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FICE INTERNATIONAL REPORT 2013

FICE International /International Federation of Educative Communities/ was founded in 1948 under the patronage of UNESCO in Trogen (Switzerland). It maintains contacts with UNESCO, UNICEF, Council of Europe and ECOSOC. It is also a member of the UN-NGO-Group on the Rights of the Child and member of ENSACT.

VISION

FICE International's vision is to create networks across continents worldwide to support actions and all those working with at-risk children, children with special needs and children and young people in out-of-home care. All activities aim to respect the personality, interests and needs of the child or the young person.

FICE International stands for:

- Children in out-of-home care
- Children with special needs
- Children at risk

FICE'S MAIN AIM IS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE OUT-OF-HOME CARE DEVELOPMENT.

FICE:



- Recognizes the individuality of children, young people and their parents.
- Supports the family as the basic social structure for the upbringing of children.
- Will never try to force a child to conform with pre-determined norms.
- Advocates for an optimum development support for children and young persons who cannot live at home.
- Seeks to find solutions to match the child safety, confident relationship environment and perspectives.
- Bases its work on the UN-Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Rejects any ethnical, sexual, lingual, religious, political or social discrimination.

In order to achieve its aims FICE-International:

- Works through its national sections. Its members work as educators in homes, foster care families or out-of-home care trainers.
- Encourages professional exchanges between national sections.



EXTRACT FICE INTERNATIONAL SECTIONS REPORTS

COUNTRY	Name of the National Section and President	ACTIVITIES
 Australia	Associated Member RMIT University Jennifer Brooker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked on establishing FICE Australia. • Participated in FICE Congress “Ways Toward Inclusion – A Challenge for All of Us!”, held in Bern, Switzerland. • Participated in FICE AG and CF held in Bern, Switzerland. • Presented the “A Global Youth Work Passport – making youth work truly international” paper, during the FICE Congress in Bern, Switzerland.
 Austria	FICE Austria Mr. Hermann Radler	<p><i>FICE Austria:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Started the organization of the coming FICE World Congress 2016, Vienna, Austria. • Participated in FICE CF held in Sofia, Bulgaria. • Prepared Forward 2014 – a program to raise the number of supporters for FICE Austria. • Held strong and intense partnership with FICE Kenya. • Developed and translated from English a basic guideline for work with families of children at risk. • Worked on bringing the topic of Inclusion at the agenda of relevant organizations. • Developed a new strategy for FICE Austria, taking part in a lot of meetings and conferences. • Attended professional exchange between FICE Romania and FICE Austria (3 days visit). • Supported members in different issues e.g. adapting their company strategy to the new guidelines; advising members how to connect internationally. • Connected with target groups who are important for FICE Austria strategy.



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Translated important publications into German. • Visited neighboring FICE national sections. • Participated in Training program: Trauma pedagogics. • Conducted education sessions in residential care homes. • Translated the Moving forward handbook. • Collaboration and participation in an International project, realized together with FICE Spain and FICE-Bulgaria: "Together against violence". • Participated in FICE AG, CE and CF held in Bern, Switzerland. • Participated in FICE Congress "Ways Toward Inclusion – A Challenge for All of Us!", held in Bern, Switzerland. • Participated in Post Congress Meetings on Inclusion. • Members of FICE Austria are individuals, companies, communes and municipalities and for 2013 FICE Austria has 2 new full members and 3 supporting members.
 Belgium	Individual Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The individual members are professionals working in the field of support for children at risk.
 Bosnia and Herzegovina	FICE Bosnia & Herzegovina Mr. Admir Ljescanin	<i>FICE Bosnia & Herzegovina:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a process of establishing a new FICE Bosnia and Herzegovina management Board.
 Brazil	FICE Brazil Mrs. Dayse Cesar Franco Bernardi	<i>FICE Brazil:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized training for 1134 social workers and psychologists in Judicial Court of the State of São Paulo, providing legal and technical support for preparation, monitoring, supervision and evaluation of



