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## Dear network members and international child support experts:

### NCSEA 2014 Annual Conference & Expo August 10 to 13, 2014

The international community eagerly expects the 2014 annual NCSEA conference, which will be held under the motto: "Explore, Innovate, Cultivate: Common Ground for the Modern Family" in Portland, Oregon from August 10 to 13 this year. As usual, NCSEA has prepared some interesting features for the international guests prior to the conference. Members of the international community of child support experts will meet in Vancouver and Portland on August 07, 2014 to get an insight into different maintenance programs of the authorities from the region. There will be opportunities to discuss current events as well as the further development of the network. Click [here](#) to view the current conference program.

In our next newsletter, we will report on the results and the new developments and – of course – select exciting presentations and workshops and make them available to you!

### Child Maintenance – ESRC Seminar Series – University of York

On June 27, social scientists and lawyers from different countries states met in York (UK) at an international conference on "Gender and Social Changes in Developing Regions: Managing Obligations to Children in Separated Families". The conference was organized by Dr. Christine Skinner, Reader in Social Policy at the Department of Social Policy and Social Work, University of York. This was the third conference in the international series funded by the UK's Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC Award ES/L000792/1) titled [Child Maintenance: International Perspectives & Policy Challenges](#). The seminar focused in particular on China and South Korea as well as Colombia and Peru. The speakers Dr. Kay Cook (Melbourne University), Dr. Sung-Hee Lee (PhD, University of Bath), Dr. Sirin Sung (Lecturer, Queen's University of Belfast), Laura Cuesta (PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison), Vanessa Rios-Salas (PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison) Dr. Qiong Xu (PhD, University of London), Emeritus Prof. Gillian Pascall (University of Nottingham) and Prof.



Daniel R. Meyer (University of Wisconsin-Madison) expounded in an impressive and detailed way how the new family structures of the modern times affect countries in their legal, social and political structure.

A detailed report on the Conference and information on the speakers and the presentations are available [here](#).

### **International Conference Commemorating the Enactment of the Child Support Enforcement Act in the Republic of Korea**

Today, on July 10, 2014, the Korean Women's Development Institute holds an international conference on child maintenance which will be attended by experts from Korea, Australia, Germany and the United Kingdom (including Dr. Thomas Meysen DIJuF, Dr. Christine Skinner University of York, Dr. Kay Cook University of Melbourne). The starting point of this initiative is the passing of the Child Support Enforcement Act in the Republic of Korea on March 24, 2014, which will enter into force on March 25 next year. It aims at:

- securing child support for single-parent families with minors and therefore provides for
- establishing of a Child Support Enforcement Agency which has the power to enforce child support payments and to secure them through appropriate proceedings and
- implementing immediately a child support system.

The invited international speakers are experts in this field not only because of their thorough knowledge of the area, but also because their respective national legal systems have already established such agencies and the required structural basis has proved itself in the effectiveness of the systems. The aim of the conference is to give the participants an insight into the respective child support systems and thus to help build an effective system for the enforcement and recovery of child maintenance in South Korea through technical and international support.

### **Implementation Act Austria (Bundesgesetz über die Geltendmachung und Durchsetzung von Unterhaltsansprüchen mit Auslandsbezug (Auslandsunterhaltsgesetz 2014 – AUG 2014))**

On August 01, the Austrian Act implementing Regulation (EC) No 4/2009 enters into force. It can be viewed [here](#).

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**We wish all our colleagues and experts around the world a wonderful summer and look forward to the exciting news we can expect in the next newsletter!**



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