REPORT

from the international scientific seminar International aspects of Janusz Korczak Pedagogy Międzynarodowe aspekty współczesnej pedagogiki korczakowskiej

On 17-18 May 2016 took place an international seminar, which was focused on the international aspects of modern Korczak pedagogy. The seminar was organized by the UNESCO Chair of Janusz Korczak Interdisciplinary Studies of Child Development and Wllbeing, in cooperation with the Pädagogische Hochschule Ludwigsburg Institut für Erziehungswissenschaft, Germany, the Hadassah Academic College in Jerusalem, Organization Sparkpro from Israel and Living Bridge Foundation.

The first day of the seminar was devoted to field workshops, during which participants participated in a walk "In the Footsteps of Janusz Korczak" led by MA Dominika Zakrzewska-Olędzka (UNESCO Chair in them. Janusz Korczak, APS) and Ms. Jagna Kofta (House of Meeting with the History). The activity aim was to show the biography of Janusz Korczak and relate him to the space of Warsaw.

The second day began with a study visit at the Multicultural Center located in Warsaw's Praga district. Participants met there with Mrs. Karolina Malczyk, Plenipotentiary of the President of the Capital City Warsaw for Equal treatment. Presentation and discussion were devoted to the situation of migrants and refugees in Warsaw and getting knowledge about educational and integration programs established for them, carried out by the city council.

After lunch there was an official opening of the academic part of the seminar. Guests were welcomed at the Academy of Special Education and given an introductory lecture by Professor Dr. hab. Adam Frączek.

Then the workshop sessions were conducted:

Workshop I: Challenges of intercultural communication in the light of Korczak pedagogy - Dr. Rosemarie Godel-Gaßner (Institut Erziehungswissenschaft, Leiterin Akademisches Prüfungsamt, Ludwigsburg);

Workshop II: Janusz Korczak philosophy in the face of time management and work efficiency - Mrs. Agnieszka Witkowska-Krych (Korczakianum), Mrs. Dominika Zakrzewska-Olędzka (APS).

After the coffee break the group from Israel held a meeting with Mrs. Agnieszka Magdziak-Miszewska (member of the Management Board of Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation and Polish Ambassador to Israel in 2006-2012), dedicated to the development of Polish-Israeli cooperation in recent years. In the same time the German and Polish group took part in sightseeing the Museum of Maria Grzegorzewska led by Mr. Przemek Radwanski and visiting the Academy of Special Education, led by Polish students.

The seminar was summarized by presentation showing the activities of the UNESCO Chair and discussion of possible ways to continue and develop research and didactic collaboration among academic institutions participating in the seminar.

Closing ceremony of the seminar took place at 18:00.