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THE FAMILY AND SOCIAL WORK: A SUCCESSFUL “MARRIAGE”?

The importance of developing a participatory attitude towards parents and children.

All over the world, the family is the foundation of society. Working on the cohesion of families is necessary for the development of a country. The support of families in difficulties needs a central place in the policies about Welfare and Social Affairs. Bringing suitable help, finding solutions, helping people and guiding them through their difficulties are themes on which the governments have to make efforts. The organisation of professional help is determined of reaching these goals. Their action must lead to the restoration of the harmony so that everyone can benefit from it. The pressures on couples, the support for parents for the education of their children, violence in families or the behaviour of young people, are different reasons that lead to an intervention of social workers in the families. But what are the effects on the families once professional help ('social workers') enters in the family life? The conference will focus on the drive between the family and the social workers who give support on a voluntary basis or on a statutory basis. The discussions will explore different questions: How does the family react on this intervention, how do the professional workers behave, what competencies do they need etc?

Among the sub-topics to be addressed:

- Effects on the families once professional help ('social workers') enters in the family life (on a voluntary basis or even 'forced').
- What happens then?
- How does the family react?
- How do the professional workers behave?
- What competencies do social workers need?

ICCFR is accepting proposals for workshops including but not limited to the topics listed above. If you are interested in presenting or co-presenting a workshop, please send an abstract of no more than 200 words describing your proposed workshop, together with a brief CV and your contact information. A maximum of 12 workshops will be selected from the proposals in October 2010.

In addition, we are also offering the opportunity of poster presentations on this theme, to include research work, and also the opportunity for brief oral presentations (10 minutes at the most), to be held on one of the days of the conference.

Please note that the deadline for the proposals is 1 October 2010.

ICCFR offers a reduced conference fee for workshop presenters.

Submission via e-mail would be preferable, to be addressed to Marc Morris,

email: iccf2011@flanders.be or you may send your proposal to: ICCFR, 1 Blythe Mews, Blythe Road, London, W14 0NW.

ICCFR is unable to guarantee consideration of incomplete proposals or those submitted after the deadline.