

*Introduction**

The present *International Bibliography of History of Education and Children's Literature* about the year 2016 is the fifth of a serie, which has been published in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 on the international journal «History of Education & Children's Literature» and concerned the seven years period 2010-2016; it was followed by the publication of four volumes about the same period. This specialised bibliographical overview includes researches and studies about the history of education edited around the world (articles published in journals, monographs, collections of essays, proceedings and textbooks).

In order to build the present work tool, addressed in particular to the scholars of history of education and of children's literature, it was necessary to go systematically through an outstanding quantity of national and international specialized publishers' catalogues (historical studies, social and human sciences, educational sciences), as well as through the catalogues of almost 400 high specialized scientific reviews published in different countries of the world.

This research is necessarily a *work in progress*, because of the difficulties, which are sometimes insurmountable, and intervening to every legitimate will of completeness and exhaustiveness in the searching of data retrieval. Notwithstanding the growing boost produced by *internet* and by *social media* to the globalization process, indeed, not always the *web sites* of publishers and of the scientific reviews (such as of those of the Universities and of the public and private research Centers) provide updated and exhaustive information (catalogues, bibliographical report, tables of contents of the issues etc.). It's because of the difficulties encountered during the acquisition of precise data and sure information about the scientific production of this field concerning some particular countries and, consequently, the real necessity to have a broad net of collaborators in loco, that is a net of researches and scholars specialized in this field, who are available to offer a systematic information to «History of Education & Children's Literature» of the most recent and relevant publications

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edited in their countries and, if necessary, to complete the information, sometime fragmentary, thanks to a distance research through internet.

To the building and to the enhancement of a similar net of collaborators, we are willing, to consecrate our energies in the next years, pointing at the possibility to make of this bibliographical overview a reliable tool, constantly updated, exploitable by all the scholars, and most of all capable to present in his complexity and variety the wide-ranging investigation of the international scientific production in the field of the history of education and children's literature.

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