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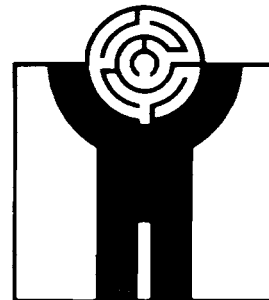
NEWSLETTER OF THE WORLD COUNCIL FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN

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6TH WORLD CONFERENCE ON GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN

Welcome to Hamburg, and our 6th annual conference. The conference promises to be a most memorable experience for all with over 400 presentations from over 40 countries. With a minimum of 700 participants and a fine program, the organizing committee is to be highly commended, notably Dr. Wilhelm "Willy" Wiczerkowski, Dr. Harold Wagner, Dr. Arthur Cropley and Dr. Klaus Urban.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

James J. Gallagher

This will be the last message in the World Gifted Newsletter that I will deliver as President of the World Council. The Constitution of the Council, in its wisdom, limited the President to a term of four years, and so it should. We need the intellectual cross-fertilization of ideas that a periodic change in leadership provides. For my own part, I have learned more from my colleagues around the world than I have given, but one central theme remains in my mind. We in this organization have, above all, the responsibility of helping to develop all of the intellectual and artistic talent wherever that talent may reside. We know from our various studies in different societies that the discovery and development of hidden talent can often be found in the poor and neglected of our societies.

It could even be more of a resource with more encouragement and stimulation. Such a search for hidden talent is not merely a matter of educational philosophy, but really of societal self-interest and survival. No country can enter the modern technological world with only a thin layer of its brightest students receiving an effective education. The complex infrastructure of a technological society requires scientists, philosophers, engineers, farmers, professors, economists, bankers, artists, and teachers, all of whom are necessary to help the society's potential to flourish. We need to draw upon all segments of the society to fill these necessary positions and this means nurturing high quality and talent wherever it may be found. It is to our advantage as a World Council that what we wish to have happen (nurturing giftedness) is also in the manifest self-interest of the individual nations.

FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Dorothy Sisk

The office of the Secretariat wishes to thank Ms. Shirley Perkins for her assistance as newsletter letter editor for 1984-1985 and to announce the new newsletter editor, Dr. Don Sontag for 1985-1986. Dr. Sontag is pursuing post-doctoral work at the University of South Florida and has graciously agreed to serve as newsletter editor. Ms. Perkins asked to be relieved of her duties to pursue consultant work.

In order to help facilitate the smooth functioning of our 6th Biennial World Conference on Gifted and Talented Children in Hamburg, you will note

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WORLD COUNCIL FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDRENCONSTITUTION

(including amendments approved up to 1980 10 25)

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation is "The World Council for Gifted and Talented Children, Inc." referred to hereinafter as the World Council.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The purposes for which the World Council is formed are those set forth in its Certificate of Incorporation, and such purposes shall be interpreted to include the following goals and purposes:

1. To focus world attention on gifted children and their valuable potential contribution to the benefit of mankind.
2. To initiate, conduct, and support research into the nature of giftedness, talents, creativity, and the education and development of gifted children; to disseminate the findings of this research.
3. To assemble, for an exchange of ideas and experiences, people from all over the world interested in the gifted and talented.
4. To persuade governments to recognize gifted children as a category for special attention in normal educational programs.
5. To establish means for a continuing world-wide exchange of ideas, experiences, teaching and teacher-training techniques in respect of gifted children.
6. To create a "climate" of acceptance of gifted children, not as a privileged elite, but as a valuable global asset. These children come from many backgrounds and include those who are disadvantaged, physically handicapped, and from developing countries.
7. To initiate, conduct, and support activities designed to bring together gifted children of the world.

ARTICLE III - BASIC POLICIES

The following are the basic policies of the World Council:

1. The World Council shall be nonsectarian and non-partisan and shall not take any action nor carry on any activity which is not a furtherance of its stated purposes.
2. The name of the World Council or the names of any members in their official capacities shall not be used in any connection with a commercial concern or with any partisan interest nor any other purpose, not appropriately related to the promotion of the objects of the World Council.
3. The World Council may co-operate with governments and organizations concerned with the world-wide education of gifted and talented youth but shall not seek to interfere with nor control policies of these governments or organizations. The persons representing the World Council in such matters shall make no commitments that bind the World Council in any way.
4. The funds of the World Council may be used to support programs sponsored by any organization or institution, provided, however, that in each instance, the Executive Committee, in their absolute discretion, shall have determined the specific activities and programs for which funds are to be used and the amount thereof.
5. The Council will normally hold a World Conference on Gifted and Talented Children every two years. The Executive Committee shall determine the location and dates of World Conferences.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

