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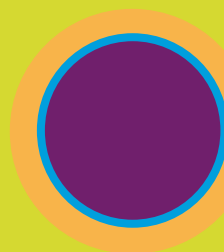
It is a great honour to welcome you to the 2011 annual conference of Inclusion Europe that is hosted in Cyprus and takes place in Larnaca between 12- 14 May 2011.

As you know, this beautiful island, Cyprus, is situated in the very Eastern corner of the mediterranean and according to the myth it is here that Aphrodite, the Goddess of Beauty and Love was born. Having a history of almost 11 000 years it has a rich cultural heritage.

On behalf of the organizers we welcome you to the conference and to Cyprus

Constantinos Efrem
**President of the Pancyprian Parents
Association for People with Mental Handicap**

Maureen Piggot OBE
Interim President of Inclusion Europe



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Albert Brandstätter (Austria)
Cornelia Broesskamp (United Kingdom)
Violetta Christophidou Anastasiadou (Cyprus)
Eleni Dimitriou (Cyprus)
Andrew Doyle (Scotland)
Constantinos Efrem (Cyprus)
Ciara Evans (United Kingdom)
Christina Flourentzou - Kakouri (Cyprus)
Lygia Fysentzides (Cyprus)
Chris Gardiner (Czech Republic)
Johan Ten Geuzendam (European Commission)
Poly Hadjisavva (Cyprus)
Senada Halilcevic (Croatia)
Ulrich Hellmann (Germany)
Andreas Hinz (Germany)
Maria Ioannou (Cyprus)
Thomas Katsonis (Cyprus)

Invited Speakers

Thérèse Kempeneers - Foulon (Belgium)

Lefki Kourea (Cyprus)

Ioanna Kouvaritaki (Greece)

Klaus Lachwitz (Inclusion International)

Camille Latimier (Inclusion Europe)

Michalis Louka (Cyprus)

Xenia Louka (Cyprus)

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Thursday, 12 May 2011

08:30-09:30

Registration

09:30-11:00

Opening Plenary

The role of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in building inclusive communities

Moderator: Stella Moustaka Playbell

Plenary Room (EN/GR)

Welcome

- Constantinos Efrem - (Pancyprian Parents Association for People with Mental Handicap)
- Sotiris Xiouros (Committee for the Protection of the Rights of People with Mental Handicap)
- Maureen Piggot OBE (Inclusion Europe)
- Andrew Doyle (European Platform of Self-Advocates)
- Soteroulla Charalambous - (Minister of Labour and Social Insurance, Cyprus)

The role of the UN Convention in building inclusive communities

Yannis Vardakastanis - Keynote Speaker (European Disability Forum)

A break-through for families: the UN Convention

Maureen Piggot OBE (Interim President of Inclusion Europe)

Cultural Event (songs of children from the Agios Spiridonas school)

11:00-11:30

Coffee break

11:30-13:00

Parallel session 1.1

The core concepts of the UN Convention for people with intellectual disabilities: legal capacity, inclusive education and living in the community

Moderator: N.N

Plenary Room (EN/GR)

Legal capacity and supported decision making: their relevance for families

Ulrich Hellmann (Lebenshilfe, Germany)

Educational policy and practice in the promotion of social inclusion

Pavlos Paschalis (Ministry of Education and Culture, Cyprus)

11:30-13:00

Parallel session 1.2

The impact of the UN Convention on persons with intellectual disabilities, their families and their organizations

Moderator: Sotiris Xiouros

Room: London (EN)

General aspects: existing structures and changes needed in Cyprus

Christakis Nikolaides (Cyprus Confederation of Organizations of the Disabled) and Constantinos Efrem (Committee for the Protection of the Rights of People with a Mental Handicap)

The experience from the implementation of the UN Convention for the Rights of Children

Stella Moustaka Playbell (Committee for the Protection of the Rights of People with a Mental Handicap)

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11:30-13:30

Parallel session 1.3

Monitoring and implementation of the Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities: challenges at local, national and European levels



Moderator: N.N

Room: Brussels (EN)

The involvement of family organisations in the monitoring of UNCRPD
Camille Latimier (Inclusion Europe)

The Ombudsman as a competent body for the promotion of principle of equal treatment

Despina Mertaka (The Ombudsman Office, Cyprus)

11:30-13:00

Parallel session 1.4

Family action in the implementation of the UN Convention



Moderator: N.N

Room: Paris (EN)

How to make our voice heard: family action and family advocacy (tbc)

Brothers and sisters as advocates for inclusion in the community

Thérèse Kempeneers-Foulon (ANAHM, Belgium)

