# ANNUAL REPORT 2013

# INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR CHILD AND FAMILY „DR. ALEXANDRA ZUGRAVESCU"

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The International Foundation for Child and Family (FICF) was founded as a non-governmental Romanian organization, non-profit, apolitical, non-religious, in 1993 at the initiative of the French Association Médecins du Monde and of a group of Romanian and foreign specialists in child protection.

**Our vision:** A world in which children develop harmoniously, without being subject of abuse, neglect or exploitation, and family and community are active and responsible partners.

**Our mission:** To contribute to the child, family and community protection, education and health, through performing prevention and intervention services and training of professionals.

**Our common values:**

- Commitment and respect for the recipient;
- Transparency;
- Professionalism;
- Integrity;
- Teamwork.

**Our common principles:**

- Non-discrimination;
- Adapting interventions to the needs of beneficiaries;
- Respecting quality standards;
- Confidentiality.

**Main activities:**

- Social and psychological assistance through prevention and intervention services for children, youth and families.
- Training and supervision for professionals working in the in child and family protection field.

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## OUR SERVICES & BENEFICIARIES

We offer **social and psychological services** (assessment, counseling, independent life skills development, individual therapy, group therapy with artistic mediation, family therapy, personal development programs) to:

- Children and families in need, at risk (of abuse, mistreatment, neglect, extremely precarious material conditions)
- Children and young people at risk of victimization and social exclusion living in foster care public or private institutions
- Children and young people with sensory, physical, mental disabilities as well as their parents.

We offer **training and supervision for professionals working in child protection field**

- we provide training for volunteers participating in the activities of the projects developed by FICF.
- we organize internships accredited by the College of Psychologists in Romania;
- we act for deinstitutionalization and prevention of child abandonment;
- we work toward the establishment of specialized networks of community services to prevent abandonment, maltreatment and promoting good practice in childcare and child protection;
- we participate in assessing and monitoring the situation of children in Romania through research studies, monographs and methodological;
- we edit informational and educational publications and organise raising awareness campaigns addressed to children, adolescents, parents and professionals;

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## IMPORTANT RESULTS

- Each year more than 300 children and their families benefits from free counseling, social and psychological assistance
- During 1995-2013 more than 2800 participants, in short term and long-term professional trainings, from Bucharest and 25 Counties
- Expertise in elaborating of minimal standard for social services;
- Introduction of the Art- therapist occupation in the Romania Occupations' Code;
- Elaboration of a unique evaluation instrument for the assessment of individuals / families who want to adopt and of the training methodology (domestic adoption). Order of the Romanian Adoption Office, central governmental authority, published in the Official Monitor part I, nr 1016, 21.12.2006;
- FICF developed with Romanian and foreign partners and collaborators over 32 studies, reports and publications.

# BOARD MEMBERS OF IFCF 2013

*Bogdan Sebastian CUC, psychologist, Psychoanalyst in private practice, Assistant professor Spiru Haret University - President

*Ioana Anca IACOB, Ph.D. Environmental Hygiene, Dr. in Medical Sciences, retired- Vice-president

*Alain Bonte, businessman CENTROFARM Romania

*Oana Maria CLOCOTICI, Principal Social worker Institute for Mother and Child Protection "Alfred Russescu", Bucharest

*Aurelia Petra CORBEANU, Dr. in Theatrology and cultural management,Vice President UNITER

* Irina Maria DRAGUSANU, Ph. Dr., Pediatric Hospital „Grigore Alexandrescu", Bucharest

*Daniela Maria Gheorghe, psychologist, Executive director of Federation of NGO's for Child (FONPC)

* Alexandrina HALIC, actress," Ion Creanga" Children's Theatre Bucharest, member

*Ionel Lihanceanu, lawyer in private practice

*Nadine OUTIN, president of « Organisation des Droits des Enfants », Paris, France

*Stefania Ricman, lawyer in private practice

*Ioan Simu, General Manager at Mercury Research Company

* Laurentiu Zolotusca, MD in Epidemiology, Adviser for European Affairs Ministry of Public Health, Public Health Authority

**Board reunions in 2013:** March 29 and November 29, 2013.

# OUR PROGRAMMES

The **COUNSELLING AND THERAPY CENTER FOR CHILD AND FAMILY** was **c**reated in late 1999 as a non-residential specialized service open to all local communities offering children and families in difficulty social and psychological assistance. Within the Centre we are bringing together psychologists, psychotherapists and social workers highly trained and experienced in helping children and families.

