

## P.E.P. (Professional Exchange Program) News

As the result of the meeting, held in Florence, 19.05.99, Robert Soisson, Luxembourg, chair Eli Amir, Israel Soren Hegstrup, Denmark Sari Laaksonen, Finland Wolfgang Trede, Germany, came to these conclusions:

The meeting suggests that FC would change the secretariat to FICE-Europe. It was pointed out, that the person responsible for the programme should be enthusiastic about it as well as have the possibility to put time and effort to the work for PEP. The responsibilities of the secretariat are:

1. Keep up the updated information both web and the brochure
2. Take care of the PR and spreading the information of PEP, keep up with connections.
3. Inform and consult the national sections about the procedure and the financing possibilities.
4. Keep statistics and record of the reports and experiences of the programme.
5. Give certificates to the fellows.

The broadening of the programme was discussed, and we suggested to move forward insteps:

1. The programme will be brought back alive with the new secretariat, better advertising, informing the national sections and co-operation with other programmes and organisations. After doing this, we can evaluate the situation again, and if needed
2. Open the programme to student and newly graduated fellows as well.

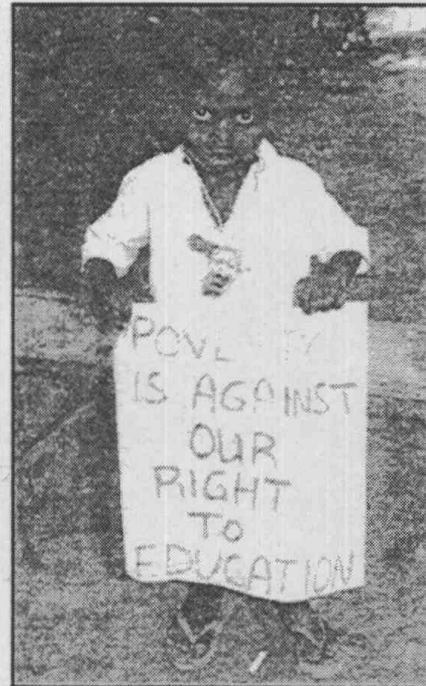
The applicants of non-member countries are still welcomed, but they have to have recommendations

1. From a FICE member personally
2. From another known organisation in their country, for example IFCW
3. From the ministry of social affairs or education of their country

International co-operation with other programmes and organisations is enlarged by web links and mutual advertising. In the application there has to be a recommendation from someone accepted by the national sections. In addition to that the applicant must provide any document the host country needs to have. In the information given it should be mentioned, that FICE is not responsible for the actions of the fellows. In connection with FC meetings the national coordinators and webmasters of PEP would regularly have also a meeting, discussing and changing the experiences.

These steps should be started right away. All the national sections will get information of the new situation before FC 2/99.

Sari Laaksonen



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## WORLD WIDE WEB

at address <http://www.unicef-icdc.org/cdw.html> you can find an interesting Spotlight on **child domestic work**. "...Orphaned children or children of impoverished families have throughout history been sent to live in another household (usually, but not necessarily, related), where they perform tasks in return for shelter, care, nurture and education or useful instruction. In some settings, these children are seen as 'adopted' family members. The important change in recent times is that this kind of arrangement is becoming commercialized, and therefore more potentially exploitative..."

Visit also <http://www.globenet.org/enda/procape/> where you can find the aims of a new program to help **Street Children**. "...Of the more than 2 billion children (0-18 years of age) inhabiting the planet, 87% are living in developing countries. The vast majority of these children, most notably those living in urban areas, are often depicted by the European media as "street children"... Exploited economically, sexually, socially and often stereotyped by the media, these children have become the clichés representing all that is "wrong" in the Southern countries..."

Tommaso Conforti

**The next Federal Council CF2/99, will take place in Budapest, Hungary 27-30 octobre 1999**



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