

Welcome Address

Dear Colleagues

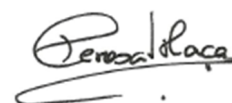
Welcome to the 2018 EDULOG International Conference: Early Childhood Education: What Science has to Teach Us? at the University of Minho, in Braga, Portugal.

The Research Centre on Child Studies of the University of Minho (CIEC-UMinho) is proud to host the 2018 EDULOG International Conference, and the Local Organizing Committee welcomes you in Braga.

What challenges are currently facing early childhood education? What views fit the notion of child/ren and childhood/s? How to promote learning building and encourage the development of willingness, attitudes and values for structuring future learning? Childhood education, understood as an education continuum, involves the education and care of the 0 to the 6 years children. Pre-school education is aimed at children aged 3 to 6 years and is considered as "the first stage of basic education in the process of lifelong education". Access to nurseries and kindergartens of quality is a children's right and, it is also a need for families in an increasingly demanding labour market. In Portugal, the pre-schooling rate reached the highest level (90.8%) in 2016/2017, according to the State of Education 2017 report, published by the National Board of Education. In Portugal, the pre-schooling rate reached its highest level (90.8%) in 2016/2017, according to the 2017 report on the State of Education, published by the National Council of Education (CNE).

Knowledge about the problems associated with childhood also grows. In addition to the educational sciences, neurosciences, sociology, psychology, anthropology and biology, economics and other scientific areas are also addressing their attention to childhood education. In this scenario, the following question arises: What can Science teach us? The invited researchers as well as the authors of 44 communications will discuss and answer this question towards rethinking child education future. Indeed, this meeting brings together national and international experts in the field of childhood in a debate that will address issues such as: childhood poverty, children and the economy, communication and development, wellness promotion, children in the digital world, diversity and early childhood education, research with children, international perspectives on quality, childhood neurosciences and challenges for the education of refugee children in Europe.

We wish all participants take the opportunity to interact with all present colleagues in a fruitful way so that participants can take home new ideas and share them with their local colleagues that could not come. In brief, the 2018 EDULOG International Conference Organizing Committee wishes you an interesting and productive meeting and a very pleasant stay in Braga.



- Chair of 2018 EDULOG -