SERVICES ADDRESSED TO CHILDREN:
- psychological assessment of child and adolescent;
- group and individual art-therapy for children and teenagers;
- counseling and individual psychotherapy for children and teenagers.

SERVICES ADDRESSED TO ADULTS:
- family therapy;
- individual counseling and psychotherapy.
- Art-therapy

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# INDEPENDENT LIFESKILLS PROGRAMME

The overall aim of the program: increasing social inclusion and skills necessary for independent living. Project beneficiaries are engaged in educational activities of independent life skills (hygiene, disease prevention and control, independent life in society, living in a couple, living in a family, sexual education, educational guidance - training, etc..); helping children and young to become resource persons to disseminate their knowledge and competencies to other children and young in the community.

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# PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND SUPERVISION CENTRE

More than 3000 professionals (psychologists, social assistants, doctors, educators, priests, police officers) and parents trained between 1995 and 2013

TRAINING COURSES PROVIDED:

- Prevention and intervention in child abuse, neglect and exploitation
- Promoting good practices in national adoption
- Preventing child abandon and family reintegration
- Child development, child psychopathology and life skills development
- Working abilities for professionals working in drug use prevention and child trafficking
- Social worker specialization
- Family therapy
- Psychological Counseling
- Training of trainers
- Project manager
- Parenting – initiation course for foster parents

SUPERVISION

CONSULTING

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## CHILD ABANDONMENT PREVENTION PROGRAM

Aims the development of parenting skills (parents' school), promoting best practice in foster care. In 2007-2008 Curriculum Framework was developed by training foster parents and trainer guide and student guide. More than 760 foster parents received training and further training courses in 2000-2012.

## COMMUNITY AWRENESS PROGRAM

It is part of all the projects implemented by the Foundation and in order to promote good-practices and lessons learned during over 20 years of activity.

## STUDIES AND RESEARCH-ACTION ON CHILD PROTECTION, HEALTH PROMOTION OF CHILD AND FAMILY

„ The causes of child institutionalization in Romania" – 1996, FICF-UNICEF partnership;

„Reproductive health in young (14-24 years)" - 1996-1997; partnership FICF - CEDPA (USA), UNICEF, Mother and Child Protection Institute „Alfred Russescu" (IOMC);

„Abandonment of newborns in maternity" - 1997; FICF - Medecins du Monde, France - Maternity Ward "Panait Sarbu"Bucharest;

„Research on child abuse in institutions of social protection in Romania" - 1999-2000, FICF-UNICEF , IOMC, SERA ROMANIA .

## DEVELOPMENT AND EDITING OF SPECIALIZED WORKS AND DOCUMENTARY MATERIALS

**„Social establishments for children. Managerial landmarks"** - 1996; FICF - ENSP, Rennes, France;

**„Social Policies in Romania of the 90s**" - videotape - 1999

**„Methodological Guide - child maltreatment situations' approach"** - 2000

• Monography **"Child maltreatment"** - collective work (Romanian and foreign authors), conducted under the Leonardo da Vinci Program, under the direction Prof. Serban Ionescu, Bucharest, 2001

**„Good-practice in Creative Techniques Guide"-** creative techniques to address school and extracurricular activities with children.

**„Psychologial Counseling Journal"** 2006-2007, addressed to professionnals working in child protection field (Quarterly bilingual publication, French-Romanian).

**"Mothers who leave their child - Stories of Life"** (Study cases presentation), coord. Dr. Psih. Corneliu Irimia (2010)

**"Working with parents in difficulty "** (Study cases presentation ), coord. Dr. Psih. Corneliu Irimia (2011)

**"The Supervision in Child Protection Services in Romania"** under the PROCOPIL - Concerted Pluri-Actors Programme Training component, coord. Andreea Ene (2013)

**"The Rose of the Little Prince" - A guide for parents and educators** published in partnership with SOS Children Villages Denmark, with the financial support of Velux Foundation, and BRD- Groupe Société Générale, coord. Tatiana Martis (2013)

# PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS

- FONPC-Federation of Nongovernmental Organizations for Child Protection

- Association of Supervisors from Romania

- EURODIR – a transnational network of training organizations for directors of welfare institutions, initiated by the National School of Public Health ENSP - Rennes , France

- Federation „The Child's Voice" (La Voix de l'Enfant) strives to promote the awareness and protection of children in distress in France and all over the world.

