



## Ten Years and Growing

Dear Reader,

Ten years ago we walked out of the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel and looked out over a beachfront lawn filled with early childhood professionals from around the world interacting, laughing and enjoying new friendships on a perfect Honolulu evening. At that point we knew that our crazy idea of bring peers together from around the world to share perspectives of early care and education was a good one.

Since that inspiring day in Hawaii, we have held World Forums in Singapore, Greece, New Zealand, México, Canada, and Malaysia attended by over 2,500 early childhood professionals from 95 nations; we have created the non profit World Forum Foundation; and we have fostered the development of working groups on peace building, nature education, emerging early childhood leaders, men in early care and education, teacher education, multi-site operations, HIV/AIDS and young children, and children in institutional settings.

In Belfast in June we will be celebrating our tenth anniversary with over 600 delegates from 79 countries. We'll be hard at work. It's been a long and exciting journey — who knows what lies ahead?

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