



30th Montessori Anniversary

Neuchâtel 1986-2016

28 and 29 May 2016



Invitation



THE MONTESSORI TEACHER
3RD MONTESSORI DAYS OF NEUCHÂTEL 2016

**We are very honoured to welcome the next
two leading authorities on 28 May 2016**

**Philip O'BRIEN, President of
Association Montessori Internationale
Will lecture in Neuchâtel
and**

**Thomas FACCHINETTI, Mayor of the
Neuchâtel City, will speak and offer an
Apéritif in the Museum of Art and History**



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HISTORY OF MONTESSORI IN NEUCHÂTEL

- 1986** April 14: Foundation of the first Montessori and the first International School of Neuchâtel by Elisabeth Houweling: the International Montessori School (IMS), 2 pupils attend 5 mornings a week in an apartment with garden at Roc 10
- 1987** 30 pupils, all of different nationalities, attend the IMS
- 1988** The IMS moves to the Ancien Collège of Hauterive
- 1988** The refusal of an authorisation by the Government of Neuchâtel to create an English Elementary Section
- 1989** Creation of the French pre-primary section for age 3-6
- 1991** 5th Anniversary IMS Family Picnic with 40 Pupils
The creation of 4 times English afternoon classes till 15:00H, lunch included
- 1995** Authorisation of the Government for foreign pupils to attend the English Elementary section: 78 Pupils
- 1995** Refusal by the City to move the IMS (for expansion reasons) to the Pavillion Johanne-de-Hochberg
- 1995** In August the IMS creates the English-French (Bilingual) Elementary group 6-9 years in Cadolles 7, Neuchâtel. The 2nd floor was rented from the City
- 1995** 3 November: Inauguration Elementary Section IMS. Two groups 6-9 and two groups 9-12. 15 Pupils attend 4 days 08:00-15:00H, lunch included, plus Wednesday morning
- 1996** The 3rd Cadolles floor was rented. All 3-6 groups from Hauterive have now joined the Elementary groups
- 1996** October 4: 10th Anniversary IMS. Inauguration of the united school in Cadolles with the presence of authorities from the Neuchâtel Government and the City
- 1997** In August a playground was built by the City of Neuchâtel for the IMS and the neighbourhood of Cadolles
- 1998** 12th Anniversary of the IMS in the Neuchâtel Castle, organised by the Economic Promotion: 103 pupils



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- 1998 Exposition of all Private Schools Neuchâtel, Hôtel de Ville, organisation IMS and School of Hotel Management IHTTI
- 2001 The 15th Anniversary IMS, Vaumarcus Castle. Authorities from the Government and City are present. 110 Pupils of 25 different nationalities are assisted by 10 teachers
- 2002 The Government authorises Swiss children to attend the English Elementary section (6-12 years) and the IMS is authorised to teach German from 1st Grade on
- 2003 With the expansion of the 4th Cadolles floor the City of Neuchâtel urges a considerable rent increase. Since the IMS owner always strived for low tuition rates, she sells the school on 18 March to a parent of the IMS*
- 2003 A Taskforce (EH=co-founder) establishes Montessori CH and creates the 1st Swiss AMI Montessori Training 6-12 in Baldegg; Nienhuis donates the Montessori materials
- 2004 Elisabeth Houweling (EH) studies Psychology and Science of Education at the University of Neuchâtel
- 2009 The University Certificate was obtained by EH
- 2010 April 30: Swiss Montessori Centre and the English Montessori School were founded at Beaux-Arts 11. A Playground, Park, Beach and Museum are situated nearby
- 2010 The Swiss Montessori Centre becomes Distributor of Switzerland for Nienhuis Montessori, the Netherlands
- 2012 In January: 1st Montessori Days of Neuchâtel (MDNE)
Psychogeometry: Benedetto Scoppola & Paola Trabalzini
- 2015 2nd MDNE Language: The Preparation of the Hand for Writing by Lynne Lawrence, Executive Director AMI

*In 2003 the name International Montessori School changes into International School of Neuchâtel (Montessori Method). La Maison des Enfants takes the school L'Eveil -Montessori Method- over in 2010 and becomes the second Montessori school. Likewise, in 2010 the English Montessori School of Swiss Montessori Centre was founded and is now the 3rd Montessori School of Neuchâtel.