The conditions of membership of the World Council are as follows:

1. Membership of the World Council is open to individuals from every part of the world without discrimination of any form. An individual member may represent an Affiliated Organization.
2. A member whose dues are in arrears for any two years will, after a reminder, be removed as a member. Any member so removed may be reinstated by paying dues for the year in which reinstatement is sought.
3. A member shall pay biennial or in special cases annual dues in such amount as may be established by the Executive Committee and approved by the Assembly of Delegates and upon payment of such dues shall be a member in good standing.
4. A member shall be entitled to participate in the selection of delegates to serve in the Assembly of Delegates as provided in Article VI of the Constitution.
5. Each member shall upon becoming a member of the World Council, designate a country of residence for purposes of determining such member's rights to participate in the selection of delegates to serve in the Assembly of Delegates.
6. In addition to membership by individuals, the World Council may also recognize Affiliated Organizations which request such recognition in a written petition. The Executive Committee may, upon such petition, grant such organization interim status as an Affiliated Organization. At the next business meeting of the Assembly of Delegates, the full assembly shall act upon such organization's petition. The Executive Committee and Assembly of Delegates may similarly terminate the affiliated status of any organization, a request from the organization not being required for this removal.

There is no limit to the number of Affiliated Organizations. Affiliated Organizations shall pay a fee to be determined by the Executive Committee.

"Approved Organizations" under Article VI, deleted Sections 4 to 6, shall automatically be recognized as Affiliated Organizations as of 1980 10 25, and their representatives on the Assembly of Delegates shall continue to hold such office until 1981 08 24, after which time Affiliated Organizations shall not be entitled to representation on the Assembly of Delegates.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Biennial Meetings

A biennial meeting of members for the presentation of such matters as the Executive Committee may determine shall be held at such place and time as the Executive Committee shall fix. This meeting shall normally be a part of the Council's biennial World Conference on Gifted and Talented Children.

Section 2. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the members, for any purpose or purposes prescribed in the notice of the meeting, may be called by the Executive Committee and shall be held at such place, on such date and at such time as it shall fix.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings

Written notice of the place, date and time of all meetings of the members shall be given not less than ninety days before the date on which the meeting is to be held.

Section 4. Quorum

At any general meeting of the members, the presence of at least one member from each of at least one-third of the total number of countries having members in the World Council shall constitute a quorum for all purposes.

If a quorum shall fail to attend any meeting, the presiding officer of the meeting or the majority of the members who are present may adjourn the meeting to another place, date, or time.

Section 5. Conduct of Business

The President of the World Council shall call to order any meeting of the members and act as presiding officer of the meeting. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President of the World Council, or in the absence of such a person another member of the Executive Committee shall preside.

All meetings of members shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures established by the Executive Committee.

Section 6. Membership List

At each biennial meeting, a complete list of members arranged in alphabetical order and showing the designated country of residence of each member shall be kept at the place of the meeting during the whole time thereof and shall be open to the examination of any member who is present. This list shall determine the identity and country of residence of the members entitled to participate in the selection of delegates to serve in the Assembly of Delegates.

ARTICLE VI - ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES

The number, selection and term of delegates in the Assembly of Delegates shall be as follows:

1. The Assembly of Delegates shall consist of three delegates from each country designated as a country of residence. The number of delegates from any country shall not, however, exceed the number of members in the World Council who have designated such country as their country of residence.

2. Delegates must be members of the World Council. The members of the World Council who have designated a country of residence may select from among the members from their country three delegates to serve in the Assembly of Delegates, or such lesser number of delegates as there are from that country. Members from each country shall determine among themselves the procedure to be followed in the selection of delegates, and delegates so selected shall be the delegates recognized by the World Council.

3. Delegates to the Assembly of Delegates shall be selected at the biennial meeting of the members of the World Council in accordance with the foregoing provisions and shall serve for a term of two years and until their successors are selected.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS OF ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES

Section 1. Business Meetings

A business meeting of the Assembly of Delegates for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the Assembly of Delegates shall be held once every two years immediately following the business meeting of the members of the World Council during the biennial meeting.