		<p>an Individual Service Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized training on work with families, where 144 professionals took part. • Organized training for advisory teams of professionals in the care of five municipalities of the State of São Paulo: Hortolândia, Jaguariúna, Mogi das Cruzes, Guarulhos e Itatiba. • Organized training for 210 social care professionals with courses and workshops on the following topics: "Individual plan of care for children and adolescents in childcare"; "Working with families: a systemic perspective"; "Working with adolescents in residential care services"; "Working with babies and small children in residential care services"; "Qualified listening in working with children and adolescents" and others. • Participated in the 1st Colloquium of Social Protection Network and Qualities of Services Childcare Children, where 350 participants representing various states and municipalities in Brazil took part. • Participated in FICE Congress "Ways Toward Inclusion – A Challenge for All of Us!", held in Bern, Switzerland. • Published the "New directions for work with families" publication. • Published the "New directions of institutional care" book. • Participated at "The National Plan for the Promotion, Protection and Defense of the Right of Children to Family and Community Living" meeting, held in Curitiba. • Organized and took part in a meeting before officers and NECA members for presenting the results from the FICE Congress in Bern. • Contacted partners for organizing the "FICE Brazil Network" Organizational Committee.
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 <p>Bulgaria</p>	<p>Association for pedagogical and social assistance for children FICE-Bulgaria</p> <p>Mrs. Dashenka Kraveva</p>	<p>FICE-Bulgaria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted the CE and CF in April, in Sofia. • Realized “PRIDE 2” project for master trainings for professionals supporting families (foster, adoptive and relatives), accepting and bringing up children at risk. • Realized “I can –give me a chance” project for further development of the Dutch math educational program for children with intellectual disabilities. • Realized an international partnership project “TRAIN-KOSOZIAL –Training and Transfer of Competences of Social Informatics based on EVAS (Evaluation System)”, financed by Leonardo da Vinci Programme, European Commission (EC). The partner’s organizations from Germany, Spain, Luxembourg and Austria. The main goal of the project is the development of training models in relation to the case work, exchanging experience and maintaining website. • Realized “Together against violence” project focused on the prevention of cases of violence repetition by children and young people aged 14-18years. The project was realized in Bulgaria, Spain and Austria and was funded by “Daphne” Programme, EC. • Realized “Children, authors of their life in the community” project designed: to create opportunities and forums for participation of young people who lived in residential services; to formulate messages to increase the efficiency of the process of deinstitutionalization in the country; and welfare improvement of the children at risk. The project was realized with the partnership of “Know-How” Center, New Bulgarian University, Sofia and was funded by OAK Foundation. • Implemented “To grow up together” program – school for parents, delegated by UNICEF. • Realized Trainings for the staff in Institutions for children with disabilities, delegated by the National Agency for Child Protection. • Realized Trainings for the staff in CHILD AND YOUTH CARE AROUND THE WORLD
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		<p>community based social services for children with disabilities, delegated by the National Agency for Child Protection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized and conducted a research into the factors leading to performing acts of violence by children and young people aged 14-18 years; • Organized and conducted a situation analysis and a study of the law and the services provided to children and young people engaged in violence and antisocial behavior. • Published Best Practices manual for work with refugees and protection seekers under a project funded by the European Refugees Fund. • Published a Program to work with parents of children with Special Education Needs project funded by Human Resources Development Operational Programme. • Held: 6 Board Meetings; 150 Trainings, 2500 trained professionals, 5 Conference; carried out 1 research and published 3 publications. • Participated: in different state commissions; in the National Council for Child Protection; consulted foreigner organizations; communicated with its members and was preparing for new projects. • Presidency of FICE International. • Participated in FICE AG, CE and CF held in Bern, Switzerland. • Participated in FICE Congress "Ways Toward Inclusion –A Challenge for All of Us!", held in Bern, Switzerland. • Participated in the "Youth Exchange Practice" project, part of FICE Congress in Bern. 35 children, youth and adults from Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Netherlands, Serbia, Switzerland and Ukraine took part in the youth camp. • Members of FICE-Bulgaria are 44 individual and 64 legal entities; 2 new CHILD AND YOUTH CARE AROUND THE WORLD members.
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 Canada	<p>Individual Members</p> <p>Mr. James Anglin</p> <p>Mr. Thom Garfat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in FICE AG and CF held in Bern, Switzerland, October 2013. • Participated in FICE Congress "Ways Toward Inclusion – A Challenge for All of Us!", held in Bern, Switzerland. • Participated in the organization of CYC-net conference in June 2013 in Canada, where FICE International was a partner.
 Czech Republic	<p>FICE Czech Republic</p> <p>Mrs. Jana Koubova</p>	<p><i>FICE Czech Republic:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized specialized seminar for children care focused on new legislation, in Prague. • Organized specialized seminar focused on socially legal protection of children and various projects, aimed for supporting children leaving children's homes, in Pilsen. • Organized "Education by love" seminar focused on child care, in Straznice. • Held regular meetings of the FICE section committee every two months. • Participated in the realization of the regional rounds of The Dearest Concert, where gifted children from children's home perform. State parade took place on the Karlstejn castle. • Participated in the realization of the regional rounds of various sport competitions of children from children's homes, state competition was organized in Ostrava. • FICE Czech Republic has 198 members (directors, education and social workers, special pedagogues, psychologists) from various children care facilities.
 Denmark	<p>FICE Denmark</p> <p>Mrs. Karen Scott</p>	<p><i>FICE Denmark:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In process of preparation.
	<p>Individual members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in FICE AG and CF held in Bern, Switzerland.



 England	<p>Mr. David Lane Mr. Vic Citarella</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in FICE Congress “Ways Toward Inclusion – A Challenge for All of Us!”, held in Bern, Switzerland.
 Estonia	<p>Estonian Union for Child Welfare (EUCW) Mr. Loone Ots Estonian Children’s Fund Mr. Sirje Grossmann-Loot</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In process of preparation.
 Finland	<p>Central Union for Child Welfare Mr. Martti Kemppainen</p>	<p>Central Union for Child Welfare:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in FICE CF held in Sofia, Bulgaria. • Coordinated the assistance program Emma & Elias. The goal of the programme (2012-2017), financed by the Finnish Slot Machine Association (RAY) is to promote the health and social wellbeing of children and their families. The programme focuses on the improvement of growing conditions of children aged 15 years and younger. In 2013, 24 projects were included in the programme. • Organized a study tour of a delegation of 8 persons from Finland to Romania, including participation in an international conference on “Equal Chances in education, development and social integration for the youngsters and children” hosted by FICE-Romania, October 16-20. • Held 5 seminars on child welfare issues. • Held the National Conference on Alternative Care on “On the same side” together with the city of Tampere. • Held Youth Forum on “On the same side, opposite sides and every side”, attached to National Conference on Alternative Care, for young people (15-21 years of age) as clients of child welfare, together with Young Developers of the city of Helsinki, the team “Survivors” of the Centre for Expertise in Child Welfare and the social and welfare office Satama of the city of Tampere.




