Minutes of the International Janusz Korczak Association Council Meeting

The International Janusz Korczak Conference
Meiji University, Tokyo
August 8, 2010

Sunday 8.08.2010
14.00–18.00 Council meeting of IKA – Chairperson Batia Gilad

Present/Apologies

A list of participants was circulated and signed by all those present at the meeting:


Apologies were received from:
Belgium, France, UK, Poland.
From here, we are sending greetings for quick recovery to Svetlana Petrovskaya from Ukraina and to Kelvin Ravenscroft from UK.

1. Greetings/Welcome

Batia Gilad, the Chair of the IKA, warmly welcomed all those present.
Special compliments to the chairperson and members of the Japanese Korczak Association for having organized a successful conference. We hope that the conference contributed to the growth of the association and the implementation of Korczak's educational legacy amongst educators in Japan and other counties.
A summary will be sent to all.

2. Proceedings of the last Council’s Meeting held in Warsaw – Poland on the 12-13 September 2009
The minutes were accepted as accurate.
3. Financial report and confirmation by the Audit Committee

Everyone received a copy of the financial report and the report was fully supported by all those present. Batia Gilad drew attention to the matter that some Korczak Associations still need to settle their membership fees. Discussion followed. (Appendix no. 1 – p. 8)

4. Report on the IKA work in the past year

This past year we focused on organizing conferences and seminars to spread Korczak's legacy and to extend our activities:

- In May, we participated in a scientific, educational conference organized by the University of Lodz, which was held in Kazimierz Dolny, Poland. The conference dealt with "After School Education" was attended by educators and researches from Poland and other countries, including Japan.

- In the beginning of June, a seminar was held at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations, Geneva that dealt with "The Rights of the Child to an Education" with an emphasis on teacher training. A report was sent to all the associations. Likewise, the Swiss Association hosted all the Korczakians and revealed one of its activities connected to playrooms for children up to age four accompanied by their parents.

- In the beginning of July, we participated in a seminar entitled "Life in a Multicultural Society" which was held at Caux Switzerland. The Association "Imitative of Change" organized the seminar. A full day was dedicated to the subject of children and in this framework Korczak played an important role. Thanks to Jonathan Levy from the French Association for taking the initiative and for inviting us. The importance of our participation is also in the prospect of making new connections and strengthening the existing ones, meeting with people who can help us spread the canopy of Korczak's legacy. Here we met for the first time with the chairperson of the Ivory Coast association, Eva Fabian from the European Janusz Korczak Academy, Munich (EJKA), a representative from the Burundi association (which is yet to be listed), a representative from Catalonia who wishes to introduce Korczak at her local university (some of Korczak's writings already exist in Catalonia), and a representative from India who wishes to establish a Korczak association in his country.

- In this framework, we held an initial parallel meeting with the members who came to Caux but who will not be attending the conference in Tokyo.

  Participated:
  * **France** - Jonathan Levi, Colette Charlet, Bernard Lathuillere, Ewelina Cazottes, Lauret Ott, Helene Ott,
  * **Catalonia Spain** – Sarah Khan
  * **Switzerland** – Daniel Halperin, Gerard Kahan,
  * **Russia** – Anna Sokolova, Julia Kazhelevna
Ivory Coast – Mamadi Korczak Kourouma
India – Muddasir Ghouse
Burundi – Hakizimana Joel
Poland – Urszula Markowska Manista
IKA – Batia Gilad

All the metters from the agenda of the coming meeting were discussed and later on were presented on the council meeting in Tokyo.

- The Conference in Japan - We were full partners in organizing the conference. Once again, our thanks to Inoue the chairperson of the Japanese association, and to the secretary Mr. Fuji, to Ruth and to all the assistants from Meiji University. A special vote of appreciation for the effort to give financial support to those who came from distant countries.

5. Report on the activities developed by the Association’s since the last meeting in Poland

The members received a repeat invitation on June 6, 2010 inviting them to the council meeting that will be during the conference in Japan. The members were requested to answer a number of questions relevant to their particular association, and to send their annual report. All of this according to the registration authorities in Poland.

- We received from the following associations:
  Switzerland, p.10
  Germany, p.11
  The Netherlands, p.12
  Ukraine, p.15
  Israel, p.16
  Poland, p.17
  United Kingdom, p.18
  Belgium, p.19
  USA, p.19
  France, p.19
You can find them in (Appendix no.2. p.10).

- The Russian and Japanese Associations promised to forward their reports.

- We received a report from the Ivory Coast. It was decided to accept the Ivory Coast as a non-profit association and as a member of the IKA and at present to exempt them from membership payment. In the report, there is a plea to help them as much as possible. (Appendix no.3. p. 21).

- Batia met with the Mamadi Korczak the Chairperson of the Korczak Ivory Coast association in Caux. Sincere thanks to the Swiss Association that enabled his participation at this seminar and in our permeating. Batia was impressed by his activities and his willingness to learn from the experience of the various associations in light with the difficulties that they are coping with.
• The question of How to deal with the associations that:
  1. do not report on their activities
  2. continuously do not pay membership fees

A proposal was suggested by the members to send a "forget-me-nots" flower postcard as was the custom in Korczak's orphanage with a grade of 10 in line with the number of associations who are fulfilling their obligations to the IKA and if this doesn't arouse the remaining associations, they will then be informed that they will no longer be regarded as members of the IKA and will not receive messages from the IKA.

In light of the French Association's attempt to remain connected to the IKA in the status of an associate member, it was decided unequivocally, in accordance with the association's regulations that such a status does not exist. Therefore, the French association must decide to either be members or disengage themselves. Waltraud Kerber Ganse proposed that she would discuss the issue with the French Association's chairperson.

