Kaleidoscope of Play in India – Conference 2014.

18th, 19th and 20th September 2014.

Venue: Bombay Exhibition Center, Goregaon, Mumbai, India

IPA-India in Collaboration with Indo-German Chamber of Commerce and Kids India 2014.

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The International Play Association (IPA) – India chapter invites you to a three day national conference, ‘Kaleidoscope of Play in India – 2014’. We invite scholars, researchers, working professionals, NGOs, CBOs, play leaders, designers, planners, architects and influencers who inspire and promote children’s play in India. This conference will bring together perspectives of key people who influence children’s play in India, thereby, providing insight into the current state of children’s play in India.

The main objective of the conference – Insight into the current state of play in India – is fulfilled by two key methods – a.) Conference presentations and b.) The Play Video Project

a.) Conference presentations

We invite presentations that engage children and play in the following themes including but not limited to:

1. Play in your neighborhood
2. Traditional games of India
3. Play for children with different abilities
4. Gendered play – do only boys (or only girls) play in your area? What are the games that boys play and what are the ones that girls play?
5. Session on activities for children – story telling!

Presenters are encouraged to use creative ways to present their work including role-play, dramatics, power point and other creative media. If an organization represents a children’s organization, they are
urged to bring children and young people to participate in the presentations. Abstracts (c.200 words) should be emailed to: sruthiatmakur@gmail.com by 30th June, 2014. A list of final presenters will be announced by 15th July, 2014.

b.) The Play Project - Video or Still Pictures

The Play Video Project aims to visually showcase children’s play in the neighborhoods you live in or have visited. Participants are encouraged to email pictures and/or short video clips of children playing of where you live or have visited in the recent past. Please mention the location where the picture or video was taken.

Please email pictures and short video clips along with location name to: sanjaysinghtiss@gmail.com by 10th August 2014. Participants should send a brief description (no more than 200 words) of the image or short video clip. Video and picture quality has to be of good resolution; and video shooting as far as possible should be done using a tripod so as to get video of usable quality. The videos sent by participants will be put together to form a larger video on Children Playing in India.

Video format: Minimum requirements
1. High Definition (HD) shoot resolution 1920X1080
2. DV cam shoot 720 x576

General Instructions for the Video:
1. Must use tripod for shooting or the visuals should be steady
2. The visual sequence should have Long, Mid and close ups. (Whenever you shoot- you must shoot a) long shot to establish the location b) Mid shot to show the full frame c) Minimum 10 Close up shots of the activities. Ask subject to enact the same activity three four times
3. Send footage on Pen drive
4. Must write a small script explaining what game/play that children are engaged in, the location, name of the place.
5. All the cameras and even mobile have HD option (1080I), It had to do with settings. We need to look for this option on the device we are using mobile or camera. it is called full HD (1920x1080). Try for the best resolution.

Still Photos:
1. JPEG format with HD resolution (dimension) minimum - 3000x4000
2. Must write a) caption b) location c) date.

Registration

Kindly fill the registration form and return it to the address mentioned on the form and return to nationalplayconf2014@gmail.com.

Registration fees - A modest registration fees is chargeable. Please see details below:
- 400.00 INR for IPA members
• 500.00 INR for non-members
• Free for children and youth up to 18 years of age

IPA – India has very limited resources to provide hospitality. It will be prioritised for IPA Members and early registrations. Attempts will be made to find low cost accommodation near the venue and close to TISS.

Queries: nationalplayconf2014@gmail.com; rajanimk@tiss.edu; sruthiatmakur@gmail.com