		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in Eurochild annual conference, November 13-15 in Milan, Italy. • Participated in IFCO conference, September 13-16 in Osaka, Japan. • Participated in OMEP World Assembly and the Congress, July 9-13 in Shanghai, China. • Participated in FICE AG and CF held in Bern, Switzerland. • Participated in FICE Congress "Ways Toward Inclusion – A Challenge for All of Us!", held in Bern, Switzerland. • Participated in an international conference on "Social partnership for children: systemic approach to solving social problems", November 25-26, in Cherepovets, Russia. • Participated in a conference on Child Wellbeing – Precondition of Development of Human Capital in Latvia, December 13, in Riga, Latvia • Made over 20 statements, comments and motions and several public hearings on draft laws, committee reports and memoranda, international conventions, etc. related to children's rights and child welfare. • Published a textbook on "Adoption – the best interests of the child?" (in Finnish). • Published a report "Running away – A study on escapes of young people and practices of residential care units" (in Finnish). • Published a report "On the same side? Viewpoints to family reunification in child welfare" (in Finnish). • Published a guide on "Child welfare and publicity – A guideline for child welfare practitioners of how to meet media", produced by CUCW together with The Federation of the Finnish Media Industry, The Union of Journalists in Finland, National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) and Talentia Union of Professional
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		<p>Social Workers, in cooperation with the Friends of the Youth, the Association of SOS Children's Villages, Save the Children Finland, The Federation of Special Welfare Organisations (EHJÄ ry), The Finnish Federation of Foster Care Associations and the cities of Espoo and Kotka (in Finnish).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sent "Mail from the field" newsletter, 40 letters (about 2000 subscribers). • Sent 4 letters with "News from the World" (about 1400 subscribers). • Sent 11 letters with news from the library and information service (about 1100 subscribers). • Organized press conferences and press releases. • Supported www.lastensuojelu.info – information about Finnish child welfare for immigrants in 10 languages. • Members: 129, including 92 child welfare NGO's and 37 municipalities.
 Germany	<p>FICE Germany (Internationale Gesellschaft für erzieherische Hilfen). Mr. Josef Koch President: Dr. Hans-Ullrich Krause</p>	<p>FICE Germany:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in FICE CF held in Sofia, Bulgaria. • Realized the „Care Leaver” project in Germany. • Realized “Participation of children and adolescents” project. • Realized “Unaccompanied minor refugees in child care institutions” research and development project of professional practice. • Held 17 events, conferences, seminars: International workshop with 10 participating countries: “Models of good practice for Care Leavers”; Convention of child care organisations: “Further Development and governance of child care”. • Held 4 series of advanced professional training and further education; 9 advanced training courses; and 2 symposiums: „Working with families“, „Self-awareness and contemplation in professional settings”.



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published 3 new publications (books): „Migration and child protection in the UK“, “Against coercion and restrictive means in child care – a case for an education in freedom” and “A history of child care – 1950 until today”. • Published the journal „Forum Erziehungshilfen“ 5 issues. • Published 5 Policy papers and resolutions, e.g.: “No cutbacks on education for unaccompanied minor refugees“, “Life after residential child care – successful models of support for ‘Care Leavers’”. • Held 13 specialist groups and panels/councils. • Participated in FICE AG and CF held in Bern, Switzerland. • Participated in FICE Congress “Ways Toward Inclusion – A Challenge for All of Us!”, held in Bern, Switzerland. • Have 1.473 members, including 54 new members for 2013.
 <p>Hungary</p>	<p>FICE Hungary Mrs. Vera Hazai</p>	<p><i>FICE Hungary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized an international conference in the topic of foster care, recruitment, selection, training (170 participants, March 2013) with FICE Austria, FICE Romania and FICE Germany. • Participated on a professional workshop under the FICE Germany’s “Leaving Care” project. • Organized professional training on national level: “Burn out training” for child protection professionals and foster parents with 20 participants. • Organized professional training-round table: “Child protection in transition” with 25 participants. • Organized professional workshops in the topic of foster care and the new legislation, participants: 160. • Participated in “Is a State a good parent? – Concept of corporate parenting in the



		<p>Hungarian Child protection System” research project with the University of Debrecen, Department of Sociology and Social Policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organized the “Be together” project - Family day for those children who live in the child protection system, with 120 participants: 60 children in care, 30 birth parents, 30 educators from residential homes. Organized the “Talk about it” project – healthy day with 109 participants from 5 residential homes and training for professionals. Organized the „LÉPÉS-VÁLTÁS” project, with the main aim: social integration of young offenders in 2 custody centers with work orientation, supervision and mediation trainings (75 participants). Took part in Children’s Parliament 2013 (XIX session), with 67 children and young adults from 16 institutions. Main themes: education, vocational training, integration into labour-market, changes in the child protection system, after care service and after care provision). Took part in competition for little chefs, with participants: 300 children from 22 children’s homes, competition in 22 teams. Took part in Würth Summer Camp, with 61 children from institutions and foster families. <p>Members: NEVELŐ OTTHONOK NEMZETKÖZI SZÖVETSÉGE MAGYARORSZÁGI EGYESÜLETE.</p>
 India	<p>FICE India Mr. M. Dewanji</p>	<p><i>FICE India:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guided different kind of grassroots level activities, of the “Shishu Jagat” (Network of Children at risks Organizations). In collaboration with several member organizations: LAMP, GUP, VDC and GPFSC FICE-India designed and implemented seven different programs in 41 “Total Education Centers (TECs)”, for about 2,700