13:00-14:00

Lunch

14:00-15:30

Plenary 2

Cooperation to achieve communities for all



Moderator: Constantinos Efrem

Plenary Room (EN/GR)

A new emphasis for the social inclusion of people with disabilities:

The EU Disability Action Plan

Johan Ten Geuzendam (European Commission)

Participation of people with intellectual disabilities in political and public life

Maureen Piggot (Mencap, UK)

Disability policies in Cyprus

Christina Flourentzou Kakouri (Department for Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities, Cyprus)

15:30-16:00

Coffee break

16:00-17:30

Parallel session 2.1

The role of Governments in setting frameworks for inclusion



Moderator: N.N

Plenary Room (EN/GR)

The role of the family and social welfare services for the social inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities

Savvoula Papamiltiadous- Assiotou (Social Welfare services, Cyprus)

Living in the community

Fotini Zafiropoulou (Greek National Disability Council, Greece)

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The role of Diagnosis and Genetic counselling in the Inclusion of patients with rare diseases.

Violetta Christophidou Anastasiadou (Clinical Genetics Dept, Makarios Hospital/
Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics)

16:00-17:30

Parallel session 2.2

The expectations of parents and family members



Moderator: Christina Flourentzou Kakouri

Room: London (EN)

The expectations of families

Xenia Louka (Parent, Cyprus)

Parents: the daily routine

Eleni Phtiaka (Cyprus University)

16:00-17:30

Parallel session 2.3

Practices, resources and requirements of local communities



Moderator: N.N.

Room: Brussels (EN)

Agenda 50: a tool for the implementation of the Convention

Maryanne Rönnersten (The Swedish Disability Federation, Sweden)

How parents can influence legislation and practices at local level

A good practice from Edinburgh

Shirley Young, UK

16:00-17:30

General Meeting of the European Platform of Self-Advocates (EPSA)

Room: Paris (EN)



EPSA General Meeting

Andrew Doyle (President of EPSA)

19:00

Reception at Larnaca Castle

Welcome by the Mayor of Larnaca

Songs by self advocates of Xristou Steliou Ioannou Foundation

Friday, 13 May 2011

09:00-10:00

Plenary 3

How can self-advocates contribute to mobilizing inclusive communities



Moderator: Sandra Marques

Plenary Room (EN/GR)

Step into Life

Senada Halilcevic (ASA, Croatia)

If I could have a chance to decide by myself...

Andreas Mavroudis (Christos Stelios Ioannou Foundation, Cyprus)

Your community and you

Andrew Doyle (Enable ACE Committee, Scotland)

10:00-10:30

Coffee break

Friday, 13 May 2011

10:30-12:00



Parallel session 3.1

What support do we need to live independently and have our own families

Moderator: N.N

Plenary Room (EN/GR)

Home sweet home

Krisse Paaskynen (Me Itse ry, Finland)

Living independently in the community house

Marina Sofocleous (Agios Stefanos Foundation, Cyprus)

What support do we need to live independently and have our own families

Andrew Doyle (Enable ACE Committee, Scotland)

10:30-12:00

Parallel session 3.2

Organizing professional support for living in the community: challenges and solutions

Moderator: Sotiris Xiouros

Room: London (EN)

The role and social contribution of behavior analysis in the support and training of families of individuals with intellectual disabilities

Xanthi Polidorou and Lefki Kourea (European University of Cyprus)

Medical care for people with intellectual disabilities in a European perspective

F.A. Scholte (European Association of Intellectual Disability Medicine, The Netherlands)

Living in the community: a case study

Slavenka Martinovic (Association for Promotion Inclusion, Croatia)

10:30-12:00



Parallel session 3.3

Promoting volunteer involvement: examples of good practices

Moderator: Kyriakos Stefanou

Room: Brussels (GR)

Children with Intellectual disabilities have the right to active participation in social life

Lygia Fysentzides (Member of the Steering Committee of the Pancyprian Volunteerism Coordinating Council) **(EN Consecutive interpretation)**

The concept of voluntarism and the expected role in the protection of services towards the citizens with intellectual disability in Cyprus. The case of Theotokos Foundation

Thomas Katsonis (Director of Theotokos Foundation, Cyprus)
(EN Consecutive interpretation)

10:30-12:00



Parallel session 3.4

The role of media in producing positive images of people with intellectual disabilities

Moderator: N.N

Room: Paris (EN)

Persons with intellectual disabilities and the media.

