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SYMPOSIUMS: CHILDREN'S LITERATURE: A MAP TO THE FUTURE OF POSSIBILITY

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ABSTRACT

Children are the greatest human resource as the future and wellbeing of a country and the planet depends on them. Till date much attention has not been paid to sustainable quality enhancement of this sector. Since the beginning of civilization, literature (both oral and scripted) has been the vehicle of expressing the importance of positive nurturing of childhood. Indeed Wordsworth's argument that "child is the father of man and he comes to the world with trailing clouds of glory" holds a deep philosophy which has been hitherto ignored. Children who are covert stakeholders of social and economic systems should be paid due attention. Attention should be paid to the socio-psychological development of this delicate human resource. The nurturing/fostering of socio-psycho-emotional needs and development of the cognitive reserve of the children need more attention.

Children's literature was not considered a separate genre until the late 20th Century, although the literature for and about children goes back beyond recorded history. In fact, Children's literature plays a significant role in understanding the psychic of children. Yet, available resources like books for children and on children do not provide enough material for research that would help to understand them from various perspectives like the psycho-socio-scientific perspective and beyond. That would channelize them towards sustainable goals.

The WAC is the right forum to discuss sensitive issues related to the sustenance and development of children who are an integral part of the world culture. This panel proposal for World Anthropology Congress is an attempt to debate, discourse and draw the attention of people towards the need of research in the field of Children's literature. This will help scholars to undertake research in the unexplored areas of children literature and will also help policy makers wake up to nurture this fragile human resource.

The scholars across discipline having interest in Children literature can join the panel to contribute their innovative ideas for furtherance of study and research in the field specified.

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