Section 2. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Assembly of Delegates, for any purpose or purposes prescribed in the notice of the meeting, may be called by the Executive Committee and shall be held at such place, on such date and at such time as it shall fix.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings

Written notice of the place, date, and time of all meetings of the Assembly of Delegates shall be given no less than fifty days before the date on which the meeting is to be held except for meetings to be held within the announced dates and times of the biennial World Conference wherein twelve hours shall suffice.

Section 4. Quorum

At any meeting of the Assembly of Delegates, the presence in person or by proxy of at least one delegate from each of any ten countries designated by members as countries of residence shall constitute a quorum for all purposes, unless the total of such countries is less than ten, in

which case the presence in person or by proxy of at least one delegate from each of three-fourths of such countries shall constitute a quorum for all purposes. If a quorum shall fail to attend any meeting, the presiding officer of the meeting or the majority of the delegates who are present, in person or by proxy, may adjourn the meeting to another place, date or time. If a notice of any adjourned special meeting of the Assembly of Delegates is sent to all delegates stating that it will be held with those present constituting a quorum, then except as otherwise required by law, those present at such adjourned meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. Conduct of Business

The President of the World Council shall call to order any meeting of the Assembly of Delegates and act as presiding officer of the meeting. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President of the Executive Committee or, in the absence of such a person, the highest ranking officer of the World Council who is present shall call to order the meeting of the members and act as presiding officer of the meeting. For this purpose, the order in which officers are to be in line to serve as presiding officer is Secretary and Treasurer.

The Secretary shall act as secretary of the meeting. In the absence of the Secretary, the secretary of the meeting shall be such person as the presiding officer of the meeting appoints.

All meetings of the Assembly of Delegates shall be conducted in accordance with procedures established by the Executive Committee.

Section 6. Proxies and Voting

At any meeting of the Assembly of Delegates, every delegate may vote in person or by proxy authorized by an instrument in writing filed in accordance with the procedure established for the meeting.

All voting, except where otherwise required by law, may be by a voice vote; provided, however, that upon demand therefore by a delegate or proxy voting and such other information as may be required under the procedure established for the meeting. Every vote taken by ballots shall be counted by an inspector or inspectors appointed by the presiding officer of the meeting.

Except as otherwise required by law, all elections shall be determined by a plurality of the votes cast, and all other matters shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast.

Section 7. List of Members of Assembly of Delegates

A complete list of the delegates to the Assembly of Delegates arranged in alphabetical order and showing the address and designated country of origin or affiliated organization of each such delegate, shall be open to the examination of any delegate, for any purpose germane to the meeting, during ordinary business hours for a period of at least ten days prior to the meeting, either at a place within the city where the meeting is to be held, which place shall be specified in the notice of the meeting, or if not so specified, at the place where the meeting is to be held or at the secretariat.

The list of delegates to the Assembly of Delegates shall also be kept at the place of the meeting during the whole time thereof and shall be open to the examination of any delegate who is present. This list shall presumptively determine the identity of the delegates entitled to vote at the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Qualifications, Number and Term of Office

Members of the Executive Committee must be members of the World Council. The number of members of the Executive Committee who shall constitute the whole Executive Committee, shall be seven. They shall be elected for a period of four years with an election every two years for three or four of the members, and shall serve until a successor is elected and qualified except as otherwise provided herein or required by law. No more than one member from any one country may serve as a member of the Executive Committee at any given time, unless the number of countries represented in the membership of the World Council is fewer than seven, in which case at least one member from each country represented in the Assembly of Delegates must be elected to the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Election and Vacancies

The Executive Committee shall be elected by the Assembly of Delegates at the biennial meeting of the Assembly of Delegates, as provided by Section 1 of Article VII. Nominations of persons to serve as members of the Executive Committee shall be made at such meeting by the delegates serving in the Assembly of Delegates. Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by a plurality vote of the Assembly of Delegates from the persons so nominated. If the office of any member of the Executive Committee becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, disqualification, removal or other cause, a majority of the members of the Executive Committee remaining in office, although less than a quorum, may elect a successor for the unexpired term and until a successor is elected and qualified. If every office is left vacant by reason of death or other cause so that there is no member of the Executive Committee remaining in office to elect successors then such persons as the Executive Committee shall most recently have designated by resolution as "successor members of the Executive Committee" shall immediately and automatically be deemed the new Executive Committee and shall succeed to all the powers and responsibilities attendant thereto. Any member who is elected to the Executive Committee is not entitled to serve on the Assembly of Delegates and if already a member of that body must be replaced by an alternate. Members of the Executive Committee are entitled to attend meetings of the Assembly of Delegates with voice but, except for the President, without vote; the President is an ex officio member of the Assembly of Delegates with voice and vote.

