

ADVANCE NOTICE

6th International Conference for Teachers of Infant Observation Teaching Infant Observation Today

1-3 September 2011, London

Fee: £365 Early bird fee: £305 (bookings before end of March 2011)

Group discount available (for three or more bookings from the same organisation)

The 6th International Conference for Teachers of Infant Observation will be a tri-lingual conference, in English, Italian and French (subject to sufficient demand). All papers will be translated and available in advance and there will be simultaneous translation.

We look forward to hearing further ideas and we invite offers of papers for plenary presentations and smaller parallel workshops.

The theme of the conference *Teaching Infant Observation Today* has many dimensions. The conference will have a clear focus on issues, dilemmas and questions arising from the experiences, history and principles of teaching of infant observation, but it will also look to the future of teaching infant and young child observation.

Contributors may wish to focus, for example, on:

- Teaching infant and young child observation and nurturing the capacity to observe
- Infant observation and working with risk (that is where poor containment, the possibility of neglect or abuse emerges during the observation process)
- Cross-cultural observation
- Introducing infant observations in new settings
- Infant observation: changing boundaries and the new technologies
- Finding a baby to observe in a risk-averse culture

- Aims, objectives and outcomes of infant observations; what is the essence of infant observation teaching?
- The impact of infant and young child observation on vulnerable students
- Seminar group dynamics in infant observation and its applications

Please submit abstracts for papers and workshops (about 500 words) by email to: infantobservation2011@tavi-port.org

We propose two pre-conference 'single-language' workshop days, which may be in French, Italian or English, depending on demand, on 30 and 31 August. Attending these workshops is optional and subject to a nominal fee.

There will be small group discussion of observation material and teaching issues, 2-3 times during the conference.

A gala dinner will be organised for delegates who choose to subscribe for which there is an additional payment.

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