We hope to get more reports by the end of the year especially the information that was requested:

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6. Report from the UNESCO Chair of Janusz Korczak

Professor Adam Frączek reported on the developments in the Cathedra (Janusz Korczak Chair) in the Interdisciplinary Studies and Childhood Development and Well-Being). The main developments include:

• Integration of academic centers in Poland, emphasis on child development and well-being of the child
• Intercultural and cross cultural developments in Psychology, Pedagogy and sociology
• The award of the Honorary Doctorate to the Commissioner of the Council of Europe Mr. Thomas Hammarberg.
• Establishment of the Polish Ombudsman/Human Rights/ Rights of the Children
• Cross cultural education projects in Africa
• Establishment of the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs substantial grant to modernize education of Africa
• Developments for teachers and students to become competent in cross cultural education
• Developments of summer schools in the area of special education (Eastern Europe, Russia, Ukraine)

Professor Frączek concluded that the Polish J. Korczak Association works very closely with the UNESCO Chair on all future developments in the field of education and pedagogy.
7. Report from the Alliance for Childhood – Theo Cappon

We have not received a written report, but Joop Bardling gave a verbal report, focusing on the group's activities, their aims and the difficulties that they face.

8. Discussion about the necessity of IKA website

The necessity of having an official site for the Association was discussed. The urgent need for such a site was agreed upon unanimously. Members were asked to forward by email how they foresee the nature of such a site and its contents. These comments were added to the thoughts of the members who participated in the meeting at Caux. Joop suggested forming a social network in "linken" – we need training, as to how about carrying this out – the idea was accepted by all present.

9. Discussion about cooperation with other organizations

All accepted the idea however; it was thought that there is a need to first establish the aims of the IKA in cooperating and to be cautious as to such connections.

It was unanimously decided to continue cooperating with:

- UNCRC and the Polish embassy in Geneva
- The High Commissioner Council of Europe
- Initiative of Change in Caux

Members will recommend additional co-operations.

10. Plans for 2010-2011

- We received a letter from Professor Barbara Smolinska – Theiss the chairperson of the Polish Association and Marta Cieselska – director of the Korczak archives in Warsaw in regards to the plans for the 100th anniversary of the Jewish Orphanage in 2012. The guiding conception is to hold an International conference in Poland.
- A draft proposal to hold a Korczak project for a week in Burundi was presented – a seminar to prepare teachers and students of education – in coalition with the Polish Foreign Ministry, UNESCO, possibly the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs (it is still being checked). It will be run by Ula Markowska Ministra, from the UNESCO Chair of Janusz Korczak
- Roza Valeyeva presented the proposal for the International J.Korczak Conference 2011 in Kazan. Comments were made as to the given dates.

- While writing the report, the following letter was sent by Roza:

> 30.10.2010
Dear Batia!

At last, I have the information about the Conference! There are changes in the conditions of participation: The conference fee has changed because July is the most demanded period for river cruises in Russia. The cheapest period is May and Beginning of June. I have to know exactly the number of participants, that is why Korczkians who are going to take part in the Conference should send before November 15 the Application Form. Please Batia, send the Second information letter to all national Korczak Societies. Here I attach as well the description of the ship.

> <Yours sincerely, Roza—>
01.11.2010
Dear Batia! May be the Fee will be a little bit less, I'm still discussing it with the touristic company. However, the first payment should be 1000$ before the 24th of December. The bank account I will send also later. Today it is important to know how many people will be on a ship. It is easier to talk to the Tourist company when I know it. So I'm waiting for the application forms before the 15th of November.
Yours, Roza

- The members from Belgium have requested holding the 2013 International J.Korczak Conference. No further details were sent.

- Joel from Burundi would like to hold the 2014 International Conference. They yet are not listed as an Association. We need to clarify our relationship with them.

- Tsippi Marchaim from Israel, a principal of a school that functions in the Spirit of Korczak, asked to be integrated with the conferences.

- We are planning the third seminar in Geneva on the subject of Children's Rights and Korczak. It was suggested that the coming conference deal with article no. 12: The child's right to express himself. In cooperation with Waltraud Kerber Ganse, Krappmann, Lothar, and the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations, Geneva we hope to recruit the Israeli embassy and the embassies of other countries in which there are Korczak Associations.

- **Elections** – In accordance with the articles of the association, we must hold elections for the Associations institutions. It was suggested that we minimize the number of members of the directorate and to encourage the active members to integrate. The elections will take place at the coming council meeting

### 11. The next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be determined by one of the following possibilities:
1. During the seminar in Geneva
2. At the time of the conference in Kazan

The meeting place will be decided in accordance to the place in which a majority of members will be present

### 12. Varia

- We received from The Galte Trust in England a booklet which has proverbs and is on Korczak
- We received a new request from an association in Germany EJKA (European Janusz Korczak Academy, Munich) asking to become full members of the IKA. In consultation with the Chairman of the German association, it was decided to wait until November, when both associations will be meeting. Overall, there is no reason why we cannot accept this association, however, we wish to check that there is no clash of interests between the
two. A decision will be made after we hear from the local association. In the meantime, they are submitting their credentials so that they can receive accreditation as a NGO. They wish to be full members of the IKA and we will be happy to embrace them once all the formalities are cleared.

- We received a request for cooperation from Shining Mountain Center for Peaceful Childhood. It was decided to check this out. One of the possibilities is cooperation in publishing Korczaks' Writings in English. [Appendix 4 p, 22]
- Information as to the sending of a letter to Jiro Kondo of Japan in March was given. In this letter, he was invited to participate in the International Conference. No response was received.
- The archives in Poland forwarded a new Korczak article dated 1919 on the subject: "Moral Education of Neglected and Delinquent Children". Our gratitude to Marta.