Section 3. Annual Meeting

An annual meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held at such place or places, on such date and at such time or times as shall have been established by the Executive Committee and publicized among all its members. A formal notice of such annual meeting shall not be required.

Section 4. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by one-third of the members of the Executive Committee and shall be held at such place, on such date and at such time as they or the President shall fix. Notice of the place, date and time of each such special meeting shall be given each member of the Executive Committee by whom it is not waived by mailing written notice not less than three days before the meeting or by telegraphing the same not less than eighteen hours before the meeting. Unless otherwise indicated in the notice thereof, any and all business may be transacted at a special meeting.

Section 5. Quorum

At any meeting of the Executive Committee, four members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for all purposes. If a quorum shall fail to attend any meeting, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting to another place, date or time, without further notice or waiver thereof.

Section 6. Participation in Meetings by Conference Telephone

Members of the Executive Committee, or of any committee thereof, may participate in a meeting of the Executive Committee or any committee thereof by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and such participation shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

Section 7. Conduct of Business

All meetings of the Executive Committee shall be conducted in accordance with such procedures as the Executive Committee may from time to time provide.

Section 8. Powers

The Executive Committee may exercise all such powers as are conferred upon the World Council in the Certificate of Incorporation. Except as may be otherwise required by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or this Constitution, the Executive Committee alone shall have the power to transact the business of the World Council. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Executive Committee shall draw up and submit a biennial budget for the approval of the Assembly of Delegates, may grant interim approved status to organizations, shall report

regularly to the Assembly of Delegates and request comments on the progress of their work, and shall not, without the approval of the Assembly of Delegates, amend, repeal or alter any provision of Article VI or Article VIII of this Constitution so as to adversely affect any right, power or privilege of members, delegates or the Assembly of Delegates.

Section 9. Compensation of Executive Committee Members

Members of the Executive Committee shall not receive any compensation for their services as members of the Executive Committee, including, without limitation, their services as members of committees of the Executive Committee. Members of the Executive Committee may, however, be reimbursed by the World Council for their reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

Section 1. Appointment

The Executive Committee may, from time to time as it deems appropriate, appoint such committees of the Executive Committee with such powers and duties as the Executive Committee shall confer, to serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may also appoint such other committees for such purpose or purposes as the Executive Committee may deem advisable, with such duties as the Executive Committee shall provide, to serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee. Members of such committees need not be members of the World Council.

Section 2. Conduct of Business

All meetings of committees shall be conducted in accordance with such provisions as the Executive Committee may from time to time provide.

ARTICLE X - OFFICERS

Section 1. Generally

The officers of the World Council shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be necessary to enable it to perform its corporate functions. All officers not properly removed shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified. All officers not properly removed shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified. All officers must be members of the Executive Committee. Only one office may be held by the same person at any given time. The Executive Committee must meet within 24 hours of the election of any of its members to elect from among its members the Officers of the World Council for the next two years, with the exception of the Secretary who shall be named by the President.

Section 2. President

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the World Council and shall have the general supervision of its affairs. The President shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee, the Assembly of Delegates and the general membership. The President may sign or countersign all contracts and other instruments to which the World Council may be a party which shall have been authorized by the Executive Committee. The President shall report to the Executive Committee not less than quarterly, to the Assembly of Delegates not less than annually and to the general membership not less than biennially on the operations and affairs of the World Council. The President shall perform all other duties as are incident to the office and are properly required of the President by the Assembly of Delegates. The President shall be elected by a majority vote of the Assembly of Delegates immediately following the election by the Assembly of Delegates of members of the Executive Committee. No person may serve as President for more than one term of four years.

Section 3. Vice-President

The Vice-President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President, and shall perform such other duties as the President or the Assembly of Delegates shall prescribe. No person may serve as Vice-President for more than one term of four years.

Section 4. Secretary

The Secretary shall authorize notices for and shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee, the Assembly of Delegates and the general membership. The Secretary shall have charge of the books of the World Council. No person may serve as Secretary for more than two terms of two years.

Section 5. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have the custody of all monies and securities of the World Council and shall keep regular books of account. The Treasurer shall make such disbursements of the funds of the corporation as are proper and shall have been approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall render an annual financial report to the Executive Committee and to the Assembly of Delegates and shall further render upon written request of the Executive Committee or upon the demand of the Assembly of Delegation made at any time, an account of all financial transactions and of the financial condition of the World Council. No person may serve as Treasurer for more than two terms of two years.