		<p>children at risk. The target children have gained access to education health and nutritional care, vocational training for livelihood development. They have acquired knowledge on basic and social education, life skill education and they gain the ability in reading, writing simple words and sentences, numerical calculations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication of Wall Magazine(s) – give opportunities to children at risk to express their feelings and opinions on any subjects or issues they face by posting their articles, poem, drawings and other such compositions to share with each other. • Publication of Children Magazine “Shishu Jagat”- all children of network organizations of ‘Shishu Jagat’ across the country contribute their writings like stories, poem, drawing, sketches in their own languages for publication of a children’s magazine namely –‘Shishu Jagat’ in periodic intervals. • Publication of News letter on different issues related to the area specific problems and prosperity of the children at risk across the country. • Participated in FICE AG and CF held in Bern, Switzerland. • Participated in FICE Congress “Ways Toward Inclusion – A Challenge for All of Us!”, held in Bern, Switzerland. • Held its Annual General Meeting in December, and representatives of 38 organizations actively participated in the said meeting. • There are 41 member organizations working in different parts of India, who are now members of FICE India. • Two new member organizations from Tamilnadu and Karnataka States of India have joined FICE India.
	<p>FICE Israel Mr. Emmanuel Grupper</p>	<p><i>FICE Israel:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in FICE CF held in Sofia, Bulgaria.



Israel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted a seminar and study visit in residential programs in Israel by a group of FICE-Hungary members. • Organized a seminar together with FICE Germany, in Bochum concerning the use of Artistic medium in educating youth at risk. • Collaborated with FICE Germany and the University of Applied Sciences in Landshut Prof. Mechthild Wolff and 23 students to receive and made a study trip to Israel. • Hosted delegation from FICE Austria for a short study visit in Residential programs in Israel. • Participated in an International seminar in Marbach, Germany concerning care leavers and their integration in post-secondary education. • Organized for FICE Israeli delegation of 7 members to participate in FICE Congress in Bern. In addition made several interesting visits to children's homes in Switzerland. • Integrated unaccompanied minors (14-17) from Erithrea and Soudan in residential programs in Israel. Project coordinated by Mrs. Lia Meron, FICE Israel Board member. • Held big Gala evening by the symphonic orchestra of Youth children villages accompanied by a show of Ethiopian youth artistic group in order to improve public opinion's attitude concerning out-of-home care. • Held graduation ceremony for the first group of residential care workers who accomplished a full University Professional Education program for being award a BeD in Beit Berl University College. • Participated in FICE AG, CE and CF held in Bern, Switzerland. • Participated in FICE Congress "Ways Toward Inclusion – A Challenge for All of Us!", held in Bern, Switzerland. • FICE Israel has new 50 members out of total 450 members for 2013.
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 <p>Kenya</p>	<p>FICE Kenya Mr. Herman Jaoko</p>	<p>FICE Kenya:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Took part in FICE CF held in Sofia, Bulgaria, via Skype conversation. • Held psychosocial support training for 70 Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) who are in turn expected to devolve the knowledge gained from the training to the care givers and the OVCs. • Realized the Children's Club project which aims to make children well equipped with relevant knowledge and skills that can enable them to unlock any difficulty that can hinder their growth. Some of the activities involved Children debates, different games, Child Talk, Singing, Poems etc. Realized "Re-usable sanitary towels" project. • Organized different child advocacy and child protection activities through facilitation of birth certificate registration, sensitization of child rights and sensitization against child labor. • Participated in the Free Medical Camp. • Participated in FICE AG and CF held in Bern, Switzerland. • Participated in FICE Congress "Ways Toward Inclusion – A Challenge for All of Us!", held in Bern, Switzerland. • Members – "Make Me Smile" Kenya, "Towers of Hope" and "Noah Moyie C B O" organizations. • New members – "Jiw Pachi" C B O, "Orongo Widows", "Kazi Ngumu" C B O, "Kidi Lwanda" C B O and "Empowerment Initiative Against Poverty" organizations.
 <p>Luxembourg</p>	<p>Association Nationale des Communautés Éducatives et Sociales – ANCES Mr. Charel Schmit</p>	<p>Association Nationale des Communautés Éducatives et Sociales – ANCES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in FICE AG and CF held in Bern, Switzerland. • Participated in FICE Congress "Ways Toward Inclusion – A Challenge for All of Us!", held in Bern, Switzerland.



