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There are two universities which are official members of CiCe in Cyprus: the first one is the University of Cyprus, of which the Department of Education has been contributing to the creation of CiCe since 1995 and has acted as the local coordinator of all university CiCe members for Cyprus since its launching in 1998. The second one is European University Cyprus and it joined CiCe in 2007. These two universities host the two largest education departments in terms of academic staff and students in Cyprus, which ensures a wide dissemination of CiCe activities (a total of approximately 1600 undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral students). This dissemination often exceeds the education departments when, depending on the topic, CiCe information is shared with departments of psychology, humanities as well as social and political science. Cyprus has been strongly represented in the CiCe annual conferences, but also in various working groups. CiCe publications, materials and annual conference proceedings are stored in the respective two libraries for university-wide use and are used also in courses such as 'Curriculum development', 'Curriculum Theory', 'Social Studies Education', 'Comparative Education' and others. It must be noted that even though not officially members of CiCe 5, two other universities and their education departments have expressed an interest in CiCe and are kept informed about CiCe activities: the University of Nicosia and Frederick University.

From 18-19 November 2011 the University of Cyprus hosted a Daphne International conference entitled 'Human Rights and Violent Behaviour: The Social and Educational Perspective', co-organised by DAPHNE, UNESCO, the UniTwin (Unesco Chair in Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment) and the University of Cyprus. Prof. Mary Koutselini, as Director of the UNESCO Chair in Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment and as CiCe national coordinator from 1998-2011, invited and hosted a CiCe symposium within this conference with the following participants:

S.Chistolini (chair)	Analysis of woman's awareness of the harmful effect caused to her child exposed to violence
M. Smirnova	Women working in prostitution experienced violence
M. Secui, M. Danciu, A. Halmajan, A. Decsei-Radu, C. Bora and D. Roman	Women victims of domestic violence: mothering experiences
St.Panagakou	J. S. Mill on women's empowerment, human development in progress: Some reflections on the subjection of women.

During the conference a plenary was also held for the dissemination of the results of the project VI.C.T.I.MS (VI-ctimizing C-hildren T-hrough I-njuring M-otherS), an Interdisciplinary Research programme, which has been funded by the European Commission, Directorate 4-General Justice, Freedom And Security, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship. The project and its dissemination during the UNESCO conference were examples of CiCe dissemination, since the consortium of partners was formed through their contact and collaboration in the context of CiCe (Mary Koutselini & Floria Valanidou, University of Cyprus, Cyprus; Sandra Chistolini - Università di Roma Tre, Italy ; Monica Liana Secui-University of Oradea, Romania; Iveta Kovalcikova - University of Presov, Slovakia). The conference attracted 250 participants.