



EASPD Annual Conference 2016

GROWING TOGETHER: FROM GRASSROOTS INITIATIVES TO NATIONAL STRATEGIES IN EARLY-CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION

Chisinau, Moldova: 21st-22nd April 2016 | Radisson Blu Leograd Hotel

Programme

Wednesday, 20th April

10:00-12:00: Study visit to 'Voinicel' Early-intervention centre in Chisinau

14:00-17:30: EASPD's project development workshop

Conference day I: Thursday, 21st April

08:45 - 9:45: **Welcome panel**

- ❖ Franz Wolfmayr, EASPD president
- ❖ Ludmila Malcoci, AOPD president
- ❖ Representative of the Moldovan Ministry of Social Protection, Ministry of Health, local authorities (TBC)
- ❖ Gero Stuller, Attaché for Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection - Austrian Embassy Chisinau
- ❖ Ana Serrano, EurllyAid president
- ❖ Zero Project Representative
- ❖ The Swedish Organisation for Individual Relief Representative

9:45-10:00: **Introduction to the topic and structure of the conference by the Conference Moderator**

10:00-10:45: **Keynote speaker**

Presentation on the state of play on early childhood intervention by Helmut Heinen, Co-founder of EurllyAid

10:45-11:15: *Coffee break*

11:15-13:00: **Plenary session 1**

“Creating a nurturing environment for children - key elements in setting up successful ECI services “

- ❖ *A parent's perspective and experience from Moldova* by Olga Busuioc

- ❖ **Professional training in ECI** by Manfred Petris S.I.N.N. (Social Innovative Network), Austria
- ❖ **Transdisciplinary approach in ECI: achieving quality team work** by Marijana Konkoli Zdesic, Mali Dom, Croatia
- ❖ **Health care perspective in ECI** by Lieven Bauwens, The International Federation for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus

13:00-14:00: Lunch

14:00-15:30: Plenary Session 2

“Developing and sustaining successful ECI services”

- ❖ **Early Intervention in Portugal - A family-centred, community-based and cross-sectoral system**, Jose Boavida Fernandes, Representative of the Ministry of Health in the National Coordinating Commission of the National ECI System
- ❖ **Relationship-based early intervention services for children with complex disabilities: perspectives from parents and professionals**, Dr. Carolyn Blackburn, Research Fellow, Early Childhood and Disability Studies, Centre for the Study of Practice and Culture in Education, Birmingham City University
- ❖ **From small to big : the experience of Lebenshilfe Graz und Umgebung, Austria**, Carolin Gosch
- ❖ **De Kangoeroe: a successful example of an ECI service in Belgium**, Dirk Mombaerts

15:30-16:00: Coffee break

16:00-17:30: Panel discussion

“Community-based ECI services: from challenges to potential solutions”

- ❖ **Assessing costs and benefits of developing ECI systems** (TBC)
- ❖ **Support services for families with children with disabilities – example from Hungary** – Akos Pordan, Hand in Hand Foundation
- ❖ **The deinstitutionalisation process and setting up of ECI community based services – experience from Georgia** by Nelly Akobia, Georgian Association of Social Workers
- ❖ **Developing ECI services - experiences from Moldova**, Ivan Puiu, President, Voinicel ECI center

19:00: Conference dinner – Radisson Hotel

Conference day two: Friday, 22nd April

- 09:15-09:30:** *Summary of the previous day*
- 09:30-09:45:** Special Olympics Young Athletes: Play-based motor activity programme for children aged 2-7 with and without intellectual disabilities by Maureen Clarke
- 09:45-10:30:** **Key note speaker**
Developing sustainable national systems and strategies for ECI by Emily-Vargas Baron, director of Rise Institute
- 10:30-11:00:** *Coffee break*
- 11:00-12:00:** **4 parallel workshops on ECI innovative models and services** (workshops to be selected as a result of the Zero Project and EASPD call for proposals for best practices in ECI) - to be announced at the end of February 2016
- 12:00-13:30:** *Lunch*
- 13:30-14:30:** **4 parallel workshops on ECI innovative models and services** (workshops to be selected as a result of the Zero Project and EASPD call for proposals for best practices in ECI) - to be announced at the end of February 2016
- 14:30-15:00:** *Coffee break*
- 15:00-16:30:** **Policy panel on current challenges and future perspectives in regard to ECI development**
- ❖ Vasilka Dimoska, chair of the Interest Group on Early Intervention, EASPD
 - ❖ Ana Serrano, President of EurllyAid
 - ❖ Gero Stuller - Attaché for Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection - Austrian Embassy Chisinau
 - ❖ Dimitrios Nikolsky, Committee of Experts on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Council of Europe
 - ❖ Selena Bajraktarevic, Health and Early Childhood Specialist, UNICEF Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - ❖ Magdi BIRTHA, Policy Officer, Inclusion Europe
- 16:30 -17:00:** **Conclusion of the conference and recommendations on ECI development by Vasilka Dimoska, Chair of the Interest Group on Early Intervention, EASPD**

EASPD MEETINGS

Day	Hour	Meeting	Location
Wednesday (20/04)	10:00-13:00	Ex-com (closed meeting)	Radisson Hotel (room TBC)
	18:00-19:30	Board (closed meeting)	Radisson Hotel (room TBC)
Friday (22/04)	17:30-19:30	IG on Early Intervention (open meeting)	Radisson Hotel (room TBC)
		IG on Art (open meeting)	Radisson Hotel (room TBC)
Saturday (23/04)	09:00-11:00	SC on Employment (open meeting)	Radisson Hotel (room TBC)
		SC on Education (open meeting)	Radisson Hotel (room TBC)
		SC on Inclusive Living (open meeting)	Radisson Hotel (room TBC)
		PIG (closed meeting)	Radisson Hotel (room TBC)
	11:30-13:00	General Assembly (open meeting)	Radisson Hotel (room TBC)



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