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PROGRAMME THE MONTESSORI TEACHER

Saturday 28 May 2016

15:30-15:45	Arrival and Refreshments
15:45-15:50	Elisabeth HOUWELING, Director Swiss Montessori Centre: Introduction
15:50-15:55	Jiske DE ALBUQUERQUE and Taco HOUWELING: The two first pupils of the International Montessori School (IMS) tell their story
15:55-16:00	Zahra BANISADR: Ex Parent IMS: 3 children
16:00-16:15	Chris WILLEMSSEN, Sr. Export manager Heutink International, Nienhuis the Netherlands: Characteristics of Montessori materials
16:15-16:20	Alain BARBAL, Director of the Office for Economic Promotion Neuchâtel (OPEN)
16:20-17:20	Paola TRABALZINI, Professor of History of Education LUMSA University, Rome: Maria MONTESSORI in a teacher's role
17:20-17:45	Philip O'BRIEN, President AMI*: The appropriateness of Montessori education and its relevance to today's world
17:45-17:50	Children of the English Montessori School perform with flags
17:50-17:55	Walk to Museum of Art and History (2 minutes)
17:55-18:00	Thomas FACCHINETTI, Mayor of the City of Neuchâtel welcomes the Congress visitors in the Museum of Art and History of Neuchâtel
18:00-18:05	Madeleine BETSCHART, Director Dürrenmatt Centre Neuchâtel: Schoolchildren visit Musea

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- 18:05-18:15 Maître Michel BISE and Maître Karl DOBLER:
Support Committee of Swiss Montessori Centre
tell their story
- 18:15-20:00 APÉRITIF and MUSIC: Museum of Art and History,
offered by the Direction of Culture and the
Presidency of the City of Neuchâtel
Guided tours are available

***AMI** Association Montessori Internationale
<http://ami-global.org/>

Sunday 29 May 2016

- 08:30-09:00 Arrival and refreshments
- 09:00-10:00 Jacqueline PRENDIVILLE (AMI): The role of the
Montessori teacher age group 0-3
- 10:00-10:30 Break
- 10:30-11:30 Madlena ULRICH (AMI): The role of the
Montessori teacher age group 3-6
- 11:30-11:45 Walk to restaurant Desperado for lunch (3 min.)
Place Numa-Droz 1, Neuchâtel: near Post Office
- 12:00-13:30 Lunch
- 13:45-14:45 Jenny Marie HÖGLUND (AMI): The role of the
Montessori teacher age group 6-12
- 14:45-15:00 Break
- 15:00-16:00 Jenny Marie HÖGLUND (AMI): The role of the
Montessori teacher age group 12-18
- 16:00-16:15 Closure of the Conference

Irina ELKINA (AMI-teacher) will hold an exposition of her
paintings. She will donate the proceeds to the Corner of Hope
<http://amiglobal.org/home/corner-hope>

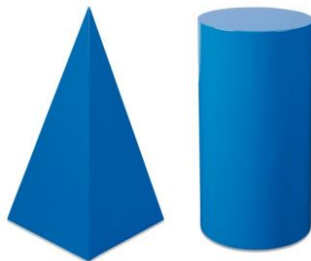
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DR. MARIA MONTESSORI



GEOMETRIC SOLIDS
PYRAMID-CYLINDER

THE TEACHER MUST FOLLOW THE PATH TO LEARN

If the teacher observes some phenomena in the child which interest her deeply and passionately she has entered the right path. Teachers really develop a personal interest seeing human life at its source or beginning. The child may not at first understand his teacher. A person offered him objects which aroused interest in him. That person then retired, leaving him with the object. She was a person who brought great clearness to his mind. She was a great help in understanding things, without having been conscious of being disturbed by this person. When the child begins to be conscious or to notice the teacher, he also notices his peers and he will confide in his teacher. Then the child becomes obedient. In this environment one feels that the creation of love is a great work of sacrifice, of education and of patience. The teacher is silent and respects the liberty of the child. This respect consists above all in not interrupting the work of the child.