- Italian Chamber of Commerce for Romania

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## PARTNERS FICF IN 2013:

- Embassy of France in Romania
- Embassy of Swiss in Romania
- Embassy of Netherlands in Romania
- Embassy of Slovakia in Romania
- Embassy of Switzerland in Romania
- Delegation of Wallonie-Bruxelles in Bucharest
- Ministry of Labor, Family, Social Protection and Elderly of Romania
- Child Protection Directorate of the Ministry of Labor, Family, Social Protection and Elderly of Romania
- General Directorate for Social Assistance and Child Protection Sectors 1, 6 of Bucharest and Vaslui Department
- French Institute in Romania
- UNICEF representance in Romania
- Stichting JUST 100 HEROES, Netherlands
- Federation of Nongovernmental Organizations for Child Protection (FONPC)
- General Council of Val-de-Marne Region, France
- SAPI - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND PRACTICES INSTITUTE, Bulgaria

- Municipalty from Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria
- Stichting Clown und Comedie, Netherlands
- National College of Social Assistants in Romania and College of Psychologists in Romania
- Emmergency Clinical Hospital for Children "Grigore Alexandrescu", Bucharest
- Secondary School Nr 118 " Vasile Alecsandri", Bucharest
- Technical College Nr 3, Bucharest
- Association ProVita- Valea Plopului, jud. Prahova, Romania
- SOS Chilren Villages Romania
- Mer Nature Association, France
- University of Bucharest – Faculty of Sociology and Social Assistance, Bucharest
- French Association Médecins du Monde
- Organisation " Solidarite Laique" – France
- "L'Atelier" Art-therapy Training Institute, Switzerland
- Foundation for Civil Society Development (FDSC)
- Foundation SERA Romania.

# FICF Funders and donors in 2013

**Mr. Alain Bonte, Portugal**

**Dl. Marinus Merks, Netherlands**

**JUST 100 HEROES Foundation, Netherlands**

BRD Societé Générale

Velux Foundation through SOS Children Villages, Denmark

Albatros Foundation, Switzerland

Clown en Comedie Foundation and Arno Huibers Theatreproducties, Netherlands

ANPCDEFP - GRUNDTVIG Parteneriates, Program Life Long Learning

French Embassy in Romania

Delegation Wallonie-Bruxelles in Bucharest

Pax Europa, Bucharest

Hypermarket AUCHAN

Fam Derksen, Netherlands

Fam Neumaier, Germany through Mrs. Stefania Ricman

Mrs. Nadine Outin, France

# Executive team FICF 2013

## EMPLOYEES AND PERMANENT COLLABORATORS:

- Gabriela Sard, Social worker, psychotherapist - Executive Director
- Andreea Ene, Psychologist, psychotherapist-Coordinator of the Counseling and Therapy Centre for Child and Family
- Tatiana Martis, Psychologist, Trainer - Coordinator of the Professional Training and Supervision Centre
- Carmen Daniela Stepan, Social worker, Projects Coordinator , Volunteers Programe Coordinator (till Oct. 2013)
- Mihaela Ruscior, Psychologist, Trainer - Project Coordinator
- Andrei Constantinescu, Psychologist, Psychotherapist - Supervisor
- Oana Pintrijel, Social worker - educational tutor
- Madalina Maftei, Human resources Responsible, Financial responsible (volunteer since Sept. 2012)
- Simion Popa, Accountant, Project coordinator and sports instructor

- Constantin Militaru – auditor

**15 COLLABORATORS** – Romanian and foreign experts and trainers

# VOLUNTEERS FICF 2013

**Permanent volunteers:**

Madalina Maftei – human resources responsible - volunteer since Sept. 2012

Oana Pintrijel- Social worker

George Diaconu, Social worker

Donatienne Ancia Rutten – Project SMILE

Isabelle Ganot –FONPC Volunteer

Christian Sard – IT services for IFCF computers' network, free web site hosting and administration (from 1999)

**Occasional volunteers:**

*24 students of the Sociology and Social Assistance Faculty, University of Bucharest*

