



CALL FOR PAPERS

15th International Academic Meeting of the

University of Primorska, Faculty of Education

in cooperation with

the University of Kragujevac, Faculty of Education of Užice and Jagodina (Serbia), the University of Maribor, Faculty of Education, and the University of Tampere, Faculty of Education (Finland)

will be held in Koper at the Faculty of Education on
Friday, 20 September 2019

Theme: The Role of Kindergarten in Educating a Child of the First Age Period

In recent decades, we have witnessed a major shift in understanding the notion of childhood, the child's needs and rights. The shift is a consequence and a reason for research into the factors of development and learning of children in the earliest period of their lives: from birth to the age of three. In this period, the children's innate cognitive research ability and activity is linked in a particularly prominent way with (i) the development and expression of their potentials and consequently (ii) the increased needs for a responsive and experience-based rich environment.

The latter represents the guiding principle in providing a stimulating learning environment in which a child has the opportunity to create diverse interactions with his/her ideas, with other children, adults and the content of the material environment. Although the purpose of the academic meeting reaches beyond finding a link between the quality of preschool education for instrumentalized provision of effects in later periods of life, studies report positive, long-term effects (such as more successful

lifelong learning, social integration and higher employability) of quality preschool education up to the early adulthood of an individual.

The purpose of the 15th International Academic Meeting is to stimulate research and critical discussion on the quality of education in kindergarten groups of the first age period in different socio-cultural settings. We want to connect different research approaches with the planning, implementation and evaluation of pedagogical practices in all areas of a child's development and learning.

Within the framework of the 15th International Academic Meeting, we have developed the following thematic areas:

- Early childhood education up to the age of 3;
- The role of an adult in early childhood education serving children up to the age of 3;
- Psychosocial characteristics of a baby and a toddler;
- Research in kindergarten up to the age of 3.

Kind regards,

Head of the Program Committee,

Sonja Čotar Konrad

Important dates:

11 February 2019 – deadline for manuscript submission

22 March 2019 – author feedback

15 April 2019 – deadline for submission of the final version of the paper

26 April 2019 – author feedback on the final acceptance of the paper

10 May 2019 - deadline for registration

Registration fee: 100 euros

Each author may submit a maximum of two papers as an author or co-author.

Please note that the language of the paper must meet the requirements of scientific publishing and it must be prepared in accordance with the Guidelines.

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