 Macedonia	<p>FICE Macedonia Mrs. Galaba Zlatkovska-Gareska</p>	<p><i>FICE Macedonia:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In process of preparation.
 Montenegro	<p>FICE Montenegro Mr. Miloead Scekcic</p>	<p><i>FICE Montenegro:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accepted two new members.
 Netherlands	<p>FICE Netherlands Mr. Gitta Griffioen</p>	<p><i>FICE Netherlands:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in FICE CF held in Sofia, Bulgaria. • Realized youth project “Inclusive growth” in which young people growing up in youth care have been in a dialogue with policymakers in the organization they stay in about what can be done to help them participate in society like any other youngster. • Wrote profiles for ambassadors of FICE Netherlands, which described their activities and ways of receiving support. • Wrote a communication plan describing for what goals FICE Netherlands will use communication – website, twitter and linkedin. • Improved the website of FICE Netherlands. • Started using Linkedin and Twitter. • 29 members attended the FICE International Congress in Bern, Switzerland, including 6 youngsters. • 9 members gave workshops at the FICE International Congress in Bern, Switzerland. • 2 youngsters took part in the Youth camp of the FICE International Congress in Bern, Switzerland. • Participated in FICE AG and CF held in Bern, Switzerland. • Participated in FICE Congress “Ways Toward Inclusion – A Challenge for All of Us!”, held in Bern, Switzerland.




		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in the “Youth Exchange Practice” project, part of FICE Congress in Bern. 35 children, youth and adults from Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Netherlands, Serbia, Switzerland and Ukraine took part in the youth camp. • Has been an active member of FICE Europe and FICE International. • On behalf of FICE Europe was an active part of ENSACT (European Network for Social Action). • Held the closing ceremony of the youth project “Inclusive growth”. • Held Pre- and Post-conferences respectively before and after the FICE Congress in Bern, Switzerland. • Members are 45 youth care organizations and universities.
 Romania	FICE Romania Mr. Toma Mares	<p><i>FICE Romania:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in FICE CF held in Sofia, Bulgaria. • Established new FICE communities, in educational and social care units from the 3rd and the 5th districts of the capital, as well as in other counties of Romania (Caraș-Severin, Teleorman, Neamț, Brașov and Sibiu). • Established the Argeș county branch. • Recruited and trained over 80 students and teachers from Bucharest, Alexandria, Vaslui and Alba Iulia, along with Anti-Drug National Agency and Bucharest General Police Department, based on a voluntary agreement. • Made the necessary arrangements for the establishment of a new FICE section in the Republic of Moldavia. • Continued the exchanges at inter-county, county, local level, through projects on various topics: “School after school - between educational challenges and administrative difficulties”, “The Right of the Child to a Qualitative Education-



		<p>between theory and practice”, “Partnership and Voluntary Activities in the Child Protection Area”, “Education for Health” and others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In partnership with the Central Pedagogical Library and the Education Tribune, FICE Romania organized monthly debates on topics first related to the defense of children rights. • Realized „Know and decide!” project aiming at preventing and reducing drug, alcohol and tobacco use among students. • Realized the program “Being a parent-helping you to help yourself”, aiming at preventing school and family dropout in 16 schools from Bucharest. • Under the title "Peer Solidarity", FICE Romania initiated, organized and monitored, through its communities, a series of actions by collecting goods and funds (school supplies, hygiene materials, clothing and food) that were offered in the spirit of solidarity to other colleagues in need, assisted in these centers. • Realized the "Peer Solidarity to Save Lives of Children" project, organized in partnership with ISMB Bucharest - collected cash donations - 4,300 lei, amount used to purchase medical supplies and logistics, games, toys, fruits, sweets, clothes, shoes etc. for children's hospitalized in "Grigore Alexandrescu" and "Marie Curie" Hospitals in Bucharest, as well as in Piatra Neamt County Hospital. • Realized the "Children's Book Festival", organized and held in conjunction with the National Pedagogical Library "I.C. Petrescu" in Bucharest, Caras-Severin, Vaslui, Iasi, Alexandria, Roşiori de Vede, Constanta etc., managed to engage children of all ages and adults, participants in the symposia on best practices to attract children to reading. • Participated in of FICE CF in Bulgaria, Sofia. • In the context of the joint collaboration
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		<p>programs with FICE Israel, in June, a group of Romanian specialists conducted a documentation activity in Israel communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation and exchange of experience with FICE Austria. • Hosted a delegation of specialists from FICE Finland which participated in debates and exchanges of experience with the specialists from orphanages in Pitești, Câmpulung Muscel, Alexandria. • Participated in the campaign "19 days of activism for prevention of abuse and violence against children and youth", campaign launched by WWSF (Women World Summit Foundation) and developed between November 1 to 19. • Participated in FICE AG and CF held in Bern, Switzerland. • Contributed to the preparation and took part in FICE Congress "Ways Toward Inclusion – A Challenge for All of Us!", held in Bern, Switzerland. • Published 2 double editions of the Social and Pedagogical Review entitled "Child Social Protection". • Edited the volume "Equal Chances in Education, Personal Development, Social Integration". • Published the volume "15 Years of Friendship and Cooperation FICE-Romania - FICE Israel". • Edited two posters on preventing violence against children. • Promoted the FICE Romania initiatives and concerns in written and audio media. • Held meetings of the National Committee Office.
 Russia	Russian Children's Fund Mr. Albert Likhanov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In process of preparation.





