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# OMEP News

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OMEP: World Organisation for Early Childhood Education  
OMEP Éireann: An Eagraíocht um Oideachas agus Chúram Luath-Óige

## Annual General Meeting

OMEP Ireland held its Annual General Meeting on 17th Sept. 2009 and we were delighted at the large attendance. The President, Anna Ridgway, in her report outlined the work of OMEP Ireland during the past year. She referred to the highly successful **Annual Research Conferences** and the resulting publication each year of the peer-review journal, **An Leanbh Og**. This year several sub-committees were established, particularly the Finance and Promotions/Publications sub committees. Both had worked tirelessly and the results were very evident in the improved financial position, the new website, banner stands and beautiful promotional material now available, which has made OMEP Ireland a visible presence. The President also highlighted the need for increased membership and stated that this would be a primary focus of the work in 2009-2010. Our year begins in October and all members are asked to renew their membership as soon as possible. The membership rates remain the same and a membership form may be downloaded from this site. Each member receives a copy of **An Leanbh Og** and we would highly recommend this journal to all practitioners and students of the early years. Each year this journal has many very interesting and up to date research papers on topics of importance and interest to us all.



During the year we were all very saddened to hear of the death of **St. Monica Cowman**, an honorary member of OMEP Ireland. We are all very familiar with Sr. Monica's great work on behalf of children in Ireland. We extend our sympathies to her family and to her community.

May she rest in peace.

OMEP Ireland: Working for Children, Committed to Children



## European and World Events

**OMEP Ireland** has taken an active part in both European and World OMEP events in the past years. OMEP Ireland must take its place in this world forum and we are very grateful to the committee members who have represented us at these events. They have had to dig deeply into their own pockets to do this and it is greatly appreciated. You can read more about Pat O'Connor's experiences at the 2009 World Congress in Lagos on this site. I would also invite you to check out the OMEP World website at [www.omep.org.gu.se](http://www.omep.org.gu.se)

**Fantastic October offers  
on all publications**

**Project EYE (Set of 9 Books)**

€90!! Including P&P

**Exploring Children's Lives  
Handbook of Research**

€20

**An Leanbh Og, Vol 3, Issue 1**  
at €25 with a complimentary  
copy of **An Leanbh Og, Vol. 2,**  
Issue 1 (while stocks lasts)

**Cheques/Money orders to be made  
payable to OMEP Ireland**

## N.B. Conference 2010

**DATE for your Diary:**

**OMEP Ireland Annual Research Conference  
will be held in UCC on Fri 26th/Sat 27th March 2010.**

**Abstracts of 100 words should be sent to  
[info@omepireland.ie](mailto:info@omepireland.ie) by 31st December 2009.**



**We are delighted to  
announce that  
*An Leanbh Og,*  
*Vol 3, Issue 1***

with research papers presented at the OMEP Ireland Conference in April 2008 has been sent out to members. Additional copies may be purchased at €25- see order form.

### OMEP Ireland Committee 2009-2010

**Patrons:** Dr. Mary Horgan, UCC and Dr. Noirín Hayes, DIT

**President:** Dr. Anna Ridgway

**Vice-President/Treasurer:** Ms Lorraine Crossan

**Secretary:** Ms Patricia Radley

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**Ms Florence Noonan-Lepaon**

**Ms Pat O'Connor**

**Ms Kirsten Tyrrell**

### Outreach Members:

**Dr. Mary Daly**

**Dr. Florence Dinneen**

**Ms Barbara Gunn**

**Ms Patricia Murray**

OMEP Ireland's Peer Reviewed Journal is now in its fourth year. There is an international panel of Editorial Associates and it contains papers presented at the OMEP Ireland Annual Research Conferences. Papers may also be sent directly to the Editor, Dr. Rosaleen Murphy at [info@omepireland.ie](mailto:info@omepireland.ie)

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