

IFFD Information

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FOR FAMILY DEVELOPMENT



IFFD FOUNDATION



COURSES: ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR 2019

1. Coordination of training courses in 68 countries in Africa, America, Asia, Oceania and Europe. IFFD provides training materials, offers advice to each country for the implementation of the programs, guides coordinators and moderators, provides support in the organization of the courses, and coordinates the exchange of moderators between countries.

IFFD programs pursue the following objectives:

- To provide attendees with an in-depth knowledge of the stages of personal and family development.
- To promote the responsibility and co-responsibility of both parents in the education of their children.
- To train parents and build their educational skills so that they can figure out their family project.
- To offer couples communication and problem solving skills that encourage a harmonious family atmosphere.

Training activities for moderators and coordinators programs in the first half of 2019:

- Australia (January 2019)
- Croatia (January 2019)
- Slovenia (February 2019)
- Israel (February 2019)
- Germany (April 2019)
- United Kingdom (May 2019)
- Lebanon (May 2019)

Spain (July 2019): Family Enrichment Holidays: coordinators of family enrichment courses bring their whole family to participate in a 15-day international event which combines training and living together. Families from Ivory Coast, Lebanon, Argentina, Canada, Mexico, Germany, Slovenia, Spain, Great Britain, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal and Sweden have participated in recent events. For the 2019 event, we expect 20 families from many different countries to participate.

3. Support to national conventions that promote parent training programs: Colombia (February 2019), Mexico (May 2019), France (May 2019), Venezuela (June 2019).

4. International congresses and meetings: 20th World Congress on Family Enrichment, World Leaders Meeting, and 1st World Congress on Personal Project. IFFD holds an international congress on family every 4 years. In 2019 IFFD will celebrate the 20th edition of its congress with the title: "Family, the Face of Humanity." The congress will be held in London, United Kingdom, on October 19th and 20th, and there will be 1,200 participants from about 70 countries.

For the first time, a parallel to the general congress will be held: a specific congress for young people around the IFFD program Personal Project. It will take place on October 1 and we expect about 400 young people between 22 and 32 years old from around the world to participate.

The day before the congress, 400 Family Enrichment leaders from around the world, as well as coordinators and moderators, will assemble in a work session to receive training and share experiences about the IFFD programs.

- **Spanish Expert Committee:** composed of experts from Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Spain and Mexico. The objective for this work group in 2019 is the creation of new training contents, as well as developing a new program for the training of IFFD moderators with a total of 40 hours of training. Experts from Italy will also participate on this team: They will keep the programs updated in Italian.

- **English Expert Committee:** composed of experts from Australia, Canada, United States, Great Britain and Ireland. In 2019 they will work on the revision, translation and updating of IFFD programs in English, as well as linguistic and cultural adjustments for each country. They will also update the support material for the moderators.

- **French Expert Committee:** composed of experts from Belgium, Canada, Ivory Coast, France and Lebanon. In 2019 this committee will work on the translation and cultural adaptation of the IFFD programs and moderators support materials.

- **German Expert Committee:** IFFD will coordinate the experts meetings of the three countries that offer training in this language: Germany, Austria and Switzerland. In 2019 they will work on translating the training programs and the support materials for moderators into German.

During 2019 the activities developed in previous years, like **the Married Love course, will continue in Portuguese (Brazil and Portugal) and Russian (Russia, Belarus, and Kazakhstan)**. Among other tasks will be the coordination of translations and adaptations of such programs to the corresponding languages.

INCOME

- Barcelona and Family Foundation	44,000
- Fees paid by the countries	55,000
- Contribution from IFFD Foundation	114,000
	<u>213,000</u>

EXPENSES

- Staff (*)	78,000
- General expenses	15,000
- Administration and Management	10,000
- Documentation and Communication	10,000
- IFFD 2020 project (**)	100,000
	<u>213,000</u>

(*) The breakdown of this item is as follows:

- **Coordinator of the Madrid office.** This is the only person who is always in the IFFD office in Madrid. She runs the whole area of administration, documentation and management. Specifically, she manages and coordinates the different departments and meetings of the management committee and meetings with committees who are running activities in various countries. She is also responsible for coordinating the organization of the international congresses. For example, she will coordinate the three events that will take place in London in October of this year with attendees from 70 countries: 20th World Family Enrichment Congress (1,200 attendees), World Meeting of Family Enrichment Leaders, and 1st World Meeting of Personal Project (400 attendees).
- **Director of Family Enrichment.** This person coordinates and directs the launch, re-launch and expansion of courses in other countries. She travels frequently to train moderators and management teams. She also coordinates the experts committees that are responsible for developing and translating the case studies (case studies are translated into up to 17 languages) and monitors and adapts all materials to the different situations of each country. She advises local organizations about the coordination and implementation of courses.

(**) **IFFD 2020** is a digital transformation project that includes an improvement of process efficiency, a modernization of working methods, and the design of a functional structure that will allow the organization to face the challenge of growth that lies ahead.