Section 6. Delegation of Authority

The Executive Committee may from time to time delegate the powers or duties of any officer to any other officers or agents, including a professional staff, notwithstanding any other By-law provision in this Constitution and Article XI.

Section 7. Removal

Any officer of the World Council may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by the Executive Committee. Their removal is subject to ratification by the Assembly of Delegates but takes effect on an interim basis immediately following such action by the Executive Committee.

Section 8. Action with Respect to Securities of Other Corporations.

The President shall, with the approval of the Executive Committee, vote and otherwise act on behalf of the World Council, in person or by proxy, at any meeting of stockholders of or with respect to any action of

stockholders of any other corporation in which the World Council may hold securities and otherwise to exercise any and all rights and powers which this corporation may possess by reason of its ownership of securities in such other corporation.

ARTICLE XI - SECRETARIAT

The normal ongoing business of the World Council shall be carried on through a Secretariat headed by an Honorary Director and Executive Secretary. The Secretariat's responsibilities shall include but not be restricted to the following:

1. Provide for all membership services.
2. Arrange meetings of the Executive Committee, Assembly of Delegates, and biennial meetings of the full membership, and be in charge of all minute books and official documents of the World Council and the Corporate Seal.
3. Issue periodic newsletters to members.
4. Support the Executive Committee in its responsibilities.
5. Provide liaison with organizers of the biennial world conferences.
6. Coordinate research.
7. Coordinate fund raising.
8. Implement the policies and decisions of the World Council.

ARTICLE XII - NOTICES

Section 1. Notices

Whenever notice is required to be given, such requirement shall not be construed to mean personal notice. Such notice may in every instance be effectively given by depositing a writing in the English language in a post office or letter box, in a postpaid, sealed wrapper, or by dispatching a prepaid telegram, addressed to such delegate, officer, or member at his or her address as to the same appears on the books of the corporation. The time when such notice is dispatched shall be the time of the giving of the notice.

Section 2. Waivers

A written waiver of any notice, signed by a member of the Executive Committee, a delegate to the Assembly of Delegates, or a member of the World Council generally,

whether before or after the time of the event for which notice is to be given, shall be deemed equivalent to the notice required to be given to such person. Neither the business nor the purpose of any meeting need to be specified in such a waiver.

ARTICLE XIII - MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. By-Laws

This Constitution shall serve as the by-laws of the World Council and shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware.

Section 2. Facsimile Signatures

Facsimile signatures of any officer or officers of the World Council may be used whenever and as authorized by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Corporate Seal

The Executive Committee may provide a suitable seal, containing the name of the World Council. The Executive Secretary shall be in charge of the seal.

Section 4. Reliance Upon Books, Reports and Records

Each member of the Executive Committee, each member of any committee designated by the Executive Committee, and each officer of the World Council shall, in the performance of his duties, be fully protected in relying in good faith, upon the books of account or other records of the World Council, including report made to the World Council by any of its officers, by an independent certified public accountant, or by an appraiser selected with reasonable care.

Section 5. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the World Council shall terminate at the end of business on the last day of December and the following fiscal year shall begin on the next day thereafter.

ARTICLE XIV - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended, suspended or repealed by the Executive Committee at any meeting, subject to the limitations contained in Section 8 of Article VIII of this Constitution.

ARTICLE XV - DEFINITIONS

The following terms as used in this Constitution shall have the following meanings:

1. "Affiliated Organizations" means any organization having interests in the area of gifted and talented persons, the designation of which by the Executive Committee as an affiliated organizations has been approved by the Assembly of Delegates.
2. "Country" means all nations admitted to membership in the United Nations and any other political and geographical area recognized by the Executive Committee and approved by the Assembly of Delegates as a country.
3. "Country of Residence" means any country designated by any member as being the country in which the member is domiciled.
4. "Interim Approval", "Interim Approved", "Interim Status" or similar phrase means approval by the Executive Committee subject to the approval of the Assembly of Delegates at its biennial meeting next following the approval of the Executive Committee or at any special meeting prior thereto.
5. "Local" in connection with "Local government", "Local nongovernmental" or similar phrase means a political and/or geographical areas comprising less than an entire country.
6. "National" means a political and geographical area that comprises a single country.
7. "Officially Appointed" or "Officially Designated" means appointed or designated by an affiliated organization as being duly authorized to act on behalf of the organization.