(The California Lectures of Maria Montessori, 1915 pp. 70-74)

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MARIA MONTESSORI AS A TEACHER



THE TEACHER AND MONTESSORI MATERIALS

The Montessori teacher's goal is the normalization of the class through work. She has an indirect role when she spends a great deal of effort on the environment and the materials, in particular on her design of the environment and the diversity of the materials she offers. Children are typically required to see the teacher's short lesson on the use of the material before they are free to take it from the shelf.

Her focus is on the child interacting with the Montessori materials, concentrated on what he is doing. The most important clue to the quality of the Montessori environment is the activity of the children. The Montessori teacher daily spends her time moving around the classroom. She stops to give a short lesson, corrects a



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disturbance, restates ground rules or observes a child at work (1998, Chattin - McNichols pp. 8, 53, 55, 66).

The teacher introduces the materials to the child and guides him to keep order in his environment. When a child has finished his work he must put it back in its place. And no child can give up his work simply when he has satisfied his own desires. He must continue his work till the very end, out of respect for the environment and its rules. Teachers lead the child along the way of discipline. They prevent a child from doing anything which is impolite or might hurt others (*The discovery of the child* 2007, Montessori, pp. 51,153).

To form the personality, the task of the educator is to fix the wandering mind of the child upon an object. When we succeed in our aim he concentrates upon the object with such enthusiasm as though it was something he had been seeking for a long time. It is a great help for the child, who has overflowing natural forces, to put the series of objects in order systematically. This is an enormous help in the organisation of his intelligence (*Creative development in the child* 1998, Ramachandran, pp. 113, 159).

ELLIPSE



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THE ACTORS OF THE MONTESSORI DAYS OF
NEUCHÂTEL 2016 ARE PRESENTED
ACCORDING TO THE PROGRAMME ORDER



Elisabeth HOUWELING

holds since 1965 Dutch Montessori and teacher diplomas. In 1989 she obtained a Certificate of the Pan-American Montessori Society and in 2009 she received a Psychology and Science of Education Certificate at the University of Neuchâtel. While teaching in the Netherlands, Africa and Central America she has acquired a very long teaching experience. In 1986 she founded the International Montessori School, which she sold in 2003. While working all these years

she attended numerous continuing national and international Montessori workshops, as well as a great number of international congresses concerning the Montessori Method.

SWISS MONTESSORI CENTRE was founded by Elisabeth Houweling in 2010. In addition to offering taught courses to a group of children from 3 till 7 years (HarmoS 3 included), the Swiss Montessori Centre also acts as the official Swiss distributor of Montessori materials from Nienhuis Montessori, the Netherlands. Moreover, the Swiss Montessori Centre periodically organises Conferences with the goal of promoting the Montessori Method in Switzerland and abroad. In so doing, the Swiss Montessori Centre aims to allow pupils and their parents as well as teachers and other interested parties to have access to the Montessori Method and increase their understanding of this method of education.

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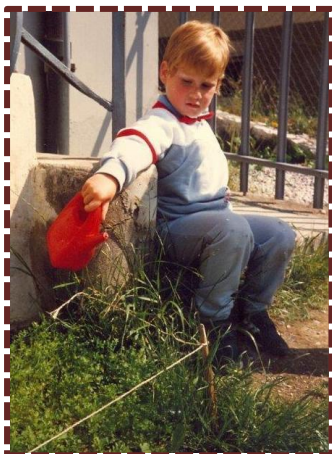


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**THE TWO FIRST MONTESSORI
PUPILS IN 1986**



Taco and Jiske - Practical Life



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Jiske de ALBUQUERQUE

Psy.D., works as a clinical child and adolescent psychologist at the Centre de Consultations pour enfants adolescents familles (CCEAF) in Geneva. She also works at Geneva University Hospitals (HUG), where she contributes to a research project following the development of children born prematurely. She obtained her doctorate in clinical psychology at the University of Lausanne in 2012 and is currently completing a postgraduate training in child and adolescent psychotherapy at the Universities of Zurich and Fribourg.

