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IFCO invites you to translate this newsletter into your own language and send it further to contacts in your country and elsewhere who may not yet be IFCO members (membership details are on the www.ifco.info web site) - thank you!

Newly Updated Information on our Website

1. IFCO REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2007 MALTA, 18th-21st NOVEMBER :

"Developing foster care for children and families in the European Union, CEE, CIS and North Africa - new challenges, quality standards and solutions"



Register & Pay by 10 August for the lowest prices!! A new deadline for Call for Papers has been set and we are still accepting additional workshop proposals. Please check out our website for more detailed information about these new deadlines as well as prices set for Youth and Young Adults!!

<http://malta2007.ifco.info>

The IFCO European Training Seminar is aimed at participants from the EU, EEA, CIS, CEE & North Africa – of course all others welcome too! It will be followed by the EuroChild annual conference.

2. The next IFCO Informer is on it's way to you, have you renewed your membership yet?

If not and your membership is expiring this year (the end of June 2007), then you will receive a renewal notice from IFCO Treasurer John Hulskamp, with your Informer magazine. Please submit this form to: john@hulskamp.com.au and your payment will be quickly processed. You may also contact him directly with any general inquiries you have over your membership. You may also find the membership

renewal form directly in our website at the following address:
<http://www.ifco.info/Pages/join.php> or contact our office at: ifco@ifco.info

Continue sharing our mission and be part of an international organisation aimed at children's welfare!

3. SOS CHILDRENS VILLAGE SOUTH AFRICA'S 1ST BIENNIAL CONFERENCE, SANDTON CONVENTION CENTRE, 17-19 OCTOBER 2007

This conference seeks to create a dialogue between those that create the theory of child care (academics) and those that practice (child care workers) and those experiencing child care (children themselves). Therefore, this is not a specialist conference, focusing on one particular type of individual involved in child care. Rather, papers, posters, symposia and workshops are invited from these three categories of stakeholders within the childcare sector to encourage interaction and learning across theoretical, practitioner and client boundaries.

CALL FOR PAPERS: Conference "Merging theory and practice"

Authors are invited to submit papers within the two streams listed below. Papers may be either conceptual or empirical and no particular research methodology is preferred. As child participation and dialogue are desired outcomes for the conference, papers do not have to conform to academic standards or conventions. Experiential works, discussion papers and case studies as well as academic style papers are invited.

Stream 1: the developmental approaches to child care

Stream 2: Community-based responses to child care

Should you require any further information or assistance, kindly contact Sonja du Plessis on +27 11 768 4355 or via e-mail on sonja@londocor.co.za

<http://www.sosvillages.org.za/events-calendar/events/1st-biennial-conference>

4. Introducing "Safer Caring, a Training Programme" by Kate Cairns and Eileen Fursland, published by BAAF, 2007

IFCO would like to introduce a new training programme for foster carers, social workers and all persons involved in taking care of traumatised children (adoptive parents, staff in residential homes, etc.). Designed by Kate Cairns, author of *"Surviving paedophilia : traumatic stress after organised and network child sexual abuse"*, Trentham Books, 1999) and *"Attachment, trauma and resilience : therapeutic caring for children"* (BAAF, 2006) and Eileen Fursland, this course continues the exploration of secondary traumatic stress, and the risks resulting from the relationship with abused, neglected and traumatised children.

Delivering clear and up-to-date information about the neurological and psychological impact of direct and secondary traumatisation, the training programme encourages foster carers and social workers to look after themselves, and to pay attention to signs of post traumatic stress in themselves and others. A strong focus is dedicated to treatment and prevention, through social support and team work.



The full review over this programme can be found on IFCO's home page. Please visit: <http://www.ifco.info/Pages/home.php>. You may also buy this book through BAAF at: http://www.baaf.org.uk/res/pubs/books/book_safercaring.shtml

5. Coming Soon! Newly Released “Quality for Children Standards” will be translated into various CEE/CIS/Baltics Languages.

The continental office CEE/CIS/Baltics of SOS Children's Villages will ensure that SOS Children's Villages National Associations in each country that are part of the continent CEE/CIS/Baltics make official translations of the Q4C Standards. The countries/languages are: Belarus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Albania, Bosnia, and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Kosovo, Macedonia, Northern Cyprus, Romania, Serbia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

The Standards are expected to be translated within the coming weeks/months, however it is currently not known when exactly each version will be ready. Please contact SOS National Associations for more information or any questions you may have at: info@sos-childrensvillages.org

Spanish, English and German translations are already available at: www.quality4children.info