Batia Gilad thanked everyone for his or her active participation, contributions and commitment.

Batia Gilad
Chairperson

Margarzata Kmita
Secretary General

Minutes taken by Christle Kellner & Batia Gilad
APPENDIX no. 1

JANUSZ KORCZAK INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JANUARY 1, 2009 - JUNE 30, 2010

This Financial Statement is drawn up based on Association bookkeeping according to Polish law. The books were kept based on documents authorised by persons being in charge of leading the financial matters of the Association.

Financial operations are executed by a person keeping the books, that has adequate authorisation given by the Executive Board.

The financial source of the statutory activity are grants, member fees, donations from private persons and enterprises.

Statutory expenditures are mainly connected with publishing of Korczak’s Works. Their record is kept within the appropriate special-purpose funds. The type and the status of the funds and the financial means are presented below:

Status of financial means in USD on the day of the statement:

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Status of the Special-Purpose Funds on the day of the statement in USD:

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The amount of Total Funds is covered by the financial means presented above as “Status of financial means“

Revenues and Expenditures in a period of JANUARY 1, 2009 - JUNE, 2010

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<td>2 Administrative expenses Board</td>
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<td>3 Expenditure for other Korczak’s publishing projects from private funds</td>
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<td>Total Expenditures (1:3)</td>
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Administrative expenses are covered mainly by commissions received from investments of free financial means in bonds and securities.

The expenditures for Works edition are covered by appropriate funds. The Association does not have any rental costs due to the fact that the premises are granted by Warsaw municipal authorities and all administrative activities are executed as voluntary work.

The Statement contains the following copies of documents as attachments:
- Investment confirmation in treasury bonds
- Account statement dated June 30 2010
- The list of membership fees

Warsaw, July 20 2010

LIST OF MEMBERSHIP FEES

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APPENDIX no.2

1. Switzerland,
The Association suisse des Amis du Dr Janusz Korczak is a registered NGO in Switzerland, of which I am the Chairman. It was founded in 1980 and I am sure that we paid our duties to IKA in 2008 and 2009. I hope we did so in 2010, otherwise you'll let me know and this will be done right after Tokyo.

Report of main activities in 2009-10:
Newsletter : 3 times a year, sent to about 400 people
Internet sites (one in French, one in German) : updating and enriching
Participation in korczakian meetings : General assemblies of IKA and Foundation for Diffusion of Korczak's works, in september 2009 in Warsaw; Geneva meeting at the Polish mission in June 2009.

Public lectures : 
Maryla Laurent : Children in Warsaw's ghetto, according to RTingelblum archives", Geneva, January 2009
D. Halperin : "Korczak : The child's right to respect" (part of a symposium in Geneva entitled "The child's Revolution" held on 27-28 november 2009)

Teaching :
D. Halperin : a course on Korczak and children's rights at the University of Fribourg (Switzerland), part of a Master in children's rights (January 2010)
D. Halperin : an introductory note at the 22nd interdisciplinary symposium on human rights, University of Fribourg (Switzerland), 29 April to 1st May 2010, dedicated to the cultural rights of children.
D. Halperin : lecture at symposium of Initiative and Change on children's rights in multicultural Europe, Caux (Switzerland), June 2010

Publications : participation in the editing and diffusion process of the new translation of Korczak's "Child's Right to Respect" by Lydia Waleryszak (Fabert Editions, Paris, November 2009)
Lobbying : To improve rights of migrant children in Switzerland (2009-10)

Awards :
Korczak Prize Switzerland (2009) : to Oriane Lacour for her efforts to encourage primary school children to develop ecological citizenship, and to Adrien Lavalley for his comparative study on secondary education in Rumania, Switzerland and the USA. In 2010, the Korczak Prize was not awarded due to the insufficient quality of the projects submitted.
Korczak Prize Burundi (2010) : to Reginas Ndayiragije for his dissertation on the respect of children within thefamily and at school in Burundi.

Support to initiatives in favor of children rights :
In Ivory-Coast (new Korczak Association)
In Israel-Palestine : a programme to treat psychological trauma due to conflict and violence
The Fax! Journal : the making of a journal in one day by school classes in different countries in the world
In Geneva, to the NGO "Appartenances" which aims at helping migrant families
In Jerusalem (Israel) : a campaign to improve pre-school education in East-Jerusalem
In Israel : bilingual and multicultural schools for Jewish, Muslim and Christian children
In Kursk (Russia) : a "fruit and music" programme to help children in hospital
Kiev (Ukraine) : a programme to help children with facial malformations
Grants to several students or NGO activists to attend meetings on children's rights
I hope this will help. See you in Tokyo!
Sayonara!

Daniel
Deutsche Korczak-Gesellschaft e.V. gegr. 1977

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Report from the years 2009/2010

August 2010 Tokyo (Japan) – short notes

September 2009:  
participation at the international conference in Warsaw

November 2009:  
theatre presentation on a pedagogical conference in Düsseldorf / Germany and at the Pedagogical 
University of Ludwigsburg (Annual Meeting of the German Korczak Association): “The little Republic – 
narratives from Janusz Korzak’s orphanage” (in excerpts)

In cooperation with Itzchak Belfer and students of the Pedagogical University of Ludwigsburg, the 
German Korczak Association edited an arts calendar for the year 2010 about Korczak’s pedagogical 
credo on the basis of love and respect.

