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ATTUNEMENT PROCESS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FROM THE  
PERSPECTIVE OF THE MARIA MONTESSORI PEDAGOGY

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Hotel Park, Split, Croatia

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## Program:

### Conference schedule

Hotel Park

Thursday, May 27, 2021

4:30 PM registration of participants

5:00 PM greeting of honorary sponsors

### Moderator: Prof. Renata Miljević Ridički, PhD

5:15 – 5:35 PM Ligija Krolo: *Attunement processes and sustainability of Montessori programs in preschool education*

### Lecture via Zoom

6:00 – 6:45 PM

Assist. Prof. Ann Sutton, PhD, Texas, USA, plenary lecture: *Montessori method, sustainable development and beyond*

### Live

6:45 – 7:20 PM Prof. Ivan Begovac, PhD, MD, Croatian Society for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Psychotherapy of the Croatian Medical Association, Zagreb, plenary lecture: *Paradigms of diagnosis and therapy of children and their parents with mental disorders and especially the prerequisites for the necessary cooperation of parents and all professionals from a multidisciplinary perspective*

7:20 – 7:40 PM Tamara Vrdoljak, educator, Montessori educator, Kindergarten “Vrapče” in Zagreb; Sara Vrdoljak, student of Musicology at the Music Academy in Zagreb: *Sung speech and songs with movement as an accompaniment to daily routines*

7:40 PM Entertainment

## Friday, May 28, 2021

10:00 – 10:30 AM registration

10:30 – 11:00 AM welcome speeches: Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia, Education and Teacher Training Agency, City Split and Leonor Stjepić, CEO, Montessori Group,

Opening ceremony: Đurđica Kaurlo-Martinić, senior adviser, and Ligija Krolo

11:00 -11:15 AM Assoc. Prof. Hicela Ivon, PhD: *How did the Montessori pedagogy find its way to preschool in Croatia*

11:15 – 12:00 AM – via ZOOM

Prof. Joachim Bauer, MD, PhD, Germany, plenary lecture: *The significance of the pedagogical relationship for learning and teaching in school - a neuroscientific basis*

12:00 – 12:15 Break

12:15 – 1:00 PM

**Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Hicela Ivon, PhD**

Assoc. Prof. Marija Sablić, PhD, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Department of Pedagogy; Marija Lesandrić, PhD student at the Postgraduate University Study of Pedagogy and Culture of Contemporary School, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek; Katarina Glavaš, PhD student at the Postgraduate University Study of Pedagogy and Culture of Contemporary School, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek: *Application of the Montessori method at all ages.*

1:00 – 1:20 PM Prof. Otilia Velišek-Braško, PhD, Preschool Teacher Training College in Novi Sad, Serbia, Republic of Serbia: *Functionality of the Montessori approach to the paradigm of sustainable development*

1:20 – 1:40 PM Jovanka Ulić, M. Sc., professor of vocational studies, Preschool Teacher Training College in Novi Sad, Republic of Serbia: *The Significance of Culture in the Method of Maria Montessori within the Concept of Sustainable Development*

1:40 – 2:00 PM Višnja Rajić, PhD, Faculty of Teacher Education, University of Zagreb: *The relevance of Montessori pedagogy in the contemporary educational context*

2:00 – 2:20 PM Assist. Prof. Violeta Valjan Vukić, PhD, University of Zadar, Katarina Džal, educator, Montessori educator, Kindergarten "Radost", Split: *Sensory development and learning through the senses in Montessori pedagogy*

2:35 – 3:30 PM Break

3:30 – 5:00 PM PARALLEL SECTIONS

### **Room 1. Sustainable development**

**Moderator of panel discussion: Assoc. Prof. Marija Sablić, PhD**

Preeti Patel, Head of Education, MCI, UK

Marvin José Reyes Moreno, Vincerola, Germany,

Stacey Wilson-McMahon, Tenerife, Canary Islands,

Tara Golshan, CEO: Roots & Shoots Group:

- *Sustainable development in setting up a new educational environment*
- *Putting sustainability at the heart of the practice and connecting all participants on that journey of challenge and success.*
- *How global organizations support sustainability talks with teachers and educational institutions*

### **Room 2. Psychophysical Development Basics**

**Moderator: Prof. Otilia Velišek-Braško, PhD**

Prof. Vjekoslav Krželj, PhD, MD, University Department of Health Studies, University of Split: *Misconceptions and errors in children's nutrition*

Toni Maglica, PhD, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Split: *Socio-emotional learning in early childhood – a pledge for the future*

Assoc. Prof. Sunčica Delaš Kalinski, PhD: *The importance of the development of biotic motor skills in preschool children*

### **Room 3. Cosmic Education**

**Moderator: Jovanka Ulić, M. Sc.**

Lana Očko, educational specialist; Kristina Kutleša, educator, Montessori educator; Silvana Bagarić, director, Kindergarten “Maksimir”, Zagreb: *Development of environmental awareness using the Montessori method in kindergarten*

Nataša Veldić, educator, Montessori educator, President of the Croatian Montessori Society, Zagreb: *Human preferences - help in education for sustainable development*