COURSE DEVELOPMENT

Countries in which the most courses are given

YEARS	2004		2006		2008		2010		2012		2015		2017 (*)	
COUNTRIES	Courses	Couples	Courses	Couples										
Congo	0		1	10	4	44	2	38	3	37	2	20	1	25
Kenya	1	12	2	24	3	30	5	116	13	220	10	422	7	522
Nigeria	1	20	2	35	5	45	7	184	10	207	27	456	42	1.050
Argentina	0		1	50	19	350	16	330	10	204	28	575	28	306
Brazil	4	75	6	90	9	97	10	120	10	126	20	211	18	183
Chile	1	24	4	100	7	196	8	240	8	200	10	600	35	772
Colombia	0		1	60	7	104	21	331	20	248	32	750	41	500
Ecuador	0		1	70	13	300	43	1.000	32	685	26	760	25	582
El Salvador	2	40	2	45	8	196	9	145	14	120	16	230	17	370
Guatemala	1	20	1	25	5	75	7	107	14	240	22	446	17	355
Mexico	0		1	70	24	600	34	757	30	662	50	1500	45	1.294
USA	5	150	6	155	8	192	10	237	9	250	11	266	11	385
China	1	12	2	25	3	30	1	12	2	32	3	48	4	50
Japan	1	6	2	20	3	30	-	-	1	4	3	18	1	3
France	3	60	5	80	9	104	9	110	6	85	8	94	6	85
Italy	5	70	5	70	10	150	29	423	46	672	42	510	46	672
Lithuania	0		1	10	1	10	18	240	31	391	31	391	7	120
Poland	2	40	8	100	16	206	15	220	19	230	19	230	35	372
Spain	110	1.980	140	2.200	170	2.550	239	4.261	247	4.704	250	4.365	245	4.066
Australia	1	16	2	30	3	45	5	110	4	60	6	119	6	150
TOTAL	138	2.525	193	3.269	327	5.354	488	8.981	529	9.377	616	12.011	637	11.862

(*) In the 48 remaining countries, the number of courses taught was 141, totaling 778 in 2017



ADVOCACY: MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS BETWEEN 2014-2018

1. Resolution of the General Assembly on the 20th anniversary of the International Year of the Family (2014): IFFD played an important role in the preparation of the resolution that the United Nations General Assembly approved on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the International Year of the Family (2014). It was the first resolution that was approved since 1994, the year in which the International Year of the Family was first celebrated.

This resolution includes the following points:

- States that family policies should be taken into account in the discussions on future agendas.
- Encourages governments to support family activities (joint funds, trust funds)
- Requests reports from the UN secretary to follow up on the implementation of the objectives of the international year of the family
- Highlights the awareness-raising work that must be done at United Nations: the family plays an important role in sustainable development

In the years prior to the approval of this resolution, a lot of hard work was carried out. One of the things that was done was to organize events in various countries ([see video "RAISE AWARENESS MEETINGS"](#)).

2. SDGs and Families Project: This is a research project promoted and coordinated by IFFD that has been implemented between 2016 and 2018.

The objective was to analyze how family policies can contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda, which is the main roadmap for United Nations between 2015 and 2030.

The project was funded by the La Caixa Foundation, the Stiftung Maienburg Foundation, and had the participation of partners, as well as UNICEF by way of the United Nations.

In May 2018 the official presentation of the final report took place at the United Nations headquarters in New York ([see summary video](#)).

Throughout 2019 there will be events to present the final report in many cities around the world, with the participation of United Nations official in charge of family-related topics.

3. The Civil Society Declaration of on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family. IFFD put forth a declaration that was signed by 27 international entities and more than 540 representatives of civil society from 285 national organizations, in addition to numerous elected officials and academics. This declaration includes most of the conclusions that at that time were planned to be included in the IFFD world congress that was to be held in Mexico in 2015.

4. Research Project “Families and Societies” (2017): The objective was to explore the increasing complexity of family configurations and transitions throughout European societies, and to examine their implications for children, women and men with respect to inequalities in life opportunities and intergenerational relationships.

IFFD has had as partners in this project: the European Commission, 25 academic partners and 3 transnational partners.

The project started in 2014 and ended in 2017. The results have been 2 events at United Nations headquarters, 2 statements at the United Nations headquarters, 79 working documents, 80 articles, 7 book chapters, 1 book and 4 online databases.

5. Research Project “Inclusive Cities for Sustainable Families” (2017-2018):

The objective was contributed to the resilience and strength of modern cities so that families can find a suitable place to live in them.

IFFD has had as partners in this project: Government of the Region of Veneto (Italy), ELISAN (European Inclusion and Social Action Network) and the City of Marseilles.

The initial meeting in 2017 was held at the United Nations headquarters in New York and the focus group met in the Veneto region in 2018. The declaration includes most of the conclusions that at that time were planned to be included in the IFFD world congress that was to be held in Mexico in 2015.

6. Other Activities: Below are some activities in which IFFD has had a significant participation.

- International conference in Doha on parenting and children’s well-being and development (Qatar, 23-10-2018)
- Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations (San Diego, 7-11-2018)
- Round table at the Summit on Women and Justice (Istanbul, 24-11-2018)
- Meeting of experts on the emancipation of young people in the world and the role of the family and the state (Qatar, 11-12-2018)
- First meeting of the UNICEF Board of Directors (New York, 5-2-2019)

INCOME

- Stiftung Maienburg Foundation	100,000
- La Caixa Foundation	50,000
- IFFD Foundation	5,000
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EXPENSES

- Director of the Department of International Relations	47,000
- Project Manager	70,000
- General Travel Expenses	38,000
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	155,000



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