Antonis Skordilis (Journalist, Cyprus)

How self advocates can be involved in the media and campaigning

Ciara Evans (Mencap, UK)

12:00-14:00

Lunch

Friday, 13 May 2011

14:00-15:30

Plenary 4

Person Centered Planning for living included in society



Moderator: Albert Brandstätter

Plenary Room (EN/GR)

Introduction to the project

Albert Brandstätter

Person Centered Planning – the perspective of self-advocates and their assistants

Aglaia Parth & Lisa Wimmmler

Person Centered Planning – method, experience, policy

Julie Lunt (HSA)

EU Project "New Paths to Inclusion" – evaluation, outcomes, perspectives

Andreas Hinz (Germany)

15:30-16:00

Coffee break

16:00-17:30

Parallel session 4.1

Person Centered Planning



Moderator: Lisa Wimmmler and Aglaia Parth

Plenary Room (EN/GR)

The perspective of self-advocates and their assistants

Lisa Wimmmler and Aglaia Parth, WIBS, Austria

16:00-17:30

Parallel session 4.2

Person Centered Planning



Moderator: Ines Boban and Andreas Hinz

Room: London (EN)

New Paths to Inclusion – Person Centred Planning as Support for Change of Peoples' Situations and Organisations

Ines Boban & Andreas Hinz

16:00-17:30

Parallel session 4.3

Person Centered Planning



Moderator: Julie Lunt

Room: Paris (EN)

Person Centered Planning – method, experience, policy - Julie Lunt

16:00-18:30

Inclusion Europe Annual General Assembly 2011

Room: Brussels (EN/FR)



General Assembly 2011

Maureen Piggot (interim President of Inclusion Europe)

20.30

Gala Dinner at the Palm Beach Hotel (including traditional music and dance)

Saturday, 14 May 2011

09:00-10:30

Parallel session 5.1

Strengthening the family action in the UN Convention

Moderator: N.N.

Plenary Room (EN/GR)

The educational psychology service's role in the empowerment of families according to the UN Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities
Alex Ouloupis (Department for Educational Psychology, Ministry of Education and Culture, Cyprus)

Expectations of parents and families

Cornelia Broesskamp (Parents for Inclusion, UK)

09:00-10:30

Parallel session 5.2

Early intervention for the inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities

Moderator: Michalis Louka

Room: London (EN)

The situation of provision of early intervention services in Cyprus
Team of Early Intervention (Committee for the Protection of the Rights of People with a Mental Handicap)
Requirements for successful inclusion at school focus upon sufficient professional evaluations at preschool level
Maria Kristopoulou & Kakkia Petinou (European University, Cyprus)

09:00-10:30

Parallel session 5.3

Supporting children rights in Europe

Moderator: Kyriakos Stefanou

Room: Brussels (EN)

Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child for children with intellectual disabilities in Europe – the case of Greece
Ioanna Kouvaritaki (Greece)
Preliminary findings of the research into the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child - Chris Gardiner (Eurochild, Belgium)

09:00-10:30

Parallel session 5.4

Developing coordinated approaches at national, European and International level to build inclusive communities

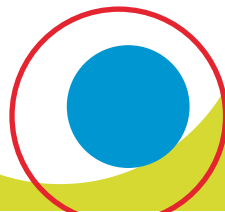
Moderator: N.N

Room: Paris (EN)

Linking local voices to Global Changes – Inclusion International's strategies to build inclusive communities
Klaus Lachwitz (Inclusion International)
Intellectual Disability, the UN Convention and natural disasters the example of Japan - Osamu Nagase (Inclusion Japan)

10:30-11:00

Coffee break



Saturday, 14 May 2011

11:00-12:30

Closing plenary

Summary of the conference

Plenary Room (EN/GR)

Summary of the conference

Moderators team

Speech by Member of the European Parliament - Antigoni Papadopoulou

Speech by Member of the European Parliament - Hadjigeorgiou Takis

Reactions and conclusions for Cyprus

Michalis Louka (Pancyprian Parents Association For People With Mental Handicap)

Reactions and conclusions on the European level

Maureen Piggot (interim President of Inclusion Europe)

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- Self Advocates from Xristou Steliou Ioannou Foundation will sing at the Reception Cocktail

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- Theotokos Foundation . Dimitri Lagiou Street, P.O Box : 56473, Limassol
- Iliaktida Daily Center, 28 Troia Street, Aglantzia, Nicosia
- Prosvasi Daily Center, 3 Lykourgou Street, 3012 Limassol
- Association for the Welfare of People with Mental Handicap, 22 Agiou Marona Street, Nicosia
- Vocational Rehabilitation Center, Department for Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities, Cyprus, P.O Box 23526, 1680, Nicosia



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