



Organisation Mondiale pour L'Éducation Préscolaire
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INVITATION TO WAC 2026

78th OMEP World Assembly and Conference

“When a Child Speaks... Korczak’s Inspirations for Education and Children’s Rights”

Poznań, Poland – 14–18 July 2026

 www.omep2026.org *(under construction but accessible)*

KEY DATES

1) Pre-Assembly Event – “Korczak Forest” (Treblinka) - Monday, 13 July 2026

(For interested OMEP National Committees — detailed information will be sent with the official Assembly invitation).

2) 78th OMEP World Assembly - Tuesday, 14 July 2026 and Wednesday, 15 July 2026

(Official call, agenda, and procedures will be communicated by the OMEP World Presidency).

3) 78th OMEP World Conference

Thursday, 16 July 2026, Friday, 17 July 2026 and Saturday, 18 July 2026

INVITATION

Dear Colleagues and Members of OMEP from around the world,

On behalf of the Polish OMEP Committee and the academic authorities of the **Faculty of Educational Studies at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań**, I am delighted to invite you to participate in the **78th OMEP World Assembly and Conference (WAC 2026)**, taking place in the beautiful and historic city of **Poznań, Poland**, from **14 to 18 July 2026**.

The theme of the Conference — **“When a Child Speaks... Korczak’s Inspirations for Education and Children’s Rights”** — invites us to reflect deeply on the enduring legacy of **Janusz Korczak**, a visionary educator and pioneer of children’s rights. His lifelong message — to **listen attentively to children**, to their words, emotions, and inner worlds



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— remains essential for building educational environments rooted in dignity, respect, participation, and holistic development.

WAC 2026 aims to create inspiring spaces for dialogue, reflection, and exchange of knowledge on how Korczak's values can inform contemporary pedagogies and strengthen children's right to a joyful, dignified, and flourishing childhood. Together, we will explore how the balance between emotions and intellect, so central to Korczak's thought, can guide today's educational practices.

Poznań, with its rich cultural heritage and strong academic traditions, offers an ideal setting for this global gathering. The event is co-organized by the **Polish OMEP Committee** and **Adam Mickiewicz University**, an institution with more than a century of experience in education, research, and the promotion of children's rights.

We warmly invite **researchers, practitioners, educators, psychologists, doctors, policymakers**, and all those engaged in shaping the future of early childhood education and care.

Pre-Assembly Event: “Korczak Forest” (Treblinka)

Monday, 13 July 2026

Before the Assembly and Conference, OMEP National Committees are warmly invited to participate in a special Pre-Assembly Event dedicated to the memory of **Janusz Korczak**, his collaborators, and the children who perished during the Holocaust.

Participants will:

- Visit the **Treblinka Museum**, near Warsaw
- Take part in **planting trees in “Korczak's Forest,”** as a tribute of remembrance and hope

This deeply meaningful event will provide an opportunity to connect Korczak's humanistic message with OMEP's global commitment to children's rights, peace, and dignity.

More detailed logistical information will be sent together with the official Assembly invitation.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- ◆ **Conference Registration**

Registration details will be available at: <https://www.omep2026.org/registration-info>

Steps for Participation

Step 1 – Registration Form

- Complete the online form (open on December 5th)
- Receive your confirmation email with **RegID**
- Registration is required before submitting an abstract

Step 2 – Abstract Submission

- Submit your abstract using your **RegID**
- Registration and abstract submission are handled in **separate forms**

 **Abstract submission deadline: 15 March 2026**

◆ Fees & Early Bird Registration

Full information at: <https://www.omep2026.org/fees>

 **Early Bird Period: 5 December 2025 – 30 April 2026**

◆ Conference Regulations

Please review the conference regulations here:

<https://www.omep2026.org/regulations>

A Note on the 78th World Assembly

The 78th OMEP World Assembly, the highest decision-making body of the organization, will be held at Adam Mickiewicz University on:

Tuesday, 14 July 2026 and Wednesday, 15 July 2026

The detailed agenda, following the OMEP Constitution, will be circulated approximately **three months** before the Assembly, with possible revisions up to **one month** prior.

Presidents of National Committees (or appointed representatives) will receive all registration links, nomination forms, and procedural documents directly from the OMEP World Presidency.



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We look forward to welcoming you to **Poznan in July 2026** for an inspiring, international gathering dedicated to early childhood education — and to honoring the timeless message of Janusz Korczak: **the child is a person whose voice must be heard.**

With warm regards,

Renata Michalak

On behalf of the Polish OMEP Committee and Adam Mickiewicz University