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## WELCOME NOTE

Dear All,

Welcome to Masterclass under the title: **"Best, and developing practice in supporting the health and wellbeing of people with intellectual disability and autism"**.

The Conference is taking place from **March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023** and is organized by the **University of Macedonia, Department of Educational and Social Policy, Laboratory of Autism -Developmental Spectrum Disorders and Behavior Difficulties of the Human** in collaboration with the **European Association for Mental Health in Intellectual Disability** in a **hybrid form** (with a physical presence in University of Macedonia and remotely through a link).

It is a cross-scientific, multidisciplinary event aiming to discuss planning and upgrading of the legal framework, policies and practices of the competent social institutions dealing with protection, training and rehabilitation of people with intellectual disability and autism.

Amongst the key speakers are academics from different scientific fields, researchers, professionals, politicians and representatives of social bodies from different countries world widely.

Participants will have the opportunity to exchange their views and experiences and be updated on best, and developing practices in supporting the health and well-being of people with intellectual disability and autism.

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## Day 1 | Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023

09.30-10.30	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Session</b> Panel: <b>C. Syriopoulou-Delli, K. Sarri, E. Gkiolnta, E. Papaefstathiou</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening speech</li> <li>• Greetings – Welcome Addresses</li> <li>• Professor Dean of the School of Information Sciences, Department of Applied Informatics, University of Macedonia / <b>A. Chatzigeorgiou</b></li> <li>• Professor of Social Anthropology, Head of the Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies, University of Macedonia / <b>F. Tsibiridou</b></li> <li>• Assistant Professor of International Relations, University of Macedonia, UNESCO Chair on Women, Peace and Security / <b>F. Bellou</b></li> <li>• Associate professor of Human Resources and Talent Management at ESCE International Business School, Paris / <b>A. Tsirikas</b></li> <li>• Innovative initiatives and interdisciplinary synergies to support people with intellectual disability and autism / <b>M. Dermetzopoulou</b></li> <li>• Educational Robotics and Autism Spectrum Disorders - Research data and educational practice / <b>T. Papazoglou, C. Karagiannidis</b></li> </ul>
10.30-11.45	<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session</b> Panel: <b>P. Varsamis, V. Giannouli, E. Papaefstathiou, K. Sarri, M.E Meligkopoulou</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusive Education and [Intellectual] Disabilities: Current Trends and Challenges / <b>A. Vlachou</b></li> <li>• Learning design in the 21st Century School for the Holistic Approach of the ASD and intellectual Disabilities children’s Individual Educational Needs / <b>T. Asteri</b></li> <li>• Biological sex, Gender Identity and Autism Spectrum Disorder / <b>P. Pervanidou</b></li> <li>• Production of Greek singletons in adults with Down Syndrome: The case of Greek plosives, fricatives and affricates / <b>K. Fiorentzi, A.S Antoniou</b></li> <li>• Robots Application, Parental Involvement in Promoting Distance Learning inclusion for individuals with autism, intellectual and Developmental Disabilities / <b>E. Gkiolnta, C. Syriopoulou-Delli</b></li> </ul>
11.45-12.30	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p>
12.30-13.30	<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Session</b> Panel: <b>A. Okalidou, I. Papavasileiou, V. Neofotistos, A. Psalti, E. Papaefstathiou</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does Early Intervention Work? / <b>L. Thomaidis, M. Stefou</b></li> <li>• Social Skills Groups in Autism: Bridging Social Functioning and Competence / <b>R. Tzorva</b></li> <li>• After the formal diagnose, what is next? / <b>E. Georgiadou-Stefanaki</b></li> <li>• Accessibility in higher education for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities including autism / <b>C. Syriopoulou - Delli</b></li> <li>• Discussion, Conclusions, Closing Remarks / <b>R. Ceccotto</b></li> </ul>
13.30-14.30	<p><b>Light Lunch</b></p>
14.30	<p>Visiting Special Elementary School Developmental Rehabilitation Institute, Pefka, Thessaloniki <a href="http://dim-eid-pefkon.thess.sch.gr/?cat=4">http://dim-eid-pefkon.thess.sch.gr/?cat=4</a> Director: <b>Konstantinos Notas</b></p>

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## Day 2 | Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 2023

10.00-11.00	<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Session</b>  <b>Panel: A. Okalidou, A. Tsirikas, A.I. Filiou, E. Gkiolnta, G. Fragulis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do we know about effectiveness of interventions on persons with autism spectrum? / <b>Oili Sauna-aho</b></li> <li>• Physical activity and quality of life in individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and intellectual disability (ID) / <b>D. Koutsouki</b></li> <li>• A perspective on emotional needs in people with autism spectrum disorder / <b>E. Ronsse</b></li> <li>• A Descriptive Study on Intellectual Developmental Disorder / <b>J. Santambrogio</b></li> </ul>
11.00-11.30	<b>Coffee break</b>
11.30-12.45	<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> Session</b>  <b>Panel: A. Psalti, E. Valkanos, K. Sarri, G. Fragulis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virtual interactive environments and desktop touchscreens: their contribution to the teaching of co-operative skills to children with autism / <b>G. Kalamoti, C. Syriopoulou - Delli</b></li> <li>• The role of KEDASY in supporting the students with intellectual disability and autism / <b>P. Stagiopoulos</b></li> <li>• The mentalizing skills and stress regulation of persons with an intellectual disability with and without Autism and the serious game 'You and I' / <b>P. S. Sterkenburg</b></li> <li>• Schizophrenia in autistic adults with intellectual disabilities. Diagnostic assessment and interventions. Results from a nation-wide multicenter study in Norway 2010 – 2020 / <b>T.L Bakken</b></li> <li>• Working to deliver a national autism strategy for health services - experience from the NHS England Autism Programme / <b>R. Banks</b></li> </ul>
12.45-13.45	<b>Light Lunch</b>
13.45-14.30	<p><b>6<sup>th</sup> Session</b>  <b>Panel : P. Varsamis, A. Pampouri, E. Papaefstathiou</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play and technological tools to enhance skills in preschool children with ASD / <b>E. Papaefstathiou, A.I. Filiou, E. Gkiolnta, K. Sarri, C. Syriopoulou-Delli</b></li> <li>• Parent Counseling and other Interventions to Support Parents of Pre-school Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders / <b>E. Papaefstathiou, A.I Filiou, E. Gkiolnta, K. Sarri, C. Syriopoulou-Delli</b></li> <li>• Parents and Siblings of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Literature Review / <b>A. Loi, C. Syriopoulou-Delli, A.S. Antoniou</b></li> </ul>
14.30	Discussion, Conclusions and Highlights / <b>R. Ceccotto</b>

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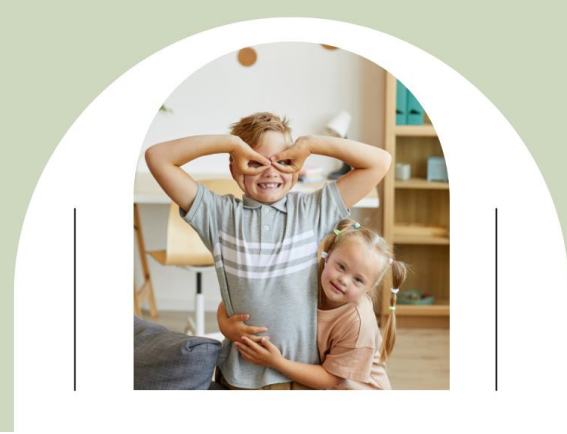
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