 <p>Scotland</p>	<p>Individual members</p> <p>Mr. Ian Milligan</p> <p>Mrs. Jennifer Davidson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in FICE AG and CF held in Bern, Switzerland. • Participated in FICE Congress “Ways Toward Inclusion – A Challenge for All of Us!”, held in Bern, Switzerland.
 <p>Serbia</p>	<p>FICE Serbia</p> <p>Mrs. Zeljka Burgund</p>	<p><i>FICE Serbia:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in FICE CF held in Sofia, Bulgaria. • Celebrated FICE Serbia’s 10 years Jubilee by organizing the „Contribution to the improvement of child and youth care in Serbia“ Solemn Conference. • Implemented innovative methodology of fund raising for members of FICE Serbia – group work with children and youth in residential care concerning development of their strengths and resilience Vocational meetings – exchange of experiences and examples of good practice. • Held Donor Market, where members of FICE Serbia, institutions and organizations from more than 20 cities and communities presented different project ideas to support equipment, supplies, space, services and financial security for children living in out-of-home care. • Organized “LIFE BOOK FOR YOUTH” training program for professionals who work with children and youth with difficult past experiences no matter if they live in their own, or foster care families or in institutions. • Participated in FICE AG and CF held in Bern, Switzerland. • Participated in FICE Congress “Ways Toward Inclusion – A Challenge for All of Us!”, held in Bern, Switzerland. • Participated in the “Youth Exchange Practice” project, part of FICE Congress in Bern. 35 children, youth and adults from Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Netherlands, Serbia, Switzerland and Ukraine took part in the youth camp. • Published “How to work methodically in




		<p>the residential settings” book.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published Jubilee Bulletin. • Members - Homes for children without parental care; Homes for children and youth with disabilities; Homes for children with behavior disorders; Foster care agencies; Centers for social work; Institutes for social affairs; Safe house; Individual members. • New members - Safe house for victims of domestic violence; Foster care agencies.
 South Africa	FICE South Africa Mr. Donald Nghonyama	<p><i>FICE South Africa:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In process of preparation.
 Spain	FICE Spain Ricard Calvo	<p><i>FICE Spain:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in FICE CF held in Sofia, Bulgaria. • Promoted residential care for vulnerable children. • Worked with families to reduce difficulties and improve children’s care capacities. • FICE Spain and RELAF became partners in Latin America region, by signing a program of collaboration to promote programs together. • Improved the Foster care program in order to reduce the children institutionalization. • Improved the Children’s House program in order to increase families’ parental capacities. • Moderated the second conference about vulnerable children, in April. 400 professionals participated. • Held vice-presidency for Latin America in FICE-International. • Participated in FICE AG and CF held in Bern, Switzerland. • Participated in FICE Congress “Ways



		<p>Toward Inclusion – A Challenge for All of Us!”, held in Bern, Switzerland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members: Fundació Plataforma Educativa (Catalunya); Fundacion Meniños (Galicia); Fundacion Natzalet (Balears); Associació Vasija (Castilla La Mancha). • New members: Spain has different autonomous regions. FICE Spain spoke with some organizations who work in each region to be members of FICE Spain. Owner vision is to have one organization in each region.
 Sweden	<p>Individual member:</p> <p>Mr. Nils Karlström</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in FICE Congress “Ways Toward Inclusion – A Challenge for All of Us!”, held in Bern, Switzerland.
 Switzerland	<p>FICE Switzerland</p> <p>Mr. Rolf Widmer</p>	<p><i>FICE Switzerland:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in FICE CF held in Sofia, Bulgaria. • Organized and took part in FICE Congress “Ways Toward Inclusion – A Challenge for All of Us!”, held in Bern, Switzerland: www.fice-congress2013.ch, with the partnership and support of “Kantonale Beobachtungsstation”, “Stiftung Schulungs- und Wohnheime Rossfeld”, “Saurer Partner GmbH”, “Kinderheim St. Benedikt”, “Institut für Kinder- und Jugendhilfe GmbH”, volunteers as well as the Bern Canton. In the Congress took part professional and young people from more than 30 countries, engaged in extra familial care of children and youths and in the enforcement of their rights, i.e. professionals with practical experience, educators and researchers as well as all interested persons involved in education, culture, politics, and business. The Congress 2013 was focused on the discussion of the aims and concepts of inclusion and the challenges these pose for experts and for society. Actual practical models claiming to have achieved the goals of inclusion have been presented and discussed, especially those related to





		<p>education, culture, and economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized and took part in the “Youth Exchange Practice” project, part of FICE Congress in Bern. 35 children, youth and adults from Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Netherlands, Serbia, Switzerland and Ukraine took part in the youth camp. Main goals of the project were: exchanging experiences and seeking similarities and differences; further developing concepts together; preparing the message to the congress and the public; working together and organizing leisure time during a two-week encounter; and networking and working together on a long term. The project was organized with the financial support of the “Stiftung Mercator Schweiz”, “Jugend in Aktion Schweiz” und “Swisslos/Lotteriefonds des Kantons Bern”. • Worked on the 4-years project for promoting sustainability, part of FICE Congress in Bern. • Worked on the preparation of various partnerships with the aim of finding more “Ways toward Inclusion” and further extending the network of countries already working on this topic. • Organized and took part in FICE AG, CE and CF held in Bern, Switzerland.
 United States of America	FICE USA Mr. Dennis Felty	<p>FICE USA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FICE USA representative attended the Clinton Global Initiative in New York City in September, 2013 with an emphasis on international services to individuals with disabilities. • Continued to support programs in Masincedane, South Africa through Member InVisions Human Services. • Provided a one-time \$5,000 grant to National Association of Child Care Workers in South Africa to assist in their proposed conference set up. • Arranged for a FICE-Austria representative to attend the North American International Congress. October 9