*18 volunteers from the community*

*15 volunteers from partners institutions and organizations*

# IFCF Beneficiaries in 2013

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|---|---|
| Children living in Placement Centers | 185 |
| Disabled institutionalized children | 13 |
| Disabled children living in families from Bucharest and other urban and rural localities | 170 |
| Children living in families at risk from rural localities | 100 |
| Parents, adults | 340 |
| Volunteers, internships | 70 |
| Professionals (training and supervision) | 51 |
| Participants Children Solidarity March | 200 |
| Participants FICF 20 years anniversary events | 326 |
| Recipients of FICF publications | 1250 |
| **Total beneficiaries 2013** | **2600** |

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# EXPENSES IFCF 2013

| Expenses (including projects) | LEI | EURO<br>*4,50 €* | % |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fuel | 300 | 67 € | 0,06% |
| Inventory objects | 19673 | 4.372 € | 4,26% |
| Materials for direct working with beneficiaries within projects | 18123 | 4.027 € | 3,92% |
| Expenditure on water, electricity, gas, sanitation | 17169 | 3.815 € | 3,72% |
| Car maintenance expenses, building repairings | 1828 | 406 € | 0,40% |
| Car and building inasurance | 1207 | 268 € | 0,26% |
| Transportation costs within projects | 30008 | 6.668 € | 6,50% |
| Accomodation costs within projects | 45740 | 10.164 € | 9,90% |
| Postal and communication expenses FICF and within projects | 8771 | 1.949 € | 1,90% |
| Bank commissions | 2237 | 497 € | 0,48% |
| Subcontracted services (Summer camps for children, other contracts) within projects and FICF | 42312 | 9.403 € | 9,16% |
| Accreditation taxes for trainig courses | 1500 | 333 € | 0,32% |
| Salaries for FICF employees | 48444 | 10.765 € | 10,49% |
| Fee for collaborators within projects | 203077 | 45.128 € | 43,97% |
| Salary charges FICF for employees and collaboratiors (salary taxes ) | 13445 | 2.988 € | 2,91% |
| Annual fee (membership cotisation) for national and international networks (FONPC, EURODIR, Voix de l'Enfant) | 724 | 161 € | 0,16% |
| Exchange rate differences | 21 | 5 € | 0,00% |
| Depreciation expenses | 7300 | 1.622 € | 1,58% |
| **TOTAL EXPENSES 2013** | **461879** | **102.640 €** | **100,00%** |

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# INCOMES IFCF 2013

| INCOMES | LEI | EURO | % |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | *4,5* | |
| Training Center - Training courses (other than projects) | 24410 | 5.424 € | 5,80% |
| Office and training room Rent | 31909 | 7.091 € | 7,59% |
| Donations FICF | 11740 | 2.609 € | 2,79% |
| Sponsorings FICF | 22078 | 4.906 € | 5,25% |
| Project financing Lifeskills Mr. Alain Bonte | 165780 | 36.840 € | 39,42% |
| Project financing ART THERAPY, ALBATOS Foundation | 59434 | 13.208 € | 14,13% |
| Project financing BRD | 14000 | 3.111 € | 3,33% |
| Project financing VELUX | 13239 | 2.942 € | 3,15% |
| Project financing NOBLESSE OBLIGE, Just 100 Heroes | 41156 | 9.146 € | 9,79% |
| Project financing GRUNDTVIG | 15428 | 3.428 € | 3,67% |
| Project financing SMILE, Pax Europa and Just 100 Heroes | 10533 | 2.341 € | 2,50% |
| Project financing Valea Plopului - Arno Huibers | 3368 | 748 € | 0,80% |
| Bank interests | 1877 | 417 € | 0,45% |
| Other menu incomes | 1398 | 311 € | 0,33% |
| Exchange rate incomes | 4197 | 933 € | 1,00% |
| **TOTAL INCOMES FICF 2013** | **420547** | **93.455 €** | **100,00%** |