January 2010:  
visit at Itzchak Belfer’s in Israel; the direct contact to former Korzak children is very important for us 
(planning of common projects)

February 2010:  
theatre presentations about doctors in concentration camps (given in Günzburg)

May 2010 – December 2010:  
students of the Mary Ward School in Günzburg work in a project concerning Judaism with special focus 
on Janusz Korczak; project aim: collection of materials for schools

June 2010:  
the vice president of the German Korczak Association participates at the International Children’s Rights 
Conference in Geneva

July 2010:  
meeting with members of the newly founded European Korczak Academy in Munich (we took soundings 
on the possibilities of cooperation)

publishing of Korczak arts postcards

Bulletin no. 19, July 2010

Taking into consideration the printing costs, our association will continue to publish only one bulletin per 
year; further important articles will be published via Internet.

The annual meeting will be held in November in Munich

www.deutsche-korczak-gesellschaft.de
Overview of activities of the Janusz Korczak Stichting
Compiled July 2010 for the Tokyo meeting on August 9, 2010.

Part A. Our own activities;
Part B. Activities in cooperation with others.

Part A.
1. Training and consultancy for workers in centers for daycare and after-schoolcare (training courses, presentations, workshops etc.).

2. Lectures, out-of-curriculum talks and projects for and in cooperation with students in teacher-training colleges.

3. Talks at evenings for parents, seminars for parents, both in care-centers and primary schools, and for teachers in primary and secondary education.

4. Every December we publish a new edition of a thematic Yearbook in which a theme is presented and discussed by leading experts and practitioners from the field. Here are the topics for the successive years:
   - 2002: Young people and violence;
   - 2003: Young people and sexuality;
   - 2004: Children need roots and wings;
   - 2005: Are you talking about me?!
   - 2006: Schools for life. Korczak’s inspiring view;
   - 2007: The man Janusz Korczak, autobiographical moments;
   - 2008: Five colours; on children and creativity;
   - 2009: Give children space, physical and psychological;
   - 2010: Children’s participation: Korczak’s view.

5. Two times a year we publish the Korczak Newsletter, with news-items, reviews, texts by Korczak, interviews etc.

6. Every year in April we have the Special Day voor our supporters and others interested, with a still changing theme, often related to the topic of the Yearbook. In april 2010 we were hosted by the “Vuurvogel” school for primary education in Amersfoort, the central theme was ‘participation: children as citizens’ and a number of workshops were given by 9- to 12 year olds. A new translation in Dutch of the first part of ‘How to love a child’ was officially presented, as was the first part of a new series of leaflets for different target-groups (see below).

7. Starting off in 2009 there is the Dutch summercamp for both ‘regular’ children, children with a handicap and/or children who are forced to live in an asylum-seekers center; this summercamp will again be organized in August this year and will host around 40 children; the staff have their roots in the so-called Nash Dom camps in Russia (see below) and are trained to work according to the attitude of Korczak in the camp.
8. Every two years we organize a conference for Dutch students in Education and Social Studies, and young professionals. We are now in the process of decision-making about the follow-up of a very successful international conference two years ago for the same target-group, this is scheduled to take place in November 2011 (visit our website for news!).

9. We publish both scientific (reviewed) and popular articles on Korczak, in Dutch and other languages, and have started a new series of leaflets for professionals (J.W.A. Berding, Gen. Ed.), of which the first one, ‘Janusz Korczak for workers in daycare and after-school care’ was presented in the Netherlands in March 2010, and the English edition in Geneva in June 2010. The second brochure in this series will be on primary education and is scheduled to be published in the last quarter of 2010.

10. Every two years on November the 21st the Janusz Korczak Price is awarded to an organization or person who has done some special efforts for young people, in the spirit of Janusz Korczak. The Price is a bust of Korczak that can be displayed in the officices of the pricewinner. The Price was awarded to a.o. a children’s library, the director of one of our tv-networks, a children’s theatre group (in Belgium) and this year it will be awarded to Stichting De Vrolijkheid (the Association for Joy) who work with asylum-seeking children in Northern-Holland.

11. And last but not least we have our website www.korczak.nl, which is updated regularly, and presents news from the Dutch Korczak Association, new publications, an overview of Korczak’s life and works, reports on interesting news, a page for young people and a special section with International news. As yours faithfully is the webmaster you can be sure that a report of the Tokyo events will appear on this site!

Part B.
1. Since 1995 we co-organize with our sister-organization in Moscow the yearly international Nash Dom summercamps for handicapped and non-handicapped children; these camps have bi-national attendance of Russian and Dutch children and also bi-national staffing; some of the children who went along have developed to staff-positions, both in the Russian and the Dutch camps (see up).

2. The Korczak Stichting is a partner in the Working Group for the Quality of Childhood for the European Parliament; this is an expert-group of representatives of several European countries who support a number of Meps to keep the rights and the position of children on the political agenda; the group convenes once in every six weeks in Brussels, Belgium, the seat of the EP.

3. We are a partner in the Working Group on the Anthropology of Childhood; this group consists of representatives of a number of Netherlands universities, they convene every four weeks for a seminar which consists of a lecture and discussion around one topic. The central issues that are discussed have to do with the (multi-)cultural aspects of growing-up.

4. The Korczak Stichting is a partner in the CPYWD (Community Project for Youth and Women Development) in Ghana, Africa. Our input consists of the training and counselling of volonteers who work for a period of three to six months with young people in the communities in Northern Ghana.

5. Cooperation with the Nederlandse Academie voor Psychotherapie (Netherlands Academy for Psychotherapy) in Amsterdam whose training-program has, in part, a Korczakian approach; students attend our yearly Special Day (see up).

6. In cooperation with publishing-house SWP in Amsterdam a series of studies on Korczak and translations of his work are published. Since 2001 five volumes have been published, a.o. ‘Prayers for
those who don’t pray’; ‘Diary – in the ghetto of Warsaw’; ‘The child’s right to respect’; and the first part of ‘How to love a child’, The child in the family, all translated and annotated by R. Görtzen.

