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## **Preface**

Dear colleagues

In Turkey the organisation committee is working hard on the last preparations.

We all hope that it will be a successful conference. A conference in which new ideas and experiences will be shared concerning education and rehabilitation of people with a visual impairment. But also a conference of meetings with new colleagues and working on professional networks.

Especially the open meetings with occupational groups will provide a good opportunity for this.

As known the meetings of the sub regions and the General Assembly will also take place during the conference.

I strongly recommend you to visit these meetings.

I look forward to meet you in Istanbul.



**Hans Welling  
Chairman**

## **Regional Meetings in Istanbul on Thursday 2 July at 16.30 – 18.30**

These meeting will be chaired by the Board member of the region.

- Baltic and Nordic countries: Peter Rodney
- English speaking countries: Mary Lee
- French speaking countries: Mira Goldschmidt and Francis Boe
- South European countries: Ana Isabel Ruiz López
- German and Dutch speaking countries: Dieter Feser
- Central European countries: Hans Welling
- East European countries: Liliya Plastunova
- Balkan countries Betty Leotsakou

### **Proposal for agenda**

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1. Welcome
2. Nomination of contact persons
3. Nomination or (re) election of board member
4. Stimulation to use website and newsletter of ICEVI-Europe

5. Suggestions of points of interest for the Board of ICEVI or for regional conferences

It is important that a report will be made for the General Assembly and that the report will be given to the secretary of the Board.

## **Agenda proposal General Assembly on Thursday 4 July 16.30 – 18.30**

1. Opening
2. Reports from the sub regions
3. To approve
  - a. Annual report 2012  
[[www.icevi-europe.org/membership/report2012.doc](http://www.icevi-europe.org/membership/report2012.doc) 4,6 MB]
  - b. Budget 2013
4. Proposed changes of the articles of association
5. European Awards 2013
6. (Re) elections  
[[www.icevi-europe.org/membership/elections2013.doc](http://www.icevi-europe.org/membership/elections2013.doc) 40 KB]
  - a. Contact persons per country
  - b. Board members
  - c. Election of the chairman/ president
7. Presentation ICEVI conference 2017
8. Any other business
9. Closure

### **Proposed changes of the articles of association**

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The Board proposes to change the name of ICEVI-Europe into **International Council for Education and Rehabilitation of people with Visual Impairment, Europe.**

In accordance with the international use the Board also proposes to change the name of *chairman* into **President.**

### **Candidate president ICEVI-Europe**

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A candidate has nominated herself for the function of President

#### **Betty Leotsakou from Greece**

For many years she has been Board member of ICEVI-Europe.

Her activities at the Ministry of Education make that Betty is well-informed about the education of children



with a visual impairment in Greece.

She is also informed about the position of elderly people with visual impairments in Greece.

During the past years Betty has been involved in the Balkan Conferences.

The Board cordially supports Betty's nomination for the Presidency

## A Changing Future with ICF

This is the theme of the European Conference. More and more the ICF plays an important role in the drive to obtain a clear picture of why people with disabilities face challenges in their efforts to take part in society. The ICF will help us, together with the persons involved and with other professionals to further determine in which way support can be offered.

It concerns:

- The visual system
- Activities and participation
- Environmental factors
- Personal factors

The ICF is not just important in the field of interdisciplinary cooperation and the achievement of individual support plans. ICF also offers important building blocks for scientific research and the development of policy by organisations and government.

Therefore it is important to have knowledge of ICF before the conference, since ICF will be central to the conference.

- **Dr Paul Looijestijn** from the Netherlands will give a keynote presentation about ICF and he will also lead workshops
- **Dr Maria Kyriacou** from Cyprus will address the area of children in the age group 0 – 6 years
- **Prof Dr Sven Degenhardt** from Germany will be concerned with the ICF for children of school age
- **Prof Dr Ayse Karaduman** from Turkey will talk about adults with a visual impairment and
- **Dr Krisztina Kovács** from Hungary will look at issues concerning the elderly

As previously mentioned, the conference is structured in such a way that you will be enabled to meet colleagues concerned with similar work to yourselves. Perhaps this offers possibilities to develop a network which can continue after the conference.