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# ACTIVITY REPORT IFCF 2013

| Nr | Activity | Period of implement ation | Financer and budget | Beneficiaries | Partners |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Project „Independent life through sustainable development education"**<br><br>**Coordinator: Tatiana Martis** | 15 July 2012 – 15 Sept. 2013 | **Velux Foundation and SOS Children Villages Denmark, Component „Micro-grants – Steps towards autonomy"**, **9970 euro** | **48 children** and young participating in activities<br>**20 professionals** trained and supervised<br>**Publication: „The Rose of the Little Prince"** Guide for parents and educators 1000 books | SOS Children's Villages Romania<br>Mer Nature - France |
| 2 | **Project: „From education to dignity – socio-educational integration of children with hearing deficiencies"**<br><br>**Coordinator Dana Stepan** | 01.09.12-30.10.2013 | **BRD-Societe Generale 70.000 lei** | **60 children and teen-agers** from the Special School for Hearing deficiencies children<br>**200 parents**<br>**15 volunteers**<br>**200 participants** in the Children's Solidarity March | Special School for Hearing deficiencies children |
| 3 | **Project: „Steps towards independence –Personal development and independent life skills for vulnerable children and young"**<br><br>**Coordinator Dana Stepan** | Oct.2012–Sept.2013 | **Mr. Alain Bonte 163.040 lei (36150 €)** | **80 children and young** at risk, living in the social protection institutions from Bucharest CSS "Sf. Nicolae", Family Type House Sf. Ioan, Bucuresti and from Scholar Centre Nr 3, Bucharest.<br>**10 parents** in difficult situation from the Maternal centre CSS Sf. Nicolae;<br>**20 professionals** – educators and teachers from the three institutions. | General Directorate for Social assistance and Child Protection Sector1 Bucharest<br>Complex of Social Services « Sf Nicolae », Family Type House "Bradut"and " Sf. Ioan", Technological High School N°3", Bucharest |

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| 4 | **Project "Noblesse oblige" - Improving the quality of life for young children with disabilities through sports**<br><br>**Coordinator Simion Popa** | 1 Feb 2013-31 Ian 2014 | **Foundation JUST 100 HEROES, Netherlands 12700 euro** | **20 children with disabilities** registered at DGASPC Sector 6 Bucharest | General Directorate for Social assistance and Child Protection Sector 6 Bucharest |
| 5 | **Project: Training in Art Therapy**<br><br>**Coordinator Andreea Ene** | Aprilie 2013 – July 2014 | **Foundation ALBATROS, Switzerland 30.000 USD + 3050 euro self financing** | **5 professionals** - psychotherapists | L'ATELIER Training and research institute, 24, Avenue du Mail – 1205 GENEVA, Switzerland |
| 6 | **Project : „Color, play, story"**<br><br>**Coordinator Andreea Ene** | March – June 2013 | **Pax Europa, Bucharest 1600 lei** | **12 children** from the Social Services Complex „Sf. Iosif" of the DGASPC Sector 1 Bucharest | General Directorate for Social assistance and Child Protection Sector 1 Bucharest |
| 7 | **Pilot Project pilot „SMILE – Play room for hospitalized children"**<br><br>**Coordinator Andreea Ene** | May-December 2013 | **Fam. Neumaier, Germany 1100 euro** | **55 children** long-term hospitalized in the Clinical Emergency Hospital for Children „Grigore Alexandrescu", Bucharest - Plastic Surgery Service , and their families. | Clinical Emergency Hospital for Children „Grigore Alexandrescu", Bucharest |

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| 8 | **Internships** for students of the Faculty of Sociology and Social Assistance of the University from Bucharest | Oct.2012-July 2013 | | - **24 students** of the faculty of Social Assistance in Bucharest | Faculty of Sociology and Social Assistance of the University from Bucharest |
| 9 | **Voluntary Program**<br><br>**Coordinator Dana Stepan** | Oct. 2012-Sept. 2013 | | - **18 volunteers** from the community trained to involve in direct activities with children, beneficiaries of IFCF. | - Individual Volunteer Contracts signed |
| 10 | **Project „Camp at your home,** in rural localities: Villages Bughea de Jos and Gura Vitioarei (jud. Prahova),Aldesti, Barsa, Hodis, Voivodeni and Carand, jud. Arad, Cernavoda, jud. Constanta, Valea Screzii, Jud. Prahova<br><br>**Coordinator Dana Stepan** | 15 August – 15 Sept. 2014 | Mr. **Marinus Merks, Foundation Clown en Comedie Netharlands, Mr. Alain Bonte, Association „Save the Dogs" Cernavoda** And other private donations<br>**8050 euro** | **100 children, teen-agers and young** (aged from 5 to 18 years)<br>- **10 volunteers**<br>- More than **400 children and adults** attended the **„Clowns' Gift"** performances of Arno Huibers and Paul van der Heijden, Netherlands; | Association Social Activ, Stichting Clown & Comedie, Arno Huibers Theaterproducties, City Halls of Barsa, Carand, School of Gura Vitioarei and Bughea de Jos, Association Provita-Valea Plopului Association Serviciul Apel Association Save the Dogs and other Animals French Institute in Bucharest |

