

Kia ora e te whānau,

It is time to catch up on what's been happening and to inform you of some advance news of the EC-Menz Summit to be held in 2022.

The June National Summit in Ōtautahi/Christchurch was a great success with a theme loosely based around perceptions of aggression in early childhood. It was really exciting to meet together in this most unusual time and there was connection, discussion and many ideas shared over the weekend. Thanks to Mark White and the Committee who did a lot of work in organising this. I have attached the report from this Summit and the President's Report to the AGM (which was held at the end of the day) for your information.

It is really exciting to announce that the EC-MENZ National Summit for 2022 will be held on the March 5 & 6 at Pentagon ELC in Tamahere (near Cambridge). Please note the change in date from June as we wanted the warmer weather to be a blessing to those who wish to camp on site. We have announced the date so that those wishing to come can organise cheaper flights and transport in advance. We have not confirmed the speakers, but will try to do so by end September so that those employers who are helping attendance can benefit from this.

With this in mind we are seeking expressions of interest from potential presenters who can engage and excite and /or have ideas for topics that would be useful/helpful in your teaching - this is a chance to contribute to decision making - so please if you have an idea or know of a great presenter, please contact EC-Menz Vice-President Robin Christie at robin@childspace.nz

We hope you enjoy the reports - and keep on watching this space as more information is released about our 2022 Summit. Keep up the good work - your presence alone has proven that early childhood education is a career for all genders and that gender will not define our many and varied roles within the profession.

Ngā mihi nui

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