7. On www.LinkedIn.com there is a group on Janusz Korczak (J.W.A. Berding, administrator). You can be a member by joining / signing in on LinkedIn, and visit this group, and apply for membership.

8. In cooperation with a number of partners we will commemorate in 2012 the 70th anniversary of the death of Janusz Korczak, and the 30th anniversary of our Association by organizing a special conference.
Activities of the Ukrainian Janusz Korczak Association
from October 2009 to June 2010

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Here is our short report.
Last year we have continued our long-standing projects.
1.1. We have been working on the “Bridge” project led by Bella Binder in cooperation with The Hospital
for Children no. 7 focused on children with kidney problems. Children from all over Ukraine are hold
there for months, sometimes for a year, as Anna Synelnyk, a 15-year-old girl from a family with five
children. Members of our Association try to help children providing them with medicines and food, and
sometimes with clothes. Young volunteers play and paint with children, organize theater performances
etc. Many students of Klovskyy Lyceum and their parents are involved in this work. The situation at
Ukrainian hospitals becomes worse and worse, that’s why we think those practical efforts to be very
important.
1.2. With the aid of our Dutch friends (Lies van Weezel) we launched a new project for young people
with cleft palate. NGO “Family worlds” organized by the members of The Korczak Association (some of
them work there) prepares a seminar of Ukrainian-Dutch volunteers- young leaders- to share the
experience of working with ill children with special attention to those having face and jaw problems. Our
goal is to integrate children with chronic diseases into society and to find ways of cooperation with
government institutions.
1.3. Just now a small camp for children with cleft palate is opening in Kiev.
2. During all summer months we were working on a new exposition in The Klovskyy Lyceum Museum
in Kyiv (this Lyceum is the center of the Korczak movement in Ukraine and houses the only museum in
Ukraine, devoted to Korczak). We are planning to transform it into a base for improving teachers’
professional skills.
The Hrynchenko State University offered us to organize there a permanent seminar for teachers dedicated
to the Korczak pedagogical system.
3. As usually, during this year we have organized lectures, excursions and film presentations dedicated to
Korczak at the museum. Their audience consisted of various guests from Ukrainian schools and students
from abroad.
4. We are preparing the second book of the Korczak legacy in Ukrainian
in cooperation with the Dukh i Litera publishing house.

The Ukrainian Janusz Korczak Association, 1994, Svetlana Petrovskaya, registered as a part of NGO
“Dukh i Litera”, all payment of the membership fee has been done.

Svetlana Petrovskaya, Kiev
5. This past year has been a very busy one for the Israeli Korczak Association.

For many years Eliezer Marcus was instrumental in teaching and producing an awareness about Korczak. Before taking his position as Chairman of the Israeli Janusz Korczak Association about 15 years ago, Eliezer Marcus was the Pedagogical Director of the Ministry of Education. Eliezer continued to be an active member of the Association until he sadly passed away a month ago. He will be sorely missed. Like Eliezer Marcus we remember all our departed members, the orphans, the staff, Steffa and Korczak.

“The spirit feels a longing inside the narrow cage of the body. Man feels and ponders death as though it were the end, when in fact death is merely the continuation of life, it is another life. You may not believe in the existence of the soul, yet you must acknowledge that your body will live on as grass, as a cloud. For you are, after all, water and dust.”

(Korczak J., 1942, Ghetto Years, p. 121-122)

We held many school gatherings in which we addressed varying student populations and entire school staffs. Apart from enlightening the educators and students with the Educational Legacy of Janusz Korczak the teachers and students also had the opportunity to meet with graduates of the orphanage Shlomo Nadel (1928 – 1936) and Itzchak Belfer (1930 – 1938). A special gathering entitled "Educational Dialogue in the Spirit of Janusz Korczak" was held by the Ministry of Education for key figures in the educational networks.

The Ministry of Education together with the Israeli Korczak Association have formed a partnership in a number of ventures. What was in the past "Teacher's Day" has now been renamed as "The Janusz Korczak Day" in which all schools, Municipalities and Regional Councils have been provided with Korczak type activities, lectures and in-service programs. For the past year a steering committee comprised of a delegate from the Ministry of Education and two delegates from The Korczak Association has been working on 1. A "Janusz Korczak Educational Lexicon" which should be ready for distribution on the coming "Janusz Korczak Day". 2. A file with 14 specially designed posters which will convey Korczak's message through the medium of art, photos and quotations. Two 56 hour in-service programs were given to student teachers at a teacher's training college. Apart from these courses many lectures were given to student teachers throughout the country.

The Ministry of Education signed a contract with the Teacher's Union in which teachers are now obliged to take in-service courses throughout the school year. One of the options open to these teachers is a deeper learning and understanding of Korczak's Educational Legacy.

The Avichail Elementary School functions totally in accordance with Korczak's Educational Legacy. They work in close unison with Batia Gilad and are the forerunners to a network of schools that will in the future function in a likely manner. We celebrated the "Festival of Lights" (Hannuka) at Avichail school. The function was attended by pupils, teachers, school inspectors, the Regional Council, and delegates of the Korczak association which included 3 graduates of the orphanage – Isaac Skalka, Shlomo Nadel and Itzchak Belfer. The gathering honored the graduates by having them light the candles.

