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I INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS CHILDREN IN ICT

Gijón becomes world headquarters of the global debate on safer user of technology in children and adolescents.

- **More than 300 education professionals, ICT promoters and developers, members of national, regional and local governments... have already registered for the 1st International Congress: Children in ICT.**
- **A leading group of Experts will give the key guidelines to educate in a safer Internet.**

Gijón, Wednesday 9th September 2009.- More than 300 persons have already registered for the 1st International Congress: Children in ICT <http://menoresenlastic.fundacionctic.org/>, which is being organized by CTIC Foundation and funded by the regional Government of the Principality of Asturias in the framework of the “**Internet and Family**” project. The Congress will take place in Gijón (Asturias) on 27th and 28th October 2009.

Participants, education professionals, ICT promoters and developers, representatives of national, regional and local governments coming from Peru, Ecuador, France, Paraguay and Mexico at international level and from several Spanish regions, will have the opportunity to share their points of view, projects and works, around a central theme: *Educating for a safer Internet*. Congress is structured around five roundtables: *Risks magnitude, perception and evolution; Responsibilities and challenges in online children protection; Preventive strategies; Experiences and initiatives in Spanish regional governments; Identification of action protocols in the school and family field: Experiences and best practices.*

Among the speakers, we can highlight internationally recognized personalities like **Parry Aftab**, World leader in this field, founder and director of the largest organization in the

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world working on the promotion of a safer use of Internet, WiredSafety.org (United States); **Estella Cohen**, Issues manager at the office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario (Canada); **Sebastián Muriel**, General Director of Red.es; **Wim Bekkers**, Manager at the Netherlands Institute for the Classification of Audiovisual Media – NICAM (The Netherlands), which is the entity administering the PEGI system (detailed recommendations concerning the most adequate age according to the content of video games and online games); **Arturo Canalda González**, Ombudsman for the defence of children in the Community of Madrid (Spain); **Gabriel González Bueno**, Responsible for infant rights at UNICEF (Spain); **Artemi Rallo Lombarte**, Manager of the Spanish Agency for Data Protection; and other experts coming from, both international organisms like EUKIDS Online, and national entities like Tuenti, PantallasAmigas or the Technological Investigation Brigade of the Spanish National Police Force.

The Congress will cover how children and adolescents use ICT; how to face those risks arising from the rapid technological evolution, like cyberbullying, grooming or the relationships in the social networks; and will give an answer to the information parents, tutors, developers, media and governments are demanding. This is an all citizens commitment to encourage the safer use of technology.

More information and registration: <http://menoresenlastic.fundacionctic.org>

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