

The 8th International Froebel Society Conference



*“Education for peace:
Froebelian contributions at global and local level”*

Thu. 6th ~ Sat. 8th September, 2018

Hiroshima Prefectural Citizen's Culture Center

1-5-3, Otemachi, Naka-ku, Hiroshima, 730-0051 Japan
(plan)

Organized by The Japanese Society for the Study of Pestalozzi and Froebel
Co-organized by Hiroshima Bunka Gakuen University

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Widely known, Froebel is famous as the founder of Kindergartens. But his educational plan included not only child development but also development into adulthood. His ultimate aim is a unity of human-beings, nature and the origins of life – the essence of life seen in all living creature in this world. The ideal goal of his education is to create a world harmonizing individuality with the whole, all the while accepting diversity of all lives. From the beginning, Froebel’s kindergarten has this ultimate aim. For about 170 years, the kindergarten embodying his ideas has spread throughout the world as an institution of early childhood care and education.

However, nowadays, the situation internationally points towards pockets of serious antagonism and conflict based on religious and ideological differences, and on concepts of nation and culture under the rapid progress of globalization and the information revolution. Contrary to Froebel’s vision, a considerable number of children have lost their lives and people have broken off their connections and the sense of community has weakened. However, children need to have a happy family life and a fulfilling school life for their expected future. As a result, a great many children and civilian lives have been, an continue to be, sacrificed.

Hiroshima, the venue of next IFS conference in 2018 is the first city in history to have been the victim of an atom bomb. That is why Hiroshima has relentlessly appealed for permanent peace in this world. The former president of the United States, Barack Obama visited Hiroshima in 2016 where he made the Declaration of Peace. His speech aroused sympathy from much of the audience.

Hiroshima has for 70 years been promoting the importance of peace and the senselessness and worthlessness of war toward all over the world. Additionally, teachers in Hiroshima have developed an educational programme of peace education and repeatedly highlighted the core themes to pupils from primary school through to secondary school.

At this IFS conference in Hiroshima 2018, we are planning to reclaim the roots of Froebel’s philosophy and rediscover how Froebelian research, based on his philosophy in which he longed for unity of all living creatures, can make a useful contribution to an education aimed at international peace.

Key Speakers: Mathias Urban (Prof., Dublin City Univ.,
President, International Froebel Society)
Michio Ogasawara (Emeritus Prof., Hiroshima Univ.,
Prof. Graduate School of Hiroshima Bunkagakuen)
Yozo Waku (Creator of Block Play based on Froebel Philosophy)
Keiko Ogura (Hiroshima Interpreters for Peace)

Symposist: Karl Neumann (Emeritus Prof., Technische Universität Braunschweig)
Hideo Hamada (Prof., Sanyo Gakuen Univ.)
Kenji Takada (Principal, Gensu Kindergarten)

Programme:

Date	Time	Events	Etc.
6th (Thu.)	a.m. (TBD)	Excursion (Tour to Kindergarten)	Hiroshima Jogakuin University, Gensu Kindergarten
	13:00	Registration Welcome Reception, Tea Time	IFS Board Meeting (Lunch)
	14:00	Opening Ceremony	
	14:30	Keynote: Prof. Mathias Urban (Dublin City Univ.) Prof. Michio Ogasawara (Emeritus Prof., Hiroshima Univ., Prof. Graduate School of Hiroshima Bunkagakuen)	Education for Peace of Froebelian Contributions Education for Peace in Kindergarten
	18:00	Conference Dinner	
7th (Fri.)	09:00	Parallel Sessions	
	10:30	Tea Time	
	11:00	Keynote: Mr. Yozo Waku (Creator of Block Play based on Froebel Philosophy)	Block Play based on Froebel Philosophy
	12:00	Lunch	JSSPF Board Meeting
	13:00	Keynote: Ms. Keiko Ogura (Hiroshima Interpreters for Peace)	Atomic Bomb Experience
	14:00	Symposium Coordinator: Prof. Michiru Watanabe	

		Speakers: Emeritus Prof. Karl Neumann (Thechnische Universität Braunschweig) Prof. Hideo Hamada (Sanyo Gakuen Univ.) Mr. Kenji Takada (Principal, Gensu Kindergarten)	Peace at global and local level Viewpoint of Local Level Viewpoint of Life in Kindergarten
	16:00	Tea Time	
	16:20	Workshop: Mr. Yozo Waku (Creator of Block Play based on Froebel Philosophy)	
	18:30	Conference Dinner (with cultural programme)	
8th (Sat.)	09:00	Parallel Sessions	
	10:30	Tea Time	
	11:15	Closing Ceremony	
	14:00	Excursion (Tour to Genbaku Dome)	

Topics include, but are not restricted to:

- Theory and practice of Pestalozzi and Froebel, their modern meaning and issue
- History, approach and political trend of early childhood and primary education in different countries
- Teacher training of early childhood and primary education in different countries
- Activity, programme and philosophy of education for peace in kindergarten and primary school
- Learning through play
- Other related research on Pestalozzi and Froebel

Proposals should include:

- The title of the presentation
- The name/s and institution of the presenter/s
- Mailing address
- E-mail address
- About 250-word abstract
- Style of presentation (Oral, Poster, Workshop)

- Audiovisual requirements
- Four keywords for listing purposes

Please submit your proposal to the following email address as an attached word file until 30th April 2018.

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Key Dates:

1 st February 2018	Conference booking opens
30 th April 2018	Deadline of proposal submission
31 st May 2018	Notification of proposal acceptance
30 th June 2018	Early bird rate closes

Registration Fee:

Early bird registration fee	Japanese Yen 30,000
Full conference fee	Japanese Yen 35,000

Registration entitlements - full conference fee:

Entry to all conference sessions and excursions (Genbaku Dome, etc.)
 Tickets to the conference dinners on 6th and 7th September
 Ticket to lunch on 7th September
 Morning and afternoon teas from 6th to 8th September
 Conference materials

Method of Payment for Registration Fee: Bank Transfer

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Tour to Gensu Kindergarten on 6th, September

The number of participants is limited up to 15 people.

The tour fee is Japanese Yen 3,000.

Please pay the tour fee at the conference registration desk on 6th September by cash.

If you would like to attend the tour, please let me know by email to the following address:

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Accommodation:

Accommodation can be booked visiting following URLs.

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