Taco HOUWELING

Dr. of Chiropractic and Dr. Phil.

He is the owner of Cabinet Houweling in Neuchâtel, Switzerland. A chiropractic practice specialising in the management of back and neck complaints as well as sports injuries. Chiropractic is a medical discipline using a hands-on approach to diagnose and treat painful complaints and problems of the musculoskeletal apparatus and nervous system. Taco Houweling also contributes to a number of research projects investigating the cost-effectiveness of treatment strategies for back pain in Switzerland.



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Zahra BANISADR



She obtained a Master Degree in Law and she obtained a Master Degree in International Relations development and cooperation at the University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne.

Recently she was responsible for the administration and communication of the start-up of the cultural Neuchâtel associations Printemps Culturel and Graine de génie and Graine de citoyen. At the same time she was co-founder and co – responsible of the cultural

associations. In 2013 she received the BCN Innovation Prize. In 2015 she was awarded the Prize of “La citoyenneté de la ville de Neuchâtel”.

Chris WILLEMSSEN



He has studied International Marketing, at the University of Economics-Arnhem in Holland. In 2008 he finished his Montessori training 3 till 12 years at the Pedagogical University of Arnhem. He wrote a paper on the age group 0 till 3. Almost nine

years he has been working for Nienhuis Montessori as a Sr. Export Manager and Business Unit Manager. Because of his knowledge of Montessori education, he also is a member of the product development team at Nienhuis Montessori. He visits many international conferences and thus gained very valuable information about the Montessori philosophy. Currently he works in Europe, the Middle East and the Far East.

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Alain BARBAL works since 2007 in the Public Administration, as a Director of the Office for Economic Promotion of the Canton of Neuchâtel (OPEN). He was born in South-West France. Since his arrival in Switzerland, in 1986, he has lived and worked in the canton of Vaud, then in the canton of Geneva. He studied mechanical engineering in Toulouse before obtaining a Master of Arts in innovation (EPFL) then a Master in strategic management (EM Lyon).

He taught part-time since 1997 at universities and colleges. His passions are sharing ideas, experiences and knowledge all around the world. He likes finding solutions to existing problems and deploying strategies to avoid future problems.



Paola TRABALZINI

Currently Paola Trabalzini (Rome) is a professor of History of Education in the LUMSA University, Rome. She is a member of the Montessori Higher Institute for Research and Training of Opera Nazionale Montessori for which she has supervised the critical edition of *Il Metodo della Pedagogia Scientifica* (2000).

In the year 2005 she published the book *Maria Montessori da Il Metodo a La scoperta del bambino* and in 2011 the book *Maria Montessori through the seasons of the 'Method'*. She is a member of the Editorial Board of the Montessori Italian magazine "Vita dell'infanzia" and of the AMI Journal.



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Philip O'BRIEN **AMI President**

Philip O'Brien (Ireland) joined AMI as a Board member with special focus on partnerships. Last year he was elected to the position of president of AMI, taking much inspiration from AMI's outreach work, in bringing Montessori to as many children as possible all over the world. Philip joined UNICEF in May 1988 as Chief, Health and Nutrition in the Bangladesh Country office and later worked as Chief of Operations for its

Programme in Southern Sudan and subsequently became the Senior Programme Officer in UNICEF's Office of Emergency Programmes. In 2000 he became UNICEF's Regional Director for Central and Eastern Europe and Commonwealth of Independent States. His role was to provide oversight and guidance to UNICEF's Representatives and Country Programs in CEE/CIS, and to advocate with governments on the fulfilment of children's rights. From 2003-2010, Philip was UNICEF Director of Private Fundraising and Partnerships, the division that ensures that children's rights are a priority for governments and the private sector in industrialized countries. In this position he managed a staff of more than 200 as they cultivated networks, raised money and advocated for children with individuals, businesses, foundations and governments. In 2011 he started with the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric Aids Foundation as their Executive Vice President for Communications Advocacy and Development. He is now Senior Adviser to this foundation, providing guidance and advice on developing the foundation's work in Europe.