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| 11 | **Project „ Development of independent life skills and stimulation, socialization, communication through combined arts for children with special needs living in child protection institutions"**<br><br>**Coordinator Andreea Ene** | Oct 2013-Oct 2014 | Co financing **Mr. Alain Bonte and Foundation JUST 100 HEROES, Netherlands**<br><br>**24388 €** | **18 children** from the residential centre of the Social Services Complex „Sf. Nicolae"-<br>**13 children and teen-agers with special needs** from the Family Type House « Bradut », DGASPC Sector 1 Bucharest | General Directorate for Social assistance and Child Protection Sector 1 Bucharest |
| 12 | **Project: SMILE – Play Room for hospitalized children"**<br><br>**Coordinator Andreea Ene** | Oct. 2013 December 2014 | Co financing **Foundation JUST 100 HEROES, Delegation Wallonia-Brussels in Bucharest, Pax Europa, Auchan Hypermarket 12778 euro** | **200 children** hospitalized in the Clinical Emergency Hospital for Children „Grigore Alexandrescu", Bucharest – Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Service, and their families. | Clinical Emergency Hospital for Children „Grigore Alexandrescu", Bucharest |
| 13 | **"Training for supervisors and foster family consultants"**<br><br>**Coordinator Andreea Ene** | Oct. 2013-September 2015 | **GRUNDTVIG Partnerships, Program Life Long Learning**<br>18000 euro | 15 Romanian professionals<br>15 Bulgarian professionals<br>15 Polish professionals<br>117 foster families | SAPI Bulgaria, Our Home Association Poland, DGSAPC Sector 6 Bucharest<br>SOS Children Villages Romania |

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| **14** | **Study Fund „Hans LOOTS"**<br><br>**Coordinator**<br>**Mihaela Ruscior** | Oct. 2013 – Sept.2014 | **Foundation JUST 100 HEROES, Netherlands**<br><br>**5550 euro** | - **20 children and young students**, beneficiaries of Provita Association | Association ProVita – Valea Plopului |
| **15** | **„Life skills for teen and mothers " in Valea Plopului**<br><br>**Coordinator**<br>**Mihaela Ruscior** | **Nov.2013 – Dec.2014** | **Mr. Marinus Merks, Netherlands**<br><br>**6992 euro** | - **10 teen-ager girls** - life skills for sustaining social integration<br>- **30 mothers** from the community<br>- **15 children** from the community | Association Provita-Valea Plopului |
| **16** | **„Newsletter FICF"**<br><br>**Responsible**<br>**Mihaela Ruscior** | **Oct. 2013 – Sept. 2014** | **Arno Huibers Theatre Producties, Netherlands**<br>**200 euro** | 4 Newsletters par year in Romanian and English language | |
| **17** | **Workshops: „Children Rights" and „Qulling" within the Program "Scholl in diffrent way"** | **April 2013** | | **90 children** students of the School „Vasile Alecsandri" from Sector 1 in Bucharest<br><br>Volunteers: Dana Stepan, Gabriela Sard, Olivia Birdici | School „Vasile Alecsandri" from Sector 1 in Bucharest |

