

## „Transitions“ – Looking Back

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After the exchange of thoughts and experiences and heartfelt encounters at the conference, what remains of the content and offerings of the lecturers and workshop leaders, and of the enthusiasm that the musicians and eurythmists conveyed to the conference participants? Hopefully what remains are will impulses to take into our daily work with the children that can help us become more able to give them what they need for transitions in their lives.

What remains are collegial relationships that may lead here and there to further conferences or research projects., and, hopefully, greater interest in collaboration among class teachers, kindergarten teachers and those who work with the child from birth to three.

What remains are memories of the columns in the Gotheanum's Great Hall with their "in-between spaces" that were mentioned several times by the speakers as an image of transitions and crises in life, in which instability can become openness for the future, for something new, just as the colored light of the glass windows shines in from another dimension.

The texts of the lectures also remain, and will hopefully be available in September on the internet pages of IASWECE and the Pedagogical Section so that they can be accessible to a broader public.



And there remain also a few figures: nearly 550 people participated, about half of whom were kindergarten teachers, a fourth were class teachers and a fourth birth to three caregivers. The participants came from the following countries:

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Moldavia, New Zealand, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Peru, Romania, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, and the United States of America.



And there also remain a few words of thanks:

"Many thanks for the incredible hard work that took place in the preparations for this conference. The conference is a source of strength which I will draw on in the coming years. Class teachers, kindergarten teachers, therapists, and doctors all together under one roof - this was a historic moment." (Mary G from South Africa)

"I enjoyed it very much - heartfelt thanks to the organisers. " (Ruth from England)

"It has been a long time since I participated in such a refreshing conference. " (Sophia from Stuttgart)

"I am already looking forward to taking up so much of which I learned here in my teaching at school, in the work with the parents, and in my own inner development. May the work of IASWECE, the Pedagogical Section and above all, anthroposophy and Waldorf education, continue to flourish. "A dried-up prune turned into a juicy plum" - that is the healing effect of this conference on my entire being. Asante sana! Merci! Danke schon!" (Eveline from Kenya)

