



CALL FOR ABTRACTS

Montessori Europe is pleased to invite you to submit proposals/abstracts for speeches presenting research results in the field of Maria Montessori education and pedagogy during the annual Montessori Europe Congress, which this year takes place in Gdansk (Poland) in cooperation with the University of Gdansk under the theme: 'Promoting Solidarity and Social Justice in Montessori Education'.

BACKGROUND

Montessori Europe considers as one of the important elements of its mission the promotion of research and connecting of different educational communities, especially within the approach pioneered by Maria Montessori in the early 20th century. This year, the Board of Montessori Europe, in order to meet the expectations of members of the Montessori community, wishes to dedicate the whole first day of the congress (Friday 29 September 2023) to the presentation and promotion of the achievements of scholars. This will be an excellent opportunity to share the latest research results with the international community.

PROCESS

To present your research at the conference your abstract must first pass peer review. The authors whose proposal are accepted, will receive a confirmation letter. Upon payment of the congress registration fees, your attendance at the conference will be confirmed.

The Organising Committee welcomes abstracts from a wide variety of interdisciplinary and theoretical perspectives. Participants are invited to submit up-to-500-word abstracts (incl. references) for working papers, research reports and analyses relating to Montessori pedagogy. We also encourage you to consider a symposium as an alternative format of your submission. A symposium comprises three or four short papers focused on a single theme. In this case, the submission should consist of an introduction to the symposium outlining the key issues to be addressed and abstracts of all three or four contributions. The submission for a symposium must not exceed 1,000 words in total (incl. references). Should a symposium be accepted, its participants will receive a ninety-minute time slot of a concurrent paper session.

All successful candidates will be invited to design a poster for their work which will be printed and displayed at the Congress in Gdansk.



TIMELINE

- 15 April 2023: Deadline for submission of abstracts and symposia
- 30 April 2023: Acceptance letters sent out
- 1 May 2023: Registration for Montessori Europe members opens - not a member? **JOIN NOW!**
- 1 June 2023: Registration for general public opens
- 15 June 2023: Deadline for payment of Congress registration fees
- 1 July 2023: Congress Research Day Programme is published
- 15 August 2023: Deadline for submission of posters (electronic template will be included with acceptance letter)
- 29 September - 1 October 2023: Welcome to Gdansk - ME Congress 2023

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

The corresponding author must collect and enter the following information for the abstract submission:

- Contact details - first and last name, rank, affiliation, affiliation country, e-mail address
- Paper Title - Full paper title for the presentation
- Paper Abstract - up-to-500-word abstract OR
- Symposium Abstract - up-to-1000 word abstract
- **Proposals to be emailed to: research@montessori-europe.net by 15 April 2023**

FULL PAPER PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITY

Montessori Europe is also extremely pleased to announce that the authors presenting their research during the congress will have the opportunity to publish their full articles (after passing the double-blind review procedure) in scientific journal: *Issues in Early Education*, published by the University of Gdansk under the auspices of the Polish Educational Research Association - a member of the European Educational Research Association (EERA) and the World Education Research Association (WERA).

The journal - in cooperation with the Montessori Europe Board - has agreed to devote a special issue to research on Montessori pedagogy. All costs related to the on-line publication will be covered by the University of Gdansk and the articles will be freely available (open access) under the International Creative Commons 4.0 licence.

Furthermore, the paper version of this special issue of the journal will be available and distributed free of charge to all Montessori Europe members and the participants at the next Montessori Europe Congress in 2024!

The guest editor of the *Issues in Early Education* special issue devoted Montessori pedagogy research is a member of the Montessori Europe Board, Dr Jaroslaw Jendza

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED!!!