**Events that marked the 20 years of activity of IFCF:**
**15 November – 19 December 2013**

# "Partnership and continuity of services for the benefit of children and families»

The International Foundation for Child and Family " Dr. Alexandra Zugrăvescu " ( IFCF ) in partnership with the Embassy of France in Romania, the Wallonia-Brussels Delegation in Bucharest, the Ministry of Labor, Family, Social Solidarity and the Elderly, the French Institute of Romania and the Federation of NGOs for Children, organized the international event "Partnership and continuity of services for the benefit of children and families " on Friday 15 and Saturday November 16, 2013 on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of activity of the IFCF for the benefit of children, families and professionals working in the child and family protection field.
To achieve the construction of a convergent European policy based on the principles and objectives of the European Strategy 2020 in the field of children's rights protection, it was important to involve all representatives present in society. To this end, the IFCF and for Direction for Child Protection of the Ministry of Labor, Family, Social Solidarity and the Elderly invited representatives of policy makers, central and local public authorities, the civil society and business in Romania, France and Bulgaria to participate in discussions on the theme of public - private partnership .
The first day of the event two roundtables were held, on the themes: Public - Private partnership in the delegation of social services and Supervision of teams of professionals working in the field of child protection. At round tables, guests from France, Bulgaria and Romania have started to debate current models of functional partnerships. The second was dedicated to workshops from case studies presented by Romanian and foreign experts on the subject: parenting support, prevention of abandonment and the use of means of artistic expression in the work with vulnerable people.
This event, organized as part of the " Festival of the Children Rights" was chaired by Mr Hans van Loon, former Secretary General of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (1996 -2013) , member of the International Law Institute, for many years a faithful friend of the IFCF **.**

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**Friday, November 15th, 2013, French Institute in Romania, 80 participants**

**1.** Opening of the International Event "**Partnership and continuity of services for the benefit of children and families"** in exceptional presence of Mr. Hans Van Loon, former Secretary General of the Hague Conference on Private International Law 1996 -2013, Member Institute of International Law

His Excellency Mr. Matthijs van Bonzel Ambassador of the Netherlands in Romania
Mariama Diallo, Representative of the Embassy of France in Romania
Mr. Eduard Ecuyer, Representative of the Swiss Embassy in Romania
Mr. Benoit Rutten, Delegate of Wallonia Brussels in Bucharest
Ms. Simona Oproiu, Head of Department, Child Protection Directorate -Ministry of Labor
Mr. Stanislas Pierret, Counselor for Cooperation of French Embassy, Director of the French Institute of Romania
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## 2. Roundtables on the following topics:

**1st Round Table: The public-private collaboration: improving cooperation between public and private social services.**
**Moderators:** Mrs. Adina Codres, Senior Advisor Child Protection Directorate of the Ministry of Labor and Diana Berceanu FDSC
**Expert speakers:**
• Mrs. Rossitsa Dimitrova, Director of the Directorate "Social activities and health protection" near the town of Veliko Tarnovo Bulgaria. Presentation of the "Guide to Good Practice for cooperation between municipalities and NGOs in the field of policies for children and families"
• Mr. Marc Nectar, Project insertion housing Roma, General Council of Val-de-Marne, France
• Mrs. Simona Oproiu, Head of Department, Child Protection Directorate of the Romanian Ministry of Labor
• Mrs. Cristina Bagoli - Information and Resource Centre for Social Professions (CRIPS)

**2nd Round Table : Supervision - Why, Who and How? Practices of supervision and capacity building of professionals in social services child protection.**
Moderators: Mrs Adina Codres, Senior Advisor Ministry of Labour - Child Protection Directorate and Mr Ionel Armeanu, General Director, Directorate of Social Assistance and Child Protection Vaslui
Expert speakers:
• Mrs Nelly Petrova - Professor, Senior Lecturer at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" in social work, social pedagogy, SAPI -. Social Activities and Practices Institute, Sofia, Bulgaria
• Mr Marc Nectar, Chief of Roma insertion Project, General Council of Val-de-Marne, France
• Mr Bogdan Lucaciu - Psychologist, College of Psychologists of Romania
• Mrs Diana Cristea - social worker, National Association of Social Workers
• Mr Bogdan Cuc - Psychologist, President of IFCF

## On the occasion of this event two of the IFCF’s publications were launched:

**"The Supervision in Child Protection Services in Romania"** published by the International Foundation for Child and Family "Dr. Alexandra Zugrăvescu " under the PROCOPIL Program. PROCOPIL - Concerted Pluri-Actors Programme Training component from 2011 to 2012 that aimed at creating a Regional Training Pole for professionals working in child protection services (450 recipients).