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		<p>– 12, 2013 in Canmore, Alberta, Canada.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joined the monthly teleconference meetings of the ACYCP (Association of Child and Youth Care Practice) board. • Joined the meetings of the ACYCP monthly OUTREACH COMMITTEE. Informed members of FICE Congress. • Encouraged colleagues in USA and Canada to submit proposals for the 2013 FICE Congress. Several from North American will be participating in our Congress. • Contacted colleagues in USA with FICE-Germany members who met with her while she was in Germany. Very informative information gained by the FICE colleague. • Contacted with new members. • Participated in FICE AG and CF held in Bern, Switzerland. • Participated in FICE Congress “Ways Toward Inclusion – A Challenge for All of Us!”, held in Bern, Switzerland. • Members: Dennis W. Felty, Charles J. Hooker, III (Keystone Human Services), Carol S. Kelly (California State University, Northridge), Ruth Siegfried (InVisions Human Services), Renee Pietrangelo (ANCOR).
 FICE South East Europe	FICE Serbia, FICE Macedonia, FICE Montenegro, FICE Bosnia and Herzegovina Mrs. Soka Popovska	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In process of preparation.
 FICE Europe	All countries of Europe, members of FICE International Mr. Charel Schmit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in the preparation and implementation of the 3rd ENSACT conference in April 2013 in Istanbul.



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FICE INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR 2013

During the year 2013 FICE International activities could be summarized in the following topics:

1. National Sections Activities.
2. FICE International standpoints and positions on different topics, related to children and their welfare.
3. Organizing and co-organizing conferences and congresses.
4. International relations.
5. Organizational development and membership.
6. Forthcoming events.

1. *National Sections Activities - See the country reports*

FICE International unites more than 30 countries worldwide. Each national section has a specific operational structure, type of operation and financing (volunteers, professional advisers or staff members, number of members or activities in the country), but the basic philosophy and principles are the same as those of FICE International. Due to this specific situation, the country reports are very important instrument for coordination, planning and networking in FICE International. The main activities and actions are implemented on a country level.

In the country reports are presented results of the work of the national section of each country. The most common results are: charity projects for children and families at risk, activities with children living outside the family, exchange of knowledge and experience between professionals, organizing and participating in conferences and congresses on social issues, expressing a position on important global topics to improve children's lives, international cooperation.

2. *FICE International standpoints and positions on different topics, related to children and their welfare*

FICE International continued observing the situation in Syria and particularly the children-immigrants' issue. Different FICE National sections had alarmed the public society about the children's rights.

Another discussion, on which FICE International took a standpoint, was the topic, related to the appeals of former clients "Standing up for the rights of former clients of residential care – towards a modern, participatory model for foster and residential care". The Declaration on former clients ends with: "Recalling the dramatic experience of former clients of residential care in the 50s, 60s, and 70s, today's residential care and other forms of care must see it as their duty to implement these findings".

FICE International representatives took part in discussions and consultations on:

- The "Moving Forward – Implementing the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children" handbook;
- "Formal care settings characteristics" paper;
- "What happens after out-of-home care? Models of good practice for care leavers in Germany" international expert workshop.



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FICE International supported UNICEF's appeal for non-placing children up to 3 years in an out of family care.

3. *Organizing and co-organizing conferences and congresses.*

FICE Europe, as a part of FICE International, collaborated in the organization of the following congresses:

- AIEJI's 18th World Congress took place in Luxembourg, 2 – 5 April 2013 and was hosted by APEG – Association professionnelle des éducateurs gradués, the national association of social educators in Luxembourg. The main theme of the congress was: Integration and Social Inclusion. Website: <http://www.worldcongress.lu/index.php?lang=en>.
- 3-rd ENSACT Joint European Conference, 16-19 April 2013, Istanbul, Turkey. Main theme was: Social Action in Europe: Towards Inclusive Policy and Practice. ENSACT's organizational partners are: European Association of Schools of Social Work (EASSW), Formation d'Educateurs Sociaux Européens / European Social Educator Training (FESET), Fédération Internationale des Communautés Educatives (FICE), International Association of Social Educators (AIEJI), International Council on Social Welfare European Region (ICSW), International Federation of Social Workers European Region (IFSW). Website: <http://aieji.net/world-congress/>.
- In June 2013, in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada was held the first ever Child and Youth Care World Conference, Connecting at the Crossroads. This World CYC conference was hosted by the Child and Youth Care Association of Newfoundland and Labrador in collaboration with the International Child and Youth Care Network (CYC-Net) and FICE-International.

By those partnership events, directed towards knowledge and skills exchange for working with people in a straitened circumstances, FICE International fulfills its main function: to support the children and the families, through more purposeful and effective professionals' work, thanks to good practice implementation, presented by different countries.

