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**4th Assembly of Educateurs sans Frontières**  
2-16 August 2015 | Khon Kaen, Thailand

***Participant Bulletin III***



Dear Participant,

We are delighted to announce that 66 participants will join us for the Fourth Assembly of Educateurs sans Frontiers set for August 2-16 in Hotel Inpawa, Thailand. During the Assembly, each continent will be represented, with participants from 21 countries. Thank you for being part of this wonderful group with an incredibly broad range of expertise and a shared commitment to human development in a range of circumstances and communities.

We would like to provide some other readings in the preparation of the Assembly. We have selected readings that capture the history and spirit of EsF but that also lead us back to the roots of our work through selected writings by Dr Montessori. These readings help us to set the stage for our time together.

Also, this is a kind request to bring any photos, powerpoint or documents you would like to share during the Assembly, as learning from each other's experience will be an important part of this Assembly. We will make sure to allow for enough time to share personal stories and experiences.

We are currently finalizing the 'Who's Who EsF 20Booklet and the travel arrangements in order to arrange a warm welcome upon arrival. If you have not already done so, this is a small, yet very urgent request to please send in a profile of 150 words and a good quality portrait as soon as possible. This can be send to Fay Hendriksen at [info@amiesf.org](mailto:info@amiesf.org).

We look forward to hearing from you and to spending the upcoming Assembly with you. If you have any questions or if we can be of assistance to you in any way please don't hesitate to contact us!

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## PRE-READINGS

We have added three new reading suggestions, with more to follow soon. We hope you will have some time prior to our gathering to take inspiration from these readings.

### **Articles:**

- Montessori, Maria. "[Lecture on Adolescence](#)", given on a course in Kodaikanal, India.
- Montessori, Maria. "[Extract from Lecture 1 of the 1946 London Course](#)". Pertinent passages have been taken from this lecture for further discussion.
- Montessori, Maria. "[The Three Levels of Ascent](#)", an article probably first written around 1939 (in Italian) and published in English in 1962 in the Indian publication *Around the Child*.

### **Recommended Books**

Please bring a copy of the following books:

- *Education and Peace*
- *From Childhood to Adolescence*
- *The Formation of Man*
- *The Secret of Childhood*
- *The Absorbent Mind*

Please bring these books if you have them in your possession, or consider ordering them from [North American Montessori Teachers Association](#) or from the [Montesori-Pierson Publishing Company](#).

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**Week 1: Montessori Education for Social Change  
“Guiding Principles — Sustainable Initiatives”**

Sun, 2 August	Arrival and evening reception greeting
Mon, 3 August	Orientation: Introduction to EsF: Working for Social Change, a Montessori Perspective <b>Lynne Lawrence</b> , AMI Executive Director
Tue, 4 August	Montessori Pedagogy: Reading and Study Session
Wed, 5 August	Sustainable Initiatives: <b>Eve Annecke</b> , Director of the Sustainability Institute in Cape Town, South Africa, will address ways in which we deeply engage with the communities we wish to serve. <b>Christine Harrison</b> , President and Senior Consultant of Montessori Australia Foundation will speak about volunteering for EsF projects - Understanding basic principles and working towards meeting everyone's needs.
Thu, 6 August	Montessori Pedagogy: Reading and Study Session
Fri, 7 August	Collaboration and Partnerships: Panel Discussion and Individual Presentations with <b>Dr Namfa Benjalug</b> , Senior Specialist in Academic Affairs and Learning Development, Consultant to Secretary General of OBEC, Thailand, and <b>Jim Ackers</b> , Regional Education Adviser UNICEF, who will discuss the process of creating global partnerships and alliances as Montessori is introduced to communities in widely diverse geographic, political and economic places.
Sat, 8 August	<b>Dr Priyanut Dharmapiya</b> , Adviser, The Crown Property Burea, Project to support the "Sufficiency Economy" Drive in Educational Institutions will host a site visit to an outreach project in Thailand.

## Week 2: Montessori Education for Social Change “Resourceful Work — Innovative Solutions”

Sun, 9 August	Day off to explore the region Khon Kaen, Thailand
Mon, 10 August	<b>Adele Diamond</b> , Canada research Chair, Professor of Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience, University of British Columbia will lay the foundation for a study of individual development within the context of neuroscience and address the topic of “The Importance of Dance, Music, and other related activities for the Development of Children”.
Tue, 11 August	Montessori in New Frontiers: <b>Anne Kelly</b> , Managing Director, Montessori Aged Support Services will present her work using Montessori principles to mitigate the effects of Alzheimer's.
Wed, 12 August	Working with Diverse Communities: <b>Hilary Korir</b> , Caritas Director Nakuru, Kenya, has implemented emergency relief and humanitarian programmes to underseverd communities in his country, including Corner of Hope.  <b>Kay Boulden</b> , International and Government and Community Liaison, Montessori Children's Foundation, will speak of her experiences in delivering innovative programmes to the Indigenous people of Australa and the Torres Strait Islands.
Thu, 13 August	Montessori Pedagogy: Reading and Study Session.
Fri, 14 August	<b>To Be Announced</b>
Sat, 15 August	Presentations from the participants — “Our Great Work”.  Concluding Remarks  Farewell Dinner
Sun, 16 August	Departures



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