Both Shlomo Nadel and Itzchak Belfer continue to meet with school going pupils. At conferences and special meetings they have also given talks to teachers, the army and police force.
Report for International Association of J.Korczak

Polish Association of Janusz Korczak (PSK) was formed in 2003. In 2006 it gained the NGO status. Prof. Barbara Smolińska-Theiss has been a chairperson of this Association since 2009. According to the PSK statute, schools and educational services providers, named after Janusz Korczak (there are 240 of such schools in Poland) can obtain the membership, as well as private individuals. On the members list 221 private persons are registered, however nearly half of them did not pay the annual membership fee in 2009. Association is divided into 10 independent geographical areas. Association is governed by the PSK board formed of heads of the 10 areas. The board consists of 21 people, who meet regularly at least 3 times a year, to formulate rhetoric and financial objectives.

PSK in 2009 and 2010 focused on educational aims tied with creative interpretation and implementation of J Korczak ideas how to work with children and juveniles.

Every year we apply a thought, a slogan, a leading idea of J Korczak, around which the individual work is carried out by our members at their schools and workplaces.

In 2009 our motto was CHILDREN’S RIGHTS – THE TRUTH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE WORLD.

In 2010 we chose DISCOVER MY WORLD WITH ME.

Apart from that PSK continuously comes up with actions and initiatives such as:
- antidiagram (the programme to save and remember Polish, Jewish and German memorial places),
- ongoing participation in the March of the Living in Auschwitz,
- scouting meetings and expeditions organised during summer school breaks in Korczakowo (for over 200 children and teachers)
- children festival of kyte, the childrens day, Korczak’s birthday anniversary
- korczak’s Christmas meetings for the PSK members.

Statutory activity of PSK also involves intense work to collect, publish and disseminate the legacy of J Korczak. The Centre for documentation - KORCZAKANUM is a special place in that respect.

On the 20 November 2009 PSK together with the Office for Children Rights organised major celebrations of 20th Anniversary of Children’s Rights Convention in Poland. On the 21 May 2010 the Akademia Pedagogiki Specjalnej in Warsaw held a conference “Child’s right to education.”, inviting members of PSK and representatives of all Korczak schools in Poland.

An important and difficult challenge undertaken by PSK is an effort to drive change in human resources and substantive foundation of Children’s Home at Jaktorowska Street in Warsaw.

With kind regards,

Barbara Smolinska-Theiss
2009-2010 has been a positive and productive year for the Janusz Korczak Network-UK. It’s activities have included the following:

**Warsaw Meeting September 2009:**
Malgorzata Kmita attended the IJKA meeting in Warsaw in September 2009. In her role as Secretary General of the IJKA Malgorzata assisted Batia Gilad, IJKA Chair, in preparing a report of the meeting.

**IJKA Korczak Projects:**
During the Summer of 2010 Kelvin Ravenscroft was invited by the IJKA Chair, Batia Gilad, to prepare a series of educational Projects which aim to relate Korczak’s life and legacy to contemporary education. Kelvin planned and wrote five Projects which Korczak Associations and Networks together with schools, colleges, universities and other educational institutions and community groups were invited to participate. Malgorzata Kmita introduced the Projects on behalf of Kelvin at the IJKA meeting in Warsaw in September 2009.

The Projects are entitled: *Peace Cranes; Andrzej Wajda’s “Korczak; Pamietnik: Memories, Dreams and Reflections; Space for Reflection and Sanctuary.*

The Projects were circulated to Korczakians internationally by Batia Gilad by e-mail in the autumn of 2009 and recipients were invited to submit their comments and responses. Cornelia Muller of the German Korczak Association kindly offered to translate the Projects into German for which Kelvin and Malgorzata are most grateful. Her hard work undertaking this task is very much appreciated. Cornelia circulated the translated Projects to educational institutions in Germany and Poland with a view to exploring the potential for participation during the 2010-2011 academic year.

The Projects have been included on the website of the Galatea Trust for which we give thanks to Helena Abram for kindly supporting their inclusion.

During the academic year 2010-2011 Kelvin will be publishing a revised and expanded edition of the Project proposals which will include further details about practical ways in which interested groups can actively participate in the Projects.

An outcome of the Korczak Projects is a workshop currently in preparation for Autumn 2011 which will exploring the spiritual and therapeutic dimensions of Quiet Spaces and Spaces with particular reference to their significance for children’s well-being.

**Geneva June 2010:**
Malgorzata Kmita and Kelvin Ravenscroft attended the Second Janusz Korczak seminar in Geneva, Switzerland on 5 June 2010. Kelvin presented a paper which considered Article 29 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child with particular reference to its aim of the development of respect for the natural environment. The role of contemplation in Korczak’s educational philosophy was explored with reference to the *Space For Reflection and Sanctuary* Korczak Projects.

**Galatea Trust:**
During recent years, Helena Abram of the Galatea Trust has prepared and published two Korczak Portfolios which provide an excellent introduction to Korczak’s life and work. They have been revised and reissued in 2010.

**Janusz Korczak and Forest Hill:**
2011 will be the centenary of Korczak’s visit to Forest Hill in London. Malgorzata Kmita has translated into English four extracts from Korczak’s writings about his visit to London on behalf of David Willows who is undertaking a project exploring the Korczak’s visit as part of which he is liaising with English Heritage with a view to a commemorative plaque being placed at the site of the orphanage which Korczak visited.
It is anticipated that 2010-2011 will consolidate the progress made in the past year in promoting the life and legacy of Janusz Korczak and we look forward to networking with Korczakians from around the world.