FICE International realized four years project dedicated to Inclusion. The project was focused on the discussion of the aims and concepts of inclusion and the challenges these pose for experts and for society. During these four years actual practical models claiming to have achieved the goals of inclusion was exchanged and discussed in FICE International countries, especially those related to education, culture, and economy.

FICE International and FICE Switzerland with the partnership and support of "Kantonale BEObachtungsstation", "Stiftung Schulungs- und Wohnheime Rossfeld", "Saurer Partner GmbH", "Kinderheim St. Benedikt", "Institut für Kinder- und Jugendhilfe GmbH", volunteers as well as the Bern Canton had been working hard and very systematically on organizing the Congress in 2013 (www.fice-congress2013.ch), 8-12 October, in Bern, Switzerland, as part of Project "Inclusion". The focus of the Congress was the discussion of the goals and concepts of Inclusion and the challenges from both professional and social points of view, and was aiming at people engaged in extra familial care of children and youths and in the enforcement of their rights, i.e. professionals with practical experience, educators and researchers as well as all interested persons involved in education, culture, politics, and business. Right before the beginning of the Congress, FICE International held its Federal Council and General Assembly. Regular elections were carried out and the President of FICE Inter Dashenka Kraveva (Bulgaria), the Secretary General Bettina Terp (Austria), and the Treasurer Rolf Widmer (Switzerland) were reelected and were given mandate for the next three years. At the opening ceremony of the FICE World Congress at the National Hotel Bern delegations from six continents came together: Armenia,



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Australia, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Ethiopia, Finland, Germany, India, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Luxembourg, Nederland, Palestine, Romania, Senegal, Serbia, South-Africa, Spain, United Kingdom, Ukraine, USA and Switzerland. The presentation of each country was led by two young people with disabilities. Following the tradition of FICE congresses the experiences and ideas of youths played an important role. The project International Youth-Practice-Exchange also was presented. It enables encounters and the exchange of experiences among children, youths and persons involved in projects or from institutions working with concepts of participation and inclusion. The exchange took place on a virtual platform over a longer period as well as in a two-week camp before and during the Congress. The 32-nd FICE International Congress was a very special event for one more reason. In an additional ceremony the CRISTALS, representing the Good Practices, were introduced. They will continue to be presented to the FICE professional community and to contribute to the inclusion of the groups in risk. During the closing ceremony of the FICE Congress a Panel discussion on the subject of Inclusion took place. In that final discussion 6 organizations were presented: Maria Herczog – Eurochild’s President, Christian Hosmann – SOS Kinderdorf’s Director in Switzerland, Bettina Terp – FICE International Secretary General, Heather Modlin – CYC-Net Board of Governors, Colin Chatten – IFCO’s Treasurer and Matilde Luna – Relaf’s Project Leader.

After the Congress in October the next Congress of the international organization will be held in Vienna in 2016, with FICE Austria, FICE International and the International Child and Youth Care Network CYC-Net, as main organizers under the patronage of the Government of Vienna.

4. *International relations.*

FICE International management in the person of its president, secretary general and vice presidents collaborated on specific children topics with the following organizations:

- Eurochild;
- The International Foster Care Organization (IFCO);
- International Association of Social Educators (AIEJI);
- The International Child and Youth Care Network (CYC-Net);
- ENSACT;
- RELAF (Latin American Foster Care Network, for the Right to community and family-based care for children and adolescents)
- Fundació Acció Social Infància (FASI).

A progress has been achieved in supporting FICE Latin America development, after signing an agreement between FICE International and RELAF for FICE representation on that continent through their organization.

A step towards building up bridges with Latin America was also - a Brazilian organization candidacy for FICE International membership. There are opening steps in that direction with Australian representatives.

5. *Organizational development and membership.*

During 2013 FICE International continued its organizational consolidation. The contact with the members has been improved through correspondence on different topics, in relation with mutual projects, devoted to the children between the different National sections, visits for experience and topics exchange connected with children policies.



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For far more improved functioning and networking was taken a decision for a Technical Assistance appointment, which would make the mutual work and network communication more effective. As a result on FICE International website was published information about the FICE International experts from different countries. They are members of FICE International who are working in different child care fields. In addition FICE International started its own Open Group in Facebook, where interesting materials, information about future events could be found, old or new friends can be met and members have the possibility to share their opinion or to discuss important for them issues with other professionals in the childcare field.

A connection with Brazil, Sweden and Australia has been made, which gave a possibility for information and practice opportunities. The Partnership with Latin American Network RELAF was strengthened and the plan for work together was developed.

FICE International management made steps towards partnership resumption with UNESCO. During 2013 a project between FICE Kenya and FICE Austria was presented. It was directed towards training of social workers from Kenya, working with children at risk. FICE International is also correctly listed as an organization in Roster status with ECOSOC.

6. Forthcoming events.

- FICE International is to prepare and adopt new Strategic Plan 2014-2020 and the Action plan to it for 2014-2016.
- FICE International will hold its next international Congress in Vienna, Austria, in the last week of August, 2016. Since FICE was founded in 1948, 32 FICE Congresses throughout the world have brought together front-line experts in providing care and support for children without and outside the family. FICE Congresses are aimed at people involved in out-of family care for children and youths and the enforcement of children's rights; these include professionals in practice, research, teaching, as well as interested attendants from the fields of education, culture, politics, and business.

Sofia, April 2014

Dashenka Krалеva – President of FICE International