



MEMORIAS – ITALIA

Over the last two years, the Movimento di Cooperazione Educativa Italia has lost several members who shared its ideals. Since we think they are ideally in the Freinet pedagogy 'book of life', we share their memories with our friends belonging to the FIMEM movement.



SIMONETTA SALACONE (Rome)

She was a head teacher who allowed the school to overcome injustice and discrimination in a Roman suburb with many problems and contradictions. Her school was a bastion of rights and a workshop of popular pedagogy. We particularly remember how she welcomed and took care of gypsies and foreign children.



DONATA SINISCALCHI (Venise- Venecia- Venice)

She was a Freinet teacher with a very democratic idea of classroom activities and with great interest in listening, respect for all living creatures and life practice. Above all she took care of the poorest, the most socio-culturally deprived, the disabled, giving everyone dignity and education for words. The natural method was her constant way of teaching. Her example was a guiding light for young teachers.



MELITA RICHTER (Zagreb-Trieste)

She was an university professor, a sociologist, an essayist, a researcher, a cultural mediator: She collaborated with the intercultural training school- SIF of the MCE for a long time. She worked on the issues of borders and ethnic prejudice, making us see the other's reasons and change our points of view.

She was sensitive to ethnic coexistence and committed to mending the psychological and social harm caused by the wars in former Yugoslavia.

MARCELLO SALA (Milan)

He particularly took care of the integration of students with logical and linguistic disabilities. He was one of the founders of the Information Technology national group of the MCE. He has studied the cognitive aspects of computer science.

He was a teacher at high-school, whose fragmentation he disputed for a long time. Besides he was a trainer and a researcher on complexity, on the body, on the theatre, on the heuristic dialogue, on the ecology of mind and nature. The core of his research has always been the way children learn. His encounter with Paul Le Bohec was fundamental for a connection of the new theories of the mind with Freinet's techniques and experimental attempts.



MARIA LUISA BIGIARETTI (Rome)

She was a teacher in the Trullo Roman district, where she worked with her class on making 'La torta in cielo' written in collaboration with Gianni Rodari, who attended the class (The centenary of his birth is celebrated this year). She worked as a MCE teacher, having a correspondence with Mario Lodi. She worked with Albino Bernardini and with mathematicians such as Lucio Lombardo Radice. She was one of the teachers who created the Italian Avant-garde School from the 1960s on. Thanks to her and Rodari children discovered linguistic games and the grammar of fantasy. She described her experience in the book 'La scuola anti tran tran' (A school against routine and traditional lessons). She also wrote children's books



GUIDO FRASSETTO (Treviso)

He was one of the founders of the Information Technology national group of the MCE in the 1980s. He was the coordinator of the MCE-COMMODORE 'One Hundred Schools' Project for the introduction of laptop first one COMMODORE 64 into the classrooms of MCE teachers.

He was a LOGO experimenter and a producer of games and educational programs (Creastorie, ..) inspired by Rodari's grammar of fantasy.

This photo was taken in an course of IT and linguistic groups (Mongreno, Turin, July 1985) where he patiently taught an intelligent use of Information Technology as a 'tool' for the democratic teacher to be used in order to widen the possibilities of writing techniques, reading and cooperation.

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