Philip has a Master's degree in Economic Science (Social Planning) from the University of Wales, Swansea, U.K.

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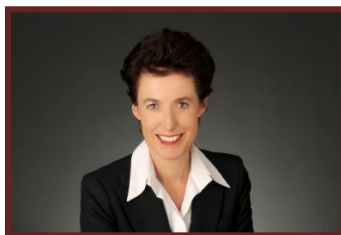
Thomas FACCHINETTI **Mayor of Neuchâtel**

Thomas was born on 18 May 1961 in Friedrichshafen the Federal Republic of Germany. He possesses Swiss-Italian nationality. He was elected in the City parliament from 1997 till 2012 and President from 2011-2012. He was elected in May 2012 in the Commune Council. Thomas finished his schooling and academic training in Neuchâtel. He has studied Social Sciences, Law and

Social Psychology. His professional activities existed particularly in directing Youth movements. He was responsible for the Job Service (integrate young people into professions). Additionally he was a Cantonal representative for foreigners and Director of the Multicultural Service from 2011 - 2012.

Madeleine BETSCHART **Director Centre Dürrenmatt Neuchâtel**

Madeleine is an accomplished art historian and archaeologist who has been nominated as a Director of the Centre Dürrenmatt Neuchâtel in the month of November 2014. Subsequently she obtained a position as a Deputy Director of the Swiss cultural foundation Pro Helvetia. Previously she was Director of the Alimentarium Museum in Vevey and, prior to that, of the Schwab Museum in Bienne. Madeleine Betschart has also been in charge of developing the Werner Oechslin Library Foundation in Einsiedeln, Switzerland.



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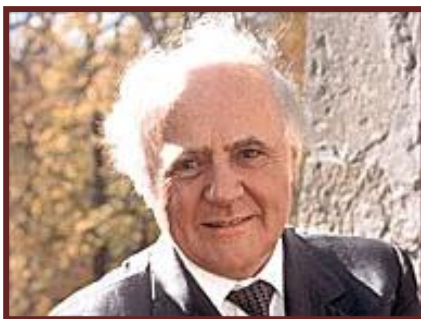
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Michel Bise and Karl Dobler

Michel BISE, Attorney

Michel Bise accomplished his law studies at the University of Neuchâtel and stayed a year in Würzburg, Germany where he worked as an assistant of professor W. J. Habscheid at the « Institut für Zivilprozessrecht ». When he returned to Switzerland he accomplished his training as an attorney and as soon as he had achieved his Certificate he was engaged as an assistant at the University, a position that he only performed some months. Finally he preferred to practice at the bar as an associate of Maîtres Jean-Pierre Huguenin-Dezot and Jean Studer, who just founded their law firm. From then on he continued practicing the bar and at the same time he undertook different activities to serve civil societies. This way he was President of ASLOCA Neuchâtel section of ASLOCA

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Fédération Romande des Locataires and finally President of ASLOCA Switzerland. During a certain number of years he also was supplementary judge at the Tribunal cantonal of Neuchâtel. Since 2002 he takes part in the Grand Conseil of Neuchâtel. Among other things he is a member of the Legislative Commission and president of l'association neuchâteloise d'accueil et d'action psychiatrique (ANAAP).

Karl DOBLER, Attorney

Karl Dobler accepted in 1987, during the industry crisis, a governmental appointment from the Canton of Neuchâtel as the Head of the Organization for Industrial and Business promotion. He has made a remarkable contribution to the diversification and internationalization of the Neuchâtel economy, including the watch making industry. He has been responsible for the establishment of over 500 new international businesses in the Canton of Neuchâtel in the areas of micro-technology, biotechnology and pharmacy, telecommunications and cosmetics and luxury products as well as financial and service related businesses. Karl Dobler has received considerable recognition in both political and business circles throughout Switzerland and Europe for his achievements. He was awarded a Doctorate honoris causa in Economics by the University of Neuchâtel and retired from his governmental position in December 2000. Karl Dobler speaks regularly at conferences throughout Europe. Through his professional activities and his many personal contacts, he has built up a large and strong network of high calibre personalities in business, politics and culture throughout the world. Karl Dobler connects Swiss and foreign investors or companies with the global markets. He holds a Doctorate in Law from the University of Berne, Switzerland and is a member of the State Bar for the Canton of Appenzell IRh. Karl Dobler is president of an Appenzell "Ancienne Bourgeoisie", i.e. a traditional Appenzell citizen's group (Rhode), preceding today's municipalities.