**CASH GRANT/
HOLLINGWORTH AWARD**

Intertel, a society of the intellectually gifted, announces its 1986 Hollingworth Award Competition.

A cash grant of \$2,000 will be awarded for research studies dealing with gifted and talented children. An educational and psychological emphasis is encouraged. Graduate students, teachers, educational administrators, psychologists, or other professional individuals, as well as educational institutions and school systems are eligible to apply to: Roxanne Herrick Cramer, Chairman/Hollingworth Award Committee/P.O. Box 1145/Vienna, Virginia 22180.

**NEW ZEALAND
PERFORMING ARTS
COLLEGE**

The Council of the Performing Arts College announces the opening in Auckland, February 1986, of a state secondary and adult school to serve the special needs of students with a strong background and interest in the performing arts of music, drama and dance (a school similar to T.V.'s Fame).

The co-educational school will accept students from form three to seven and adult students by audition and interview. This program will serve the needs of those students wishing to go on to university and/or prepare for a career (or develop a strong background) in the performing arts.

Interested persons can contact: The Council of the Performing Arts College/P.O. Box 47-126/Ponsonby, Auckland 1, New Zealand.

**NEW ZEALAND
SEMINAR**

The New Zealand Association for Gifted Children announces its residential seminar for Explorers and ex-Explorers of high school age, September 2nd through 6th, 1985. The cost will be approximately \$100, including bed, dinner and breakfast. The program will consist of lectures, visits and workshops. Contact Mrs. J. Lennon, 77a Atkin Avenue, Mission Bay, Auckland, New Zealand.

**PROJECTS PLUS
PROGRAMME: '85**

The Schmerenbeck Educational Centre for Gifted and Talented Children is offering a year-long program designed to stimulate and enrich gifted children. It is located at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa. The courses run with the school terms beginning 25 February and ending 16 November. Eighty-six courses are being offered from woodworking to Esperanto, the universal language. Three parent courses are also offered. Contact: Schmerenbeck Educational Centre/ University of the Witwatersrand, 1 Jan Smuts Avenue/ Johannesburg 2001 South Africa.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

To: Dorothy Sisk, Executive Secretary, World Council for Gifted and Talented Children, HMS, Room 414, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL 33620

I would like to support the work of the WORLD COUNCIL FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN through becoming a member. I have enclosed a check for \$40.00 (US) to cover my subscription to the council for the biennium ending June 30, 1987.

Name: (print or type) _____

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Current interests and concerns regarding gifted and talented children: _____

LAGOS, NIGERIA Mrs. E. O. Adesokan, of the Department of Special Education, University of Ibadan, Nigeria has reported the formation of The Nigerian Council for Gifted and Talented Children Foundation Fund. Its stated purpose, according to the Guardian press publication, is to "spot brilliant pupils and pay for their education." Vice-Chancellor Professor Ayo Banjo further stated that "The gifted and talented children belong to the group of neglected children because no provision is usually made for their educational and personality development." He added that "They have great potential and could make a tremendous contribution to the development of any nation, if we can identify and promote their special ability and assess them for the good of the nation.

DISCUSSION TOPICS Beginning with the next publication, each newsletter will present a forum pertinent to the field of gifted, talented, and creative individuals.

For the next issue, we invite you to submit your comments regarding the topic of IDENTIFICATION OF GIFTED STUDENTS. We will select assorted comments for print which are representative of the various countries. Please send them as soon as possible to Don Sontag, Newsletter Editor/HMS 411/University of South Florida/Tampa, Florida 33620. Note: Other newsletter issues will address the topics: The Socio-emotional Development of Gifted Students, and Curriculum Strategies for Gifted Students.

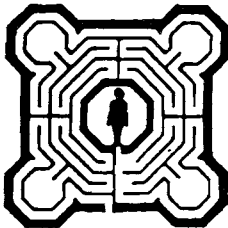
READER INPUT Let us know what you would like to see in the newsletter. You are an important line of communication. We would appreciate information on events, activities, meetings, and anything else you would like to share with the World Gifted community.

WORLD COUNCIL FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE James J. Gallagher (USA), President; Dan Bitan (Israel), Vice President; Elena Konstat (Mexico), Secretary; Aurora H. Roldan (Phillipines), Treasurer; Elizabeth O. Adesokan (Nigeria), Jean-Charles Terrassier (France) and Klaus Urban (Federal Republic of Germany). **SECRETARIAT** Dorothy Sisk, Executive Secretary; A. Harry Passow, Honorary Director.

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