

In
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of



Bahrain Montessori Centre
Institute for Teacher Training & Research
(BMC)

The Mother Child
Home Education Programme
(MOCEP)

**The First International
Early Childhood &
Montessori Conference**

*Kingdom of Bahrain
May 26 & 27, 2007*



Childhood:
An Evolutionary Vision

*Celebrating 100 Years of Montessori
around the Globe*



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Some things are just meant to be it seems and this conference, the first ever, in this small island country in the Arabian Gulf, was no exception. Our opening address at the historical and revered, Beit Al Qur'an was made by the honourable and distinguished, Dr. Abdul Latif Kanoo.



His message of building strength along our journey to move education forward was clear and profound. It takes knowledge, courage, strength and the will of God to unite us all for good. And what better place to have delivered these powerful words than in this very enshrined assemblage of worship and respect? We are sincerely humbled by the support and honour bestowed upon this conference by Dr. Kanoo.

On behalf of all of us: guests, participants, volunteers and colleagues, Thank you, Dr. Kanoo.



Dr. Abdul Latif Kanoo, Honorary Chairman, Beit Al Qur'an
Opening Address



Catherine Banks, Announcer
BMC student/volunteer

Our lovely and bright, Catherine Banks was the official Conference Announcer and she did a marvellous job in ensuring we were all at our posts and on time. Thank you, Catherine.





**Master of Ceremonies
Dr. Julie Hadeed
Conference Organiser**



Panel of Distinguished Guests

Barbara Isaacs
MCI, Director
London, UK

Mara Krechevsky
Project Zero
HGSE, USA

Mary Jane Drummond
First Hand Experiences
Retired- Cambridge UK

Dr. Hadeed
BMC/MOCEP
Bahrain

To plant the 'seeds' for our Evolutionary Vision, this conference invited reputed scholars in the field of Early Years Education and Development. Each of our special guests is a 'pioneer' in their own right, and collectively they brought their expertise together to

create a unique global experience of wonder, excitement, knowledge and dedication for our diversified audience.



Mara Krechevsky from Project Zero (Appendix 2)
Harvard Graduate School of Education
delivered two presentations on:

- Multiple Intelligences
- Making Learning Visible



Mary Jane Drummond (Appendix 3)
delivered two presentations on:

- First Hand Experiences
- Young children in action: making sense of the world



Barbara Isaacs, Executive Director (Appendix 4)
Montessori Centre International,
presented an overview of the Montessori
philosophy and methods

For complete text see Appendices 2, 3, and 4.

*The Mother Child Home Education Programme,
MOCEP – Bahrain*



The First International Early Childhood Conference was honoured to present the ongoing success and recently published research on *The Mother Child Home Education Programme*, in Bahrain and the Gulf region.

For complete MOCEP details and the conference presentation go to:

Appendix (1b) *The Mother Child Home Education Programme MOCEP* Dr. Julie Hadeed

Appendix (1c) *MOCEP Summary*

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Our Guests



Renu Bhatia, India – Dr. Hadeed – Avra Antoon



Janeann Mohseni and Dr. Ali Lori

Comments

Hameeda Alnooh from Bahrain
(A teacher at Al Raja School)
"Excellent. The points were on the spot and helped us, as I am a teacher."

Chandrani, Bahrain (Teacher at Sacred Heart School)
"The conference is very good. Hope this inspires others to do something."



Champa Sagararatne -- Jalila Al Alawi
BMC students

Owen Gaasedelen, USA
Aramco, Saudi Arabia



Meenakshi from Oman
"Excellent! Very informative."

Nabil Haji Aseel from Palestine
"Well organized."



Barbara Isaacs -- Dawn Nasser
London, UK



Laila Hamdan -- Nabeel Alhaj Yaseen
The Trust of Programs for Early Childhood
Family and Community Education
Jerusalem

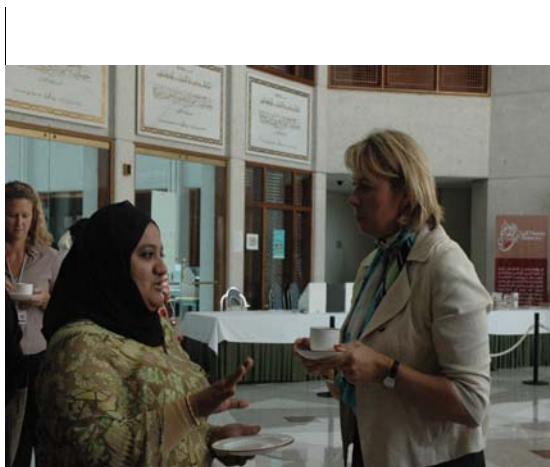
Comments

Ranin from Iraq *"Very informative"*

Reema from Bahrain (works in Alhekma International School)
"Very good. Look forward to the next conference. I am very interested in Montessori as we are implementing the method in our school and would like to train our staff to teach the Montessori way."