8. Alain Sansterre <alain.sansterre@acis-group.org>
to Batia Gilad gmail <batia.gilad@gmail.com>

date Mon, Jul 19, 2010 at 12:24 PM
subject Re: reminder

hide details Jul 19 (5 days ago)

-- Good morning
Our association is in stand by since three years.
Good feelings
Alain Sansterre

9. The report of USA is attached because it was send in pdf. Format

10. Association Francaise Janusz KORCZAK (AFJK)
Sat, Aug 7, 2010 at 4:58 AM
http://korczak.fr
Dear Batia,
AFJK fully supports IKA to organise Korczak congress and welcomes the proposed program in August 2010 in Tokyo titled: "Children's Rights in 21 century". However, to our regret, the big distance and very special conditions for organizing this event did not allowed us to participate. AFJK wishes reiterate she yet still considers herself a co-founder member of the International Korczak Association. She continues to support it every year with new initiatives and proposals for contributing to its success and seeks to encourage development within the movement Korczak values such as critical thinking, participation and solidarity, both between Korczak associations themselves as with other organizations representing the interests of children today.

About IKA presence at the international level, AFJK welcomes the increased participation of its representatives to international meetings devoted to Childhood or Peace. Present and discuss the living legacy of Dr. Korczak invite to pursue its universal founder action to all children all over the world,
without blinkers or ideology. We were able to appreciate it in 2009 and 2010 during Korczak seminars organized with the UN Committee on the Rights of Child, and this one last month with I&C in Caux, each time with a large delegation of our association. We also want to welcome the participation of Theo Cappon to program "Alliance for Childhood" of the European Parliament and the remarkable involvement of the European Commissioner for Human Rights Thomas Hammarberg who has multiplied his "Korczak Lectures" conferences (5) and published recently the Korczak's manifesto "The Child's Right to Respect", in three languages (EN, FR, PL).

Towards the professionals in charge of children (facilitators, educators, teachers, etc.), Both abroad and in France, AFJK particularly interested in the development of training, communication and documentation of the vision Korczak's educational and social, to promote greater respect for children and greater recognition of their rights. She made great efforts in this direction (see our report next page).

AFJK reiterates its encouragement to the IKA Authorities to continue their efforts to improve governance of IKA in terms of internal democracy, participation, listening and solidarity with those who do not have enough facilities to express themselves. She will pay close attention to conclusions of its Assembly, before to reassess its own position within the IKA at her next meeting in September.

Bernard Lathuillère,
President
Name : Association Française Janusz Korczak (AFJK)
Year of establishment : 1974
Registered as : Nonprofit National Association, for educational, cultural and socio-educational
Chairperson : Bernard Lathuillère
Membership fees : From 1979 to 1995 – About 2010 : pending a resolution of our Board of Directors (September)
Activity report (and accounting) published regularly - See next page (sorry, in French).

Attachment: “AFJK-IKA_ANSWER-TOKYO_EN_2p”: our official answer in English and Activity report in French

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Activity report of the Ivoirian Janusz Korczak association

(February 2009 – July 2010)

Since its official birth 26th December 2009 and in order to diffuse and promote the biography, bibliography and the educative heir of the funder of children’s full rights, the Ivoirian association Janusz Korczak has already organised some activities:

- 29 January 2009 – 28 March 2010: organisation of a drawing competition about a picture of Janusz Korczak gathering about a hundred children (school children and street children) in Abidjan in order to discover Janusz Korczak and his enormous pedagogic work.

- 28 March 2010: organisation of a competition called “Genies en herbes.” about Janusz Korczak educative and pedagogical work for a hundred children in Abidjan in order to reinforce their knowledge.

- 29 December 2009 – 18 June 2010: meeting of information and exchange with 30 school masters and 22 teachers from seundauy school –about the heir of the pioneer of children’s rights.

- 2 June 2010: workshop of to reinforce the capacity of a groups of children and women about education and korczakian pedagogy.

Our work project for 2010 and 2011 will consider many other aspects in order to promote the creative work and the heir of the pioneer of children’s right.
Appendix no. 4

Shining Mountain Center for Peaceful Childhood

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Thu, Jul 8, 2010 at 3:33 AM

Dear Ms. Gilad,

My colleague, Mariola Stahlberg of Shining Mountain Center for Peaceful Childhood suggested that I write to you since I will be visiting Israel in early August(2-9). Our Center is dedicated to the work of Janusz Korczak. We are located in Rockland County, New York which is about half an hour from NYC. Our vision is to open an additional center in the Berkshires. Mariola, herself is originally from Poland and has been "tapped" with the spirit of Korczak. She works with children, using innovative, non-invasive modalities that truly help children reach their potential. One of the key components of our program is that parents attend sessions with their children and are an active part of the healing, therapeutic process. Very often what is "aililing" the child is "aililing" the adult. Mariola has a keen ability to observe children in order to see what is really going on. Similar to Korczak's methodology, observation is a key component. The atmosphere at the Center is one of acceptance and non-judgemental listening/witnessing. The values that we work and live by are teamwork, education, encouragement, communication, respect, innovation and integration. After reading many of Korczak's works and some biographies of him, we realize the need to hone in even more closely on how he worked and have a more clear understanding of him and his Democratic Republics. We realize that connecting with you would really give us that understanding and help us to promote Korczak in the United States, not only so people learn more, but also experience how he worked first hand by incorporating more of his techniques in our work at the Center. We truly value the opportunity to visit and speak with you; it would help to propel our work to a new level. Thank you in advance. By the way, our current website is shiningmtnforkids.com ; we are currently in the process of updating our website to include the non-for-profit information, but you can get a sense of our work.

All the Best,
Elissa Menasse

Thu, Jul 22, 2010 at 5:56 AM
Dear Batia,

I'm so sorry that I won't be able to meet with you during my stay in Israel. I'm wondering if you could suggest anyone or anyplace to visit so I can have a better understanding of Korczak's legacy. I also wanted to know what type of report and in what format you were thinking of that would give others a good sense of the work that we are doing at Shining Mountain. Mariola and I would love to speak with you via phone at some point this week, if that works well in your schedule. We wanted to know some times that would work best for you and if we could get your phone number. Thanks in advance. We really look forward to working and joining with you to keep the light of Korczak alive in this world.