**"The Rose of the Little Prince" - A guide for parents and educators”** published by the International Foundation for Child and Family "Dr. Alexandra Zugrăvescu "in partnership with SOS Children Villages Denmark, with the financial support of Velux Foundation, component "Micro-grants” within the project “Steps towards autonomy and BRD- Groupe Société Générale and bank employees, through the program "Change a destiny. Give value to a life. "

This book, dedicated to parents and educators presents, after a brief history of concepts of child, childhood and family, a new vision of the child and his relationship with adults. In addition, it is a real guide to self-knowledge and conscious development for adults who infer a particular value of the presence of a child in their lives. Education through love can reset our perspective on life and what we want to become (550 recipients)

Diffusion of the publication **« Working with Parents in difficult situation »,** published by the IFCF, in 2011, within the project with the same name, funded by the Embassy of France in Romania, having as a goal to build a multinational professional network able to offer expertise to detect, assess and intervene with parents in difficult situation, change of good practices and attitudes of professionals regarding working with parents (250 recipients)

**3. IFCF " Dr. Alexandra Zugravescu " 20 years Awards** to 3 personalities with significant contribution to the development of activities of the IFCF in the field of child protection and family:

**FRANCE: Dr. Jean- Gabriel BARBIN** , former Coordinator of Missions Médecins du Monde in Romania, founder member of the IFTF. Before acquiring a Romanian legal personality (in 1993) , the IFCF has been a development project initiated by the General Coordination Mission Médecins du Monde in Romania, called the Institute for Children and Families ( 1991) .

**NETHERLANDS: Mr. Marinus MERKS, MELANJOCO,** principal constant donor of the IFCF supporting projects and part of the operation of the IFCF since 2000 .

**ROMANIA: Dr. Gina PALICARI**, pediatrician, nutritionist, author and co-author of several studies and publications, trainer and expert in the field of child protection in Romania, founder member of the IFCF, project coordinator and professional volunteer member involved in direct work with beneficiaries, permanent Scientific Consultant of the IFCF.

The anniversary Cocktail offered by the IFCF at the de UNITER's Restaurant « Le Théâtre » brought together partners of the IFCF within the Festival of Children's Rights, representatives of the French, Belgian, Dutch, Bulgarian and Romanian partners, founder members and current members of the Board of Directors of IFTF, current and former collaborators, in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere encouraging personal and professional exchanges for future partnerships and collaborations (50 participants).

## 4. WORK-SHOPS for professionals working in Child and Family Protection field on Friday, November 16th, 2013, in the IFCF's premises, 51 participants

**Workshop 1: Arno Huibers "Hand-puppets - how to use hand puppets in touch with 'mentally others' (with a mentally disabled children / people with Alzheimer's)."** (13 participants)

**Workshop 2. Arno Huibers "The clown in yourself** - a clown teaser". (12 participants)

**Workshop 3. Dr Claude Aiguesvives – « Parenting, quality of the relation between professionals and family for the wellbeing of the child"** (16 participants)

**Workshop 4. Univ. Lector dr. Rodica Matei, psychologist – “Prevention of child abandonment”** (10 participants)

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5. **Exhibition of the works of the children beneficiaries of IFCF, from 18 to 29 November 2013, in the Atrium Room of the French Institute in Romania** presenting paintings and drawings made by the institutionalized children during activities of group therapy by artistic mediation.

6. **Inauguration of the Play room within the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Service of the Emergency Children Hospital « Grigore Alexandrescu » in Bucharest, November 28th, 2013 (** 38 participants)

## 7. Participation at the Gala of the awards The rights of the child „Korczak", 19th December 2013, hosted by His Excellency Mr. Jan Gabor, Ambassador of the Republic of Slovakia in Romania.

In closure of this last event of the **Festival for the rights of the child**, 4th edition, 2013, the Terre des Hommes Foundation presented a film with action during the action "The take-over day” and the International Foundation for Child and Family "Dr.. Alexandra Zugrăvescu" presented an exhibition of drawings and photographs produced by the beneficiary children of the FICF made through the group therapy by art mediation sessions.

All events presented in this report were part of the **Festival for Childen’s Rights**, 4th edition, 2013, coordinated by the Federation of non-governmental organizations for children (FONPC) in partnership with the Ministry of Labor, Family, Social Protection and Elderly, the Embassy of France in Romania, the Embassy of Switzerland, Embassy of Canada, The Embassy of Netherlands, Embassy of the Republic of Slovakia, the Wallonia-Brussels Delegation in Bucharest, the International Organization of the Francophony, the French Institute of Romania, the Polish Institute in Bucharest, the Terre des Hommes Foundation, the International Foundation for the child and the family "Dr. Alexandra Zugrăvescu", the Parada Foundation, the Organization SERA Romania, the Association French of the world - ADFE, Union of French from abroad and the Bucharest High School Anna de Noailles, in Bucharest.

**Coordinator Gabriela Sard**