)

There are three East European universities, who have voiced their interest in ENMCR.

1. Babes-Bolyai University, from Cluj-Napoca / Transylvania, Romania
2. Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Hungary
3. Al.I.Cuza, in Iasi , Romania , website: [www.uaic.ro](http://www.uaic.ro)

We welcome any other universities to state their interest in participating in the network.

### **Funding:**

The Call for Marie Curie actions for the Year 2006 have been published on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2005. Marie Curie actions, the Human Resources and Mobility actions under the 6<sup>th</sup> RFP of the EU, cover a wide range of activities of which you can get an overview here:

#### **Marie Curie Host Fellowships for the Transfer of Knowledge**

**Closure date:** 25 January 2006 at 17.00 (Brussels local time).

**Total indicative budget:** EUR 31 million for the Marie Curie Development Scheme and EUR 16 million for the Marie Curie Industry-Academia Strategic Partnership Scheme.

These Fellowships will be directed at European organisations (universities, research centres, enterprises, etc.) in need of developing new areas of competence, as well as at furthering the development of research capabilities in the less-favoured regions of the EU and in the Associated Candidate Countries. Knowledge transfer fellowships will allow experienced researchers to be hosted at such organisations for the transfer of knowledge, research competencies and technology.

#### **Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowships**

**Closure date:** 19 January 2006 at 17.00 (Brussels local time).

**Total indicative budget:** EUR 70 million.

These Fellowships will allow the most promising researchers from EU and Associated Countries to undertake training through research in the European organisations most appropriate to their individual needs. The topic will be freely chosen by the researcher in collaboration with the host, with a view to completing or diversifying his/her expertise. Eligible researchers: Experienced Researchers in liason with a host organisation from a Member State or Associated State. Duration of projects: 1-2 years

#### **Marie Curie Outgoing International Fellowships**

**Closure date:** 18 January 2006 at 17.00 (Brussels local time).

**Total indicative budget:** EUR 22 million.

These Fellowships will be awarded to researchers from EU and Associated Countries to work in established third country research centres, thereby widening their international experience in

research. This scheme will require the submission of a coherent individual training programme, involving a first phase abroad, followed by a mandatory second phase in Europe.

#### **Marie Curie Incoming International Fellowships**

**Closure date:** 18 January 2006 at 17.00 (Brussels local time).

**Total indicative budget:** EUR 22 million

These Fellowships will aim at attracting top-class researchers from third countries to work and undertake research training in Europe, with the view to developing mutually beneficial research co-operation between Europe and third countries. In the case of emerging and transition economies and developing countries, the scheme may include provision to assist fellows to return to their country of origin.

#### **Marie Curie Excellence Grants**

**Closure date:** 25 January 2006 at 17.00 (Brussels local time).

**Total indicative budget:** EUR 45 million.

These Grants aim at providing support for the creation and development of European research teams which are considered to have the potential to reach a high level of excellence, more particularly for leading edge or interdisciplinary research activities. Eligible researchers: One team leader, an experienced high-level researcher who develops the project jointly with a host organisation in the EU or Associated States (HEI/ Industry/ Research). Topics: Anything that is relevant to European achievements and interests or themes that increase the competitiveness of European Research on the world stage. Duration: Max. 4 years.

#### **Marie Curie Excellence Awards**

**Closure date:** for nominations 15 February 2006 at 17.00 (Brussels local time).

**Total indicative budget:** EUR 250 000.

These Awards are scientific prizes to give public recognition to excellence achieved by research workers who have in the past benefited from training and mobility support by the Community.

#### **Marie Curie Chairs**

**Closure date:** 25 January 2006 at 17.00 (Brussels local time).

**Total indicative budget:** EUR 10 million.

These Chairs will be awarded for the purpose of making top-level appointments, in particular to attract world class researchers and encourage them to resume their careers in Europe. This scheme may be developed in synergy with the host-driven actions. Chair Holder: Experienced Researcher of any nationality, with outstanding past achievements in international teaching and collaborative research. Chair holder will give lectures and teach research courses to students, as well as supervise research and thesis work. The post should be full-time or comprise a minimum of 70% of a full time position. (divided into: 50% teaching, 50% research). Duration: 3 years. Indicative amount for one chair: between 260.000 and 700.000 €

**If anyone is interested in applying for one of the Marie Curie Actions you may contact us at eufund for further information and support! Fon: +49 (0)30-88412-191**

#### **To Do's:**

For all network members:

- Establish contacts to interested individuals and organisations, institutions who could possibly participate in the network (as members, sponsors, affiliated)
- Find out about national funding programmes

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

**September 19-23, 2005:** Child Welfare Leaders WorldForum 2005 in Tallinn, Estonia.

Deadline for submission of abstracts closed. URL: <http://www.lastekaitseliit.ee>

**September 28, 2005, 17h Brussels time:** Deadline application Marie Curie Research Training Networks

**September 29, 2005:** Public Conference Children's Rights in Science, Practice and Politics in Germany and Europe in Berlin, Germany. Contact: [info@enmcr.net](mailto:info@enmcr.net)

**September 30, 2005:** Internal ENMCR meeting in Berlin

**February 12-16, 2006** Third International Conference on the Impact of Global Issues on Women and Children

Location: Dhaka, Bangladesh <http://www.fhs.mcmaster.ca/slru/ic2006/main.html>,  
<http://www.ic2006.info>

**May 18-19, 2006.** "International Interdisciplinary Conference on Children's Rights University of Ghent, Belgium Deadline call for papers: **September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005:** URL:  
[http://www.law.ugent.be/pub/iuap/c\\_call.html](http://www.law.ugent.be/pub/iuap/c_call.html)

**July 19-21, 2006** "Investment and Citizenship: Towards Transdisciplinary Dialogue in Child and Youth" Conference in Ontario, Canada

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