All the Best,
Elissa
Wed, Jul 28, 2010 at 2:00 PM
Dear Batia,
I am attaching an executive summary for Shining Mountain. I hope this gives you a better understanding of what we do at the center. We appreciate you sharing this information with others at your meeting, as well as giving me the contact name at the ghetto fighters house. We look forward in bringing the light of Korczak to this world with you. Wishing you a wonderful trip and productive meeting.

All the Best,

Elissa

Executive Summary
Over the past thirty years, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of children who require special services due to learning, behavioral and emotional issues. Shining Mountain Center for Peaceful Childhood Inc. (SM CPC) is committed to offering solutions to assist children in recognizing their unique set of gifts, help them identify how to work through their challenges and provide them with tools to enhance their well-being. We do this by partnering with parents, teachers, and caregivers to foster a peaceful coexistence for children at home and in educational settings. In order to reach a larger community such as schools, Head Start programs, summer schools and camps, the Center was incorporated into a not-for-profit organization in January 2008.

More and more children suffer from anxiety, phobias, stress and sleep disorders while spending less time in unstructured play at home, school and outdoors. Our years of experience show a non-invasive, integrated, complementary approach, over a four to six month period, helps children increase levels of motivation, improves academic, fine arts and sports performance and encourages the use of new ways to communicate and connect with families, peers and educators.

Parents are overwhelmed by multiple diagnoses and struggle to understand the conventional medical approaches with their pharmacological interventions and side effects. Parents play a critical role in Shining Mountain’s program; they attend all weekly sessions with their children to witness, understand and share the experience. In addition, they may attend lectures and retreats on and off-site.

Complementary medical alternatives address one specific need rather than an integrated therapeutic program which focuses on the whole child. While other centers may provide individual sessions or workshops on topics such as: nutrition education, Brain Gym®, rhythm or yoga, Shining Mountain integrates all of these with therapeutic modalities, such a color, sound and essential oils. The Centers’ programs provide both children and adults with tools for lifelong learning.

Educators find current methodologies and training don’t offer enough viable solutions for today’s children with differentiated needs. The Five Star® Program, designed specifically for elementary and secondary schools, brings the Center’s philosophy and a sample of practical tools to public and private schools, summer schools, camps and community centers. Collaborative efforts within the Northern NJ Special Needs Community will provide an opportunity to create a therapeutic-green classroom for children with differentiated needs in the spring of 2010.
The Center is dedicated to the work of Janusz Korczak (Henryk Goldszmit 1879-1942), a physician, educator and writer who dedicated his life to orphaned children in Poland.

Dr. Korczak is well known around the world, however, in the United States, few are familiar with his work. To honor Dr. Korczak’s memory and to provide a way for educators, parents and other interested individuals to learn about his innovative pedagogical methods (i.e., democratic schools and orphanages), we plan to open a Center in the Southern Berkshires. Initial steps have been taken to lease a business space in the Berkshires during the summer months and throughout the remainder of the year, on a bi-monthly basis. This space will be used to offer therapeutic and educational services in the Berkshires during 2009 - 2011. The projection is to secure funding for the land and buildings within two years Inaugurating in 2012, commemorating the 70th anniversary of Korczak’s death and 133th anniversary of his birth. The Center will be located in an area reminiscent of Poland, both Ms. Strahlberg’s and Korczak’s homeland. The Berkshires, in western Massachusetts satisfies this vision and current efforts are being made to identify and establish contacts and resources to obtain funds for the Center and professional support and collaboration.

The Korczak Center will be located on a minimum of three acres of land, will overlook a mountain and will be comprised of three round structures. Each individual structure will be dedicated to one specific service: education, therapeutics and culture. All interior and exterior building materials and products will be environmentally safe and will provide a tangible, “living model” for families and other interested parties to learn how to provide a safer, healthier environment for their children. The grounds will have organic gardens to provide vegetables and fruits for families to enjoy and to facilitate nutritional sessions. There will be paths through the woods for hikes and orienteering to help children explore and appreciate the natural world. The Center will provide individual services to children, in-service workshops for schools, and camps, one week summer retreats for children and their parents and retreats for parents, teachers and healthcare providers. In the afternoons, the Center will be used for after-school program based on Korczak’s methods. Visitors will have an opportunity to learn about the life and work of Dr. Korczak and other educational pioneers.

The SM CPC organization is comprised of people who care deeply about the well being of children. Staff members have been introduced to Korczak’s writing and are familiar with other key European educators such as Maria Montessori and Rudolf Steiner. During the first half of the 20th century, these luminaries promoted reverence for children by paying attention to them and strongly advised those who live and work with children to simultaneously grow internally and develop their own inner and outer non-judgmental observation skills. The SM CPC’s providers of services, volunteers and donors have personal experience working with different learning styles and non-conventional ways of expressing creativity; some have personally experienced the Center’s work or have children who went through the program.

SM CPC is focused on accomplishing realistic short and long term goals and is actively seeking funding from donors for projects listed below. Over the course of the next three years, the Center will direct its short term efforts to: provide full and partial scholarships to children from low socio-economic backgrounds; introduce its flagship Five Star© Program to more schools, community centers and camps; train educators and healthcare providers and help them open
satellite centers; partner with a university to gather data and further research our approach; offer workshops and retreats to parents, teachers and healthcare providers. Longer Term Goals include establishing a center in the Berkshires, MA and publishing educational, training and support materials.

To further the Center’s mission, a salary will be provided for the Executive Director and two Program Directors (for NY and MA) will be hired along with a grant writer and an assistant.