

COMMUNIQUÉ DE PRESSE



Janusz KORCZAK (1878-1942) and the reformation of the education

Symposium to the university Paris 8, of June 23 at June 27, 2003

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For the first time in France, a **five days conference** will be entirely devoted to the works of Janusz Korczak, the great Polish educator dead in Treblinka with the children he was in charge. Died for his ideas, Janusz Korczak, as a visionary of childhood, fought his entire life for the absolute respect of the children and provided a true education to freedom and democracy.

Proposed as a big dedicated happening to the general practitioners of Education, this symposium will allow to provide the knowledge and to revitalize the research. It is jointly **improvised** by the University Paris 8-Saint Denis (Department of the Sciences of Education) and the French Janusz Korczak Association (AFJK), under the double impulse of the Professor Remi Hess, the new president of the AFJK since end 2002 and a group of very implied students and researchers.

Three topics are proposed

Study of the korczakian educational project and its achievements: a new philosophy of Education and of the relations between adults and children, with the creation of new individual and collective educational devices, in the framework of the local and national actions.

The current level of knowledge on its works and its international dimension through the expertise of the main persons in charge for the two Korczak's international Archives centres, in Poland and Israel.

Around *King Mathias the 1st, an educational novel*. Current events of the korczakian gait to the service of the children in the fields of the education to the democracy, the intercultural integration and the respect of the children's rights, but also to prevent youthful and institutional violences, exclusions, intolerances.

Program

Five festive evenings to the benefit of the organisation of the besides symposium **completely free and open to all**. The complete program will be published on the french website of AFJK at the end of may. Contact : afjk@free.fr — <http://korczak.info> — <http://afjk.org>

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