Ghada -- Madeleine Al Moayyed
Bahrain

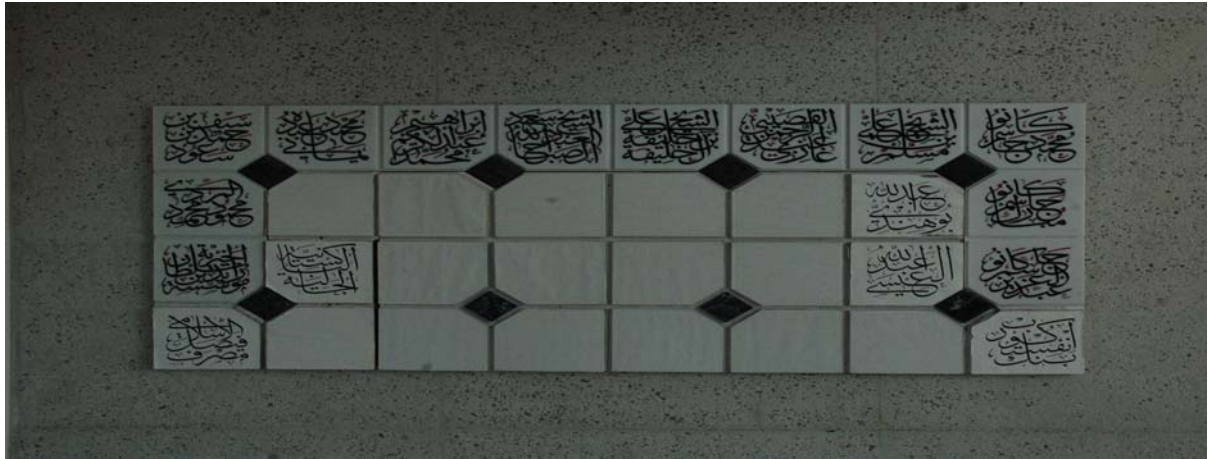


Wafa Isa -- Christ Julia Weemaes-Lidman



Sheikha Reem & Lulwa
Al Khalifa

Hadeel from Kuwait *"The conference inspired and motivated me to do what we can for Arab children, advantaged and disadvantaged."*



Sheikha Marwa Al Khalifa, *"I am very excited that it is happening in Bahrain (The Conference). The concepts are important and I hope that Bahrain will be able to reach the goals Dr. Julie has set."*



Benedicte Monroe
Ambassador, USA (wife)



Hala Roumani, Dubai-Kuwait



Nishat Damji, Dubai, *"The conference was well organized. However, there should be more advertising throughout the region (Gulf states)."*

Afternoon Workshops included:

- *Montessori films and material presentations*



BMC Students & Guests

**Shireen Shaji, Meave O'Loughlin,
Andria Katchdurian, Dr. Siham Alsuwaigh**



Nadia Mashaie, BMC student



Shireen Shaji, BMC trainee

Some examples of how children construct and make sense of learning demonstrated by



Mary Jane Drummond



Mara Krechevsky

The First International Early Childhood and Montessori Conference hosted two field trips to:

- The new Ajyaal Montessori Pre-school in Al Hamala which opened in September, 2007
- The Mother Child Home Education Programme (MOCEP) in the Samaheej Sports Club Centre

Ajyaal Montessori Pre-school



Sheikha Aseel Al Khalifa & Yara Algosaiabi
Founders/Directresses (centre with guests)



Meave O'Loughlin and Ali



Nabeela and Daniela Kouvaras



Marie Therese from Egypt, "Perfectly planned. I hope to implement it back in Egypt."



Special Guests from The Trust Programs, Jerusalem

Anica from Bahrain,

"Very informative. Very supportive to what I believe and know. A great way to meet people in the same field. I would recommend that workshops be more interactive and hands on."



Part of our MOCEP team (manager, discussion leaders, teachers)



Barbara and Mary Jane
Sensorial apparatus
Ajyaal Montessori Pre-school


Sharon from Kuwait, *"The conference is very good. Very informative. I found the Ajyaal Montessori School very interesting. I have no information about Montessori so this conference has helped."*

There were no photographs taken during the MOCEP field visit –a request made on behalf of our mothers in the programme.

Please refer to the website for illustrations and more information on MOCEP.
www.mocep-bahrain.com.bh

Again, special thanks to our donors, volunteers and conference hostesses that helped to make this conference possible. Thank you.

Warm regards,



Dr. Julie Hadeed

Appendices:

- (1) **Childhood on the Brink: An Evolutionary Vision**
Dr. Julie Hadeed
Opening Speech—First International Early Childhood and Montessori Conference
Kingdom of Bahrain, May 26, 2007

www.bahrain-montessori-centre.com/pdflink1a.pdf
- (1b) **The Mother Child Home Education Programme, MOCEP, Bahrain**
Dr. Julie Hadeed
www.bahrain-montessori-centre.com/pdflink1b.pdf
- (1c) **MOCEP Summary**
www.bahrain-montessori-centre.com/pdflink1c.pdf
- (2) **Expanding our Notions of Education: Putting Multiple Intelligenc Theory to Practice/ Making Learning Visible (MLV)**
Mara Krechevsky
May 26 - 27, 2007
www.bahrain-montessori-centre.com/pdflink2.pdf
- (3) **First Hand Experiences/ Powerful Thinkers-Powerful Children**
Mary Jane Drummond
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www.bahrain-montessori-centre.com/pdflink3.pdf
- (4) **Following the Child, The Montessori Way/ The Infant Toddler**
Barbara Isaacs
May 26 – 27, 2007
www.bahrain-montessori-centre.com/pdflink4.pdf