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In Memoriam Thea van DIEMEN

Right from the start Thea van Diemen was one of the three members of the Support Committee of the International Montessori School of Neuchâtel. She was a Montessori teacher trainer and had Dutch nationality. Since 1987 -during an AMI-Annual Meeting Amsterdam- Thea and Elisabeth Houweling worked very closely together. Thea often visited Neuchâtel and she regularly brought experience in counselling the IMS. In 1993 Thea was responsible for the AMI associated 3-6 course in Berne. Thea passed away in 2006, after a short but aggressive illness. We have excellent memories of her engagement and support in spreading Montessori in Neuchâtel, Switzerland and Holland.

A great gratitude towards Michel and Karl

Michel BISE and Karl DOBLER are two very diligent and highly respected Swiss attorneys. They have given a sound judgment, excellent advice and a continuous warm support for a solid establishment of Montessori in Neuchâtel. We had numerous meetings in order to discuss strategy towards the City or the Government of Neuchâtel. We also needed to fight many obstacles and deceptions related to Legislative procedures to get Montessori accepted at Elementary Level in English. The last challenge (it took about 2 years) was about the considerable City rent increase for the IMS, which in 2003 ended the 17 years of existence of the International Montessori School. However, Michel and Karl are still involved in all the activities Elisabeth Houweling still undertakes in Montessori. Thank you both so much for the unremittingly and wonderful encouragement during all these long, rewarding, unforgettable and fascinating years. You both are very generous and your dedicated contributions are an endless gift to Montessori in Neuchâtel. Of course we go on.

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Jacqueline PRENDIVILLE

Jacqueline is an Irish-Canadian and lives in Switzerland since 2000. She studied Sociology and Psychology at the University of British Columbia in 1994, then AMI 3-6 in Toronto, Canada in 1998. She



worked in Singapore as a 3-6 Montessori Teacher before studying AMI 6-12 and Benincasa in Dublin, Ireland in 2001. She obtained her AMI 0-3 in Paris in 2005, studied International Leadership and Management Program for International Schools at the University of Bath, England in 2010. She has worked with children of all age groups. She was a Pedagogical Director at the International School of Neuchâtel

(Montessori Method), a Vice Principal at D'Insle Montessori School in Zürich and a Principal, at Meadows Montessori in Winkel. Currently she works as Educational Consultant for the NGO (Non-Government Organization) Aga Khan Foundation in East Africa and Tajikistan.



Madlena ULRICH was trained as a Preschool Teacher in Norway at the University College of Buskerud and Vestfold (HBV). Madlena took her original AMI 3-6 training in Dublin, Ireland, from 1994-1995. Since then she worked in a 0-15 environment situated in Eastern Norway. From 2008

till 2010 Madlena accomplished the AMI Training of Trainers with Molly O'Shaughnessy in Minnesota, the United States of America, and with Ulla Wikefeldt, Sweden. Madlena is a member of the China Faculty that holds AMI 3-6 Training in Hangzhou and Shenzhen. She trains students during AMI courses in Romania, Russia and Norway.

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Jenny-Marie Höglund



She holds Primary and Elementary AMI diplomas for the ages 3-6 and 6-12. She has mainly worked with the 6-12 and 12-18 (adolescents). She also holds a M.Ed. and she is an established AMI Elementary trainer.

