

**The Association Montessori Internationale  
AMI Diploma Course  
For teachers working with children aged 3 to 6**

**On a Summer/Block Format started July 2, 2007  
Bilingual French and English**



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The AMI Montessori training is in full swing. Twenty-four participants from 14 different nationalities have come together in order to become Montessori Directress for children aged 3 to 6.

The Training started on July 2 with an introduction to the training college and to the host school. The training is held in the “Savoorka” premises. This historic renovated farmhouse gives the course a pleasant atmosphere. Many students brought their laptops from the first day onwards and consequently the study atmosphere was quickly established!

Students have already covered the Montessori Theory section, Practical Life, Sensorial materials, music and started with the language section. Additionally they spend many hours practicing with the materials and worked on their manuals at home.

The summer session was closed with a very nice dinner. The students had an inspirational summer!



## **AMI 3-6 Course:**

### **The aims of the course are twofold:**

- 1) Fostering a complete awareness and deep understanding of the legacy of Dr. Maria Montessori
- 2) Developing professional skills through:
  - Knowledge of the Montessori materials
  - Implementation in the Children's House

In order to reach this the prospective teacher:

- Learns about the Montessori philosophy and it's theoretical foundation
- Learns about the psycho-pedagogy developed by Maria Montessori
- Acquires integrated knowledge on the materials that aid the development of the complete personality: Students will receive presentations of the different levels of the materials and will have multiple workshops in order to internalise the presentations and sequence of materials.
- Performs observations and teaching practice in different Children's Houses.



# **CONTENT OF THE COURSE**

## **A) Theory**

### **A1) Psychology of the child, the contribution of Dr. Maria Montessori:**

- Maria Montessori; Her life and work
- The needs of Man
- Four planes of development
- The process of Adaptation
- The sensitive periods
- The absorbent mind
- Gross motor development
- Hands develop the Intellect
- Acquisition of Language
- Freedom and Discipline
- Psychic deviations and normalization in respect to 'Work'

### **A2) Montessori Education: Theoretical aspects and Practical implications**

- The prepared environment
- The Montessori directress/director
- Three levels of obedience
- Indirect Preparation
- Education as an aid to life
- Why multi age ranges?

## **B) The developmental Montessori materials**

### **B1) Practical Life**

- Introduction
- Preliminary exercises
- Care of the environment
- Care of the person
- Care of others: Social development
- Collective games enhancing the gross motor development
- Silence game

### **B2): Sensorial Materials**

- Introduction
- The role of the sensorial materials in the development of the intellect

### **B3): Language**

- Introduction
- The materials
- Writing and Reading
- Introduction
- The materials
- Preparation for culture and science
- Enrichment of vocabulary
- The start of history, geography and biology

### **B4): Mathematics**

- Introduction
- The mathematical mind
- Presentation of the materials

### **B5): Practice sessions with all materials**

During which trainers are present in order to assist the students in acquiring a deep and concrete knowledge of the materials.

## **C: Practical sessions in different Children's Houses**

Observations and Student -Teaching in different Children's Houses performed by the students in between the course dates.  
(90 + 80 hrs.)

## **D: Individual work required from each student:**

- The student makes for each section as stated above his/her personal albums that contain complete presentations of all materials. In order to be able to take the final exams, these albums need to be complete and need to have been corrected.
- Active participation
- Reports made during the observation periods
- Presentations.

## **THE TRAINER**

The trainer of the course is Ms. Patricia Spinelli-Delivré.

Ms. Spinelli-Delivré has been involved with Montessori Education for more than 30 years. She has obtained all 3 AMI Montessori trainings and started at the 3-6 age level that she obtained in Paris. Then the 6-12 level for which she went to Bergamo, Italy, and the 0-3 level obtained in Paris. Ms. Patricia Spinelli-Delivré also took part in the very first Educateur Sans Frontiere workshops in Italy. She is the Director of Training of the Institute Supérieur Maria Montessori in Paris for the past 9 years and also functions as AMI international examiner.



## **A BILINGUAL COURSE**

The course caters to both French and English speaking students. It is given in French and directly translated into English.

The students write their personal manuals in either language.

## **DATES**

The course is held over a period of 2 consecutive summers with the intermediate Autumn and Easter Holiday.

Subsequent dates are as follow:

Autumn Holiday: October 29 – November 2, 2007

Easter Holiday: March 24 – April 6, 2008

Summer 2: June 23 – August 15, 2008



## **EXAMS**

In order to obtain the AMI diploma, the students need to satisfactorily complete all aspects of the course:

- Written exam on the theory (3hrs.)
- Written exam on the Practical Implementation (3hrs.)
- Oral Exam with presentations of the material (2hrs.)
- The four complete and corrected albums
- Observations and student teaching in the Montessori schools
- Reports of the observations.

The Head quarters of the Association Montessori Internationale will be presented through an external examiner.

An average grade of 50/100 is applicable for each exam. In the event of failing one exam, and after having studied the complete case, the examiners may offer a second sitting. This within the circumstances specified by the examining committee of l'Institut Supérieur Maria Montessori.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

The course started on July 2, 2007 with the maximum amount of students. Due to its progress, it is currently closed for additional participants. Prospective students interested in doing AMI Montessori training, please visit AMI's website. New trainings will start again world wide in June 2008!

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Good luck!