Poster: *Montessori for all generations: a prepared environment for the elderly*

Dijana Čorak, educator, Montessori educator; Adela Šimun, Montessori educator; Andrea Hranilović, educator, Montessori educator, Kindergarten “Ciciban”, Montessori group, Velika Gorica: *Respecting diversity to create a culture of peace*

Nikoleta Mustapić, educator; Antonija Kolačko, educator, Kindergarten “Biograd”, Biograd: *Elements of cosmic education in Montessori pedagogy in the regular kindergarten program*

5:00 – 5:30 PM Break

5:30 – 7:00 PM PARALLEL SECTIONS

**Room 1. The Importance of motor skills and music in Montessori pedagogy**

**Moderator: Nataša Veldić**

Iva Balenović, educator, Montessori educator, social pedagogue; Marcella Kovačević, educator, Montessori educator; Ivana Igrec, educator, Montessori educator, Kindergarten “Vjeverica”, Zagreb: *Multimedia presentation: Movement in the holistic development of children with disabilities through Montessori pedagogy*

Marina Mešić, educator, Montessori educator; Lana Tepić Jelavić, educator, Montessori educator; Nikolina Pernar, educator, Montessori educator; Tea Babić, mag. paed, Kindergarten “Botinec”, Zagreb: *Music as a stimulus for the complete development of children*

Alenka Kulaš, educator, Montessori educator; Kristina Weiner, educator, Montessori educator, Kindergarten “Vladimir Nazor”, Kastav: *Development of children's sensibility for music in Montessori kindergarten*

Vedrana Hofšteter, educator, Montessori educator; Kristina Kutleša, educator, Montessori educator; Marija Jukić, educator, Montessori educator, Kindergarten “Maksimir”, Zagreb: *The music world in the Montessori program*

**Room 2. Montessori practice in different educational settings**

**Moderator: Katarina Glavaš**

Assist. Prof. Ann Sutton, PhD, Texas, USA: *Montessori for the third phase of development - ages 12 - 18*

prof. h. c. dipl. ped. Joachim Dattke, Theodor-Hellbrügge-Stiftung, Germany: *Possibilities and differences of cosmic education in kindergarten and school*

Tamara Moduljak, educator, Montessori educator; Josipa Bošković, educator, Montessori educator; Nataša Rajković, Kindergarten “Trešnjevka”, Zagreb: *Twinning project: From Montessori theory to practice*

Ivana Jelaš, educator, Montessori pedagogue; Jelena Čaić, educator, Montessori educator; Andrea Josipović, educational specialist: *Montessori pedagogy in Osijek: past, present and future*

Mara Midžor, M. Sc. agronomy, Braća Radić Secondary Vocational School, Kaštel Štafilić, workshop and lecture: *Gardening alphabet step by step with agriculture for all generations in the spirit of the Maria Montessori method*

**ROOM 3. How to encourage the development and application of Montessori pedagogy**

**Moderator: Tijana Vidović, professor of pedagogy**

Durdica Kaurlo-Martinić, senior adviser for education of schools and kindergartens in the Split-Dalmatia County, Education and Teacher Training Agency; Jadranka Buvinić, senior

adviser for teachers, Education and Teacher Training Agency; Deana Gaić Kaličanin, senior adviser, educational specialist, Elementary school "Pojišan", Split: *The role of educational specialists in the cooperation between kindergarten and school*

Ligija Krolo, educational specialist, special education teacher, Montessori educator, Kindergarten "Montessori dječja kuća", Split: *Montessori teacher: a challenge or a vocation, presentation of professional development for Montessori educators / teachers in "Montessori dječja kuća" Kindergarten, Split*

Eržebet Bedrosian, Serbia, president of the Montessori Society of Serbia: *The experience of Montessori virtual educations – advantages and disadvantages*

Esma Bezić, director, Kindergarten "Biograd", Biograd: *Introduction of Montessori program into kindergartens as an encouragement of the quality of the institution*

### 7:30 PM Entertainment

### Saturday, May 29, 2021

#### Moderator: Žana Pavlović, M. Sc.

9:00 – 10:00 AM Ursula Sutter, social pedagogist, music therapist, Melanie Voigt, PhD, Bachelor of Music Education, Kinderzentrum München, Germany: *Music as a bridge between therapy, education and care*

10:00 – 10:20 AM Željko Filajdić, M. Sc. theol.: *Work and production in "The Human Condition" ("Vita activa") by Hanna Arendt. Overview and perspectives*

10:20 – 10:40 AM Assist. Prof. Dubravka Kušćević, PhD, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Split: *Disruption of Children's Creativity in Painting*

10:40 – 11:10 AM Break

11:10 – 11:30 AM Prof. Renata Miljević-Ričički, PhD, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Teacher Education, University of Zagreb: *Psychological Resilience and Structure*

11:30 – 12 AM Zoran Vujnović, MD, psychiatrist, Polyclinic for Rehabilitation of Persons with Developmental Disabilities, Split: *Attachment and Adjustment Processes – Examples from Practice*

12:30 – 1:00 PM CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE: closing remarks by the organizers and the presidents of the Organizing and Program Committee

After 2 PM visiting Salona, a reception near the Jadro river, in accordance with the interest of the participants