Jenny-Marie was one of the founders of the Montessori School “Lära för Livet” in Varberg, Sweden in 1995, teaching children from 1 till 16 years of age. She founded and runs the first and so far the only Swedish

Montessori Farm School. Jenny-Marie has taught elementary and adolescent students for over twenty-three years. She has been serving as head of school since 2006. She has also lectured at the International Centre for Montessori Studies Foundation-Bergamo (CISM), in Italy since 2006.



FLAG STAND OF NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA

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MUSEA IN NEUCHÂTEL



Museum of Art and History Dürrenmatt Centre Neuchâtel

The Art and History Museum is located just a stone's throw away from the lake. Here much can be learnt in the way of new and exciting aspects concerning the history of Neuchâtel courtesy of changing exhibitions. But the famous collections are also worth a visit - inside a magnificent building erected in 1880.

The Dürrenmatt Centre Neuchâtel was created by Mario Botta; it offers an exhibition space which borrows both from literature and from the fine arts. Although Friedrich Dürrenmatt (1912-1990) was a famous writer and dramatist, he was also a passionate painter throughout his life. The Dürrenmatt Centre Neuchâtel aims to make his artwork and thought accessible to all.

The Natural History Museum has a permanent exhibition of mammals and birds found in Switzerland, in their natural environment (diorama accompanied by sounds for the bird displays). The museum is housed in a historic building. Landscape paintings bring to light the region's fauna and new rooms dedicated to insects and geology were inaugurated in 2012.

The Ethnographic Museum is an enchanting place. Surrounded by gardens and perched on a hill with a magnificent view, this museum is housed in an architectural complex juxtaposing the Villa de Pury, the Institut d'ethnologie and another building which exposes a Hans Erni fresco. In this magical setting, provocative and thoughtful exhibitions have been designed.

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HOTELS IN NEUCHÂTEL

www.beau-rivage-hotel.ch This *****hotel offers amazing views over the Alps. This haven of peace is an invitation to relax, but also the perfect place for successful business trips: **9 min. walk SMC**

www.beaulac.ch Hotel Beaulac **** located at the harbour is just a 2-minute walk from the historic Neuchâtel city centre and the university. It houses a restaurant with a lakeshore terrace and a sushi bar: **3 min. walk from Swiss Montessori Centre (SMC)**

www.hoteldesarts.ch Only 200 metres from the lake and close to Neuchâtel's centre and the funicular (taking you to the railway station in 3 minutes), the Hotel des Arts is a convenient place to stay: **1 min. walk**

www.auberginn.be It is situated in a protected 16th-century building in the heart of Neuchâtel, few minutes' walk from the lake and from many restaurants, bars and shops. **10 min. walk**

www.alpesetlac.ch Overlooking Neuchâtel's rooftops or Lake Neuchâtel. It is opposite the Main Train Station. It offers comfortable rooms, free Wi-Fi and there is free parking available nearby: **9 min. walk**

www.hoteldelecluse.ch Ideally located in downtown Neuchâtel, the Hôtel de l'Ecluse is a charming 22 room hotel. The neighbourhood is authentic and popular. It is 2 minutes away from downtown, restaurants and shops: **13 min. walk**

<http://www.hotel-prussien.ch/> A****hotel. The former 18th century brewery comprises 10 beautiful guest rooms with wood and natural stone, winter garden and sun terrace. **32 min. walk**

Travel information: Arriving at Geneva airport you can catch the train to Neuchâtel within the airport; this trip will take you just over an hour. The **Fun'ambule** leaves every 5 min. from the train station of Neuchâtel and it takes you within 2 min. to the University. Walk 2 min. to the right to SMC Beaux-Arts 11. Please enter SMC through the **Main Back Entrance** (Playground side).

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ENROLMENT FORM

The Montessori Days of Neuchâtel 2016

Please enrol by post using the following form or by e-mail info@swissmontessoricentre.ch, stating your contact details and the day(s) of attendance. Enrolment will be accepted up to 7 days before the start of the Conference, and is guaranteed upon receipt of payment of fees in full by the due date.

- ☐ **Conference Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 May CHF 170.–**
☐ **Only Sunday 29 May CHF 140.–**

Sunday lunch has been reserved for all Conference visitors in restaurant Desperado, and is not included in the price.

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