

The Right to Education : BICE International Conference in 2011

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The BICE International Conference:

- Reaffirming the right to education as a key imperative in a world undergoing profound change, where millions of children are being excluded from the educational system because of political conflict, international migrations, family breakdowns.
- Defining concrete recommendations for national and international authorities, and for organisations working in the field.

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The conference took place on May 23rd at UNESCO headquarters, in Paris, with around 300 participants.

After the opening speeches by Mr **TANG** (Assistant Director-General for education at UNESCO), Mr **ZIMERAY** (French Ambassador for Human Rights), Mr **CONTENT** (President of the Apprentis d'Auteuil Foundation) and Mme **MARIE-LANOË** (President of BICE), presentations were given by the following experts, on new experiments to better address the educational needs of children in

situations of family or social breakdown.

- **Madame Cristina COGGI**, Professor of experimental education at the University of Turin, discussed the Phoenix project, which uses new technologies as an aid to resilience for children in difficulties.
- **Mr Lorenzo TEBAR**, Psychologist, Doctor of Education drew attention to the pressing need for better teacher training, to avoid situations of failure ;
- **Madame Cristina CASTELLI**, Professor of Education at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart of Milan, presented the «Talent Factory», a proven method for helping youths in traumatic situations with the process of rebuilding their lives ;
- **Mr FERNANDEZ**, Director of the Henry Dunant University College of Geneva
- **Mr SINGH**, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to education, outlined the major prospects for development inherent in the exercise of the right to education.

The day ended with a speech by Mr DELEVOYE, President of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council, and Mediator of the French Republic, who concluded with a fundamental issue at the heart of this conference.

See the video of his speech

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