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In year 2011. priority in our Association was to make new registration, which was our obligation according to the new Law on Associations in Serbia. That task was finished on 24.02.2011.g. by registration of the Association in Business Registers Agency of Serbia.

New name of organization is the **Association of professionals for children and families support "FICE Serbia"**.

The **Vision** of the "new" "FICE Srbija" is better world for the children, especially those who are growing up with risks of absent of the biological families, as well as better world for families.

The **Mission** of the "FICE Srbija" is to support families and children, to develop professional competencies of those who work in family and youth care, as well as to develop different missing social services for children and families in local community.

President of the Association reported in writing to all members about this change in March 2011, by submitting a copy of the decision on re-registration (reestablishment), as well as copies of the new Statute (which was adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Association held on 26.11.2010.), and the "minutes" of the Seventh Symposium of FICE Serbia, which was held also, in November 2010.

"FICE Serbia", in order to support the professional development of its members, in 2011.g. continued with the implementation of Family Group Conference model, through the project "Family get together" (January-June 2011), and then the project "Give family a chance", (July-December 2011), which consisted of training of 96 professionals of the City of Belgrade Center for social work for developing skills for offering and initiating Family Group Conferences.

Part of the team which is working on the implementation of the FGC model was able to present results of the first year of implementation of the model in Serbia at the European Congress on Family Conference, held from 19 to 21 October 2011 in Utrecht, Netherlands.

Also, during 2011.g. Balkan Fund for Local Initiatives has enabled two people from the Association to become participants in training "Successful fundraising," and president of the association participated in training held by "Group 484" for



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strengthening the capacity of CSO-s to develop new social services, in accordance with the new Special Care Law in the country.

In 2011.g "FICE Serbia" in Serbian journal "News" published an article on the implementation of Family Group Conference in Serbia and the article about the first experiences of application of family conferences in Serbia in the Dutch magazine called "Jeugd Beleid."

In 2011.g. "FICE Serbia" has managed to establish cooperation with almost all members (homes for children) and informed them about key changes that occurred during 2011.g.

Some children homes were closed or transformed into centers for implementation other social related services, (mainly at local level) for instance foster care centers and day care centers, according to the needs of the system of social care for children and young people in Serbia.

All institutions of social protection for children and young people in 2011., continued with the process of transformation.

Some homes (3), despite regular submission of information and calls for cooperation, showed no interest in membership, due to personnel changes in their management.

Regional collaboration with FICE South-East Europe continued by participation of "FICE Serbia" in Program of continuing education Project, (FICE Serbia team organized training for other countries), which was held in Struga, (Macedonia) in August 2011 and which attended 10 participants from homes for children from Belgrade.

Unfortunately, the opportunity to be participants in the Friendship Camp 2011 did not materialize because FICE SEE did not find donors for this event (scheduled to happen in Bela Crkva, in cooperation with the home for children without parental care "Vera Radivojević"), but our some applications were rejected.

At the annual meeting of FICE South-Eastern Europe, August 2011.g. current President Zeljka Burgund, made a proposal for election of the new leader of the regional network, (after almost 6 years of leading network FICE SEE), and the new president was chosen. It is Ms. Soka Popovska, from FICE Macedonia.

At the international level "FICE Serbia" as a member of a regional network of FICE South-East Europe took part in the Federal Council of FICE International in Prague, April 2011. where Zeljka Burgund was elected to be the member of the Executive board of FICE Europe. She also took part at the CF in Bucharest in October 2011.

In the framework of regional cooperation FICE Serbia and FICE Bulgaria cooperate in the field of implementation of the PRIDE program in Bulgaria (training for trainers). FICE Serbia continues its cooperation with the Social Service



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International (SSI) in the program of supporting families in the process of readmission in Serbia.

During 2011.g. FICE Serbia has updated its website www.ficesrbija.rs and registered and became member of international online association PADOR.

“FICE Serbia”, in past year, also organized a lot of small activities and events due to goals and plans for 2011. Very important was participation in different trainings, as well as applying for projects on local and international level.

All activities of the Association, as in previous years, and the work of the Management and Supervisory Board have been voluntary in character.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zeljka Burgund'.

Zeljka Burgund, President

Belgrade, February 2012.