## Membership

Please use your membership of ICEVI-Europe:

- It gives you voting rights
- It gives you a discount on the conference fee

But pay your membership fee on time.

ICEVI-Europe cannot exist without your financial support. Therefore, here is a reminder for membership 2012 and the following years.

The membership fees are:

- Individual member 25 Euro per year / 100 Euro for 4 years
- Individual member from Eastern Europe and from the Balkan countries 10 Euro per year / 40 Euro for 4 years
- Corporate member without own budget 200 Euro per year
- Corporate member with less than 100 employees 350 Euro per year
- Corporate member with between 100 and 200 employees 500 Euro per year
- Corporate member with more than 200 employees 800 Euro per year

The NEW international bank account number of ICEVI-Europe in Huizen, The Netherlands is:

**ING, account number:** 4890207

**BIC:** INGBNL2A

**IBAN:** NL90 INGB 0004 8902 07

Contributions can be made by Internet or payments can also be made during the European Conference in Istanbul.

Please be aware that the conference fees for workshops and the European conference are considerably less expensive for members.

Please also read the newsletter of July 2012, where you will find important information about the conference and the General Assembly.

## **European Awards**



For the first time the Board of ICEVI-Europe has decided to present an award to three people who have made a special contribution to the lives of people with a visual impairment.

Therefore each individual or corporate member of ICEVI-Europe is invited to submit to the Awards Committee the nominees who meet the following criteria:

1. have made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of education and/or re-habilitation of blind and partially sighted people, that has had an impact beyond their own school or organisation and
2. have made a significant and long lasting contribution to ICEVI-Europe.

Nominations should be prepared in an abstract that does not to exceed two single space typewritten pages. This document should explain how the person meets these criteria and why they would be a worthy recipient. It would be valuable when the nomination contains letters of recommendation.

Please send nominations to the secretary,  
**Elly Aardoom** [ellyaardoom@visio.org](mailto:ellyaardoom@visio.org)

The Board will appoint a committee, who will judge the nominations and make a final choice.

**Work, Wellbeing and Wealth: Active Ageing at Work**  
**26-28 August 2013, Hotel Crowne Plaza, Helsinki (Finland)**

### **Introduction**

The increasing societal costs of the expanding retired population are forcing industrialized countries to find new ways to increase production and to extend lifelong work careers. Work careers can be extended at the beginning, middle, or at the end of the traditional working life, utilizing solutions on the borders of main-life transitions between education, labour market, unemployment, disability, private household and old age pension.

The vision of "an active life while ageing" is becoming one of the major social challenges in Europe. The European Union has launched the Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) "More Years, Better Lives – the Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change" in order to make a full impact assessment and development of appropriate answers to the upcoming demographic challenges. Among its five focus areas, a research agenda on "Work and Productivity" is under preparation.

### **Aims of the conference**

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The aim of the International Conference on "Work, Wellbeing and Wealth: Active Ageing at Work" is to bring together researchers, experts and European networks in the area and to present and discuss the major R&D needs and solutions.

### **Venue and time-table**

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**Venue:** Helsinki, Finland, Hotel Crowne Plaza  
**Date:** 26-28 August 2013  
**First announcement:** March 2012  
**Second announcement:** Autumn 2012

### **Organizers**

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#### **Organizer:**

Finnish Institute of Occupational Health (FIOH)

#### **in co-operation with:**

- WG3 Work and Productivity of the JPI "More Years, Better Lives"
- The Partnership for European Research in OS&H (PEROSH)
- The European Agency on Safety and Health at Work
- European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions
- ICOH Scientific Committee on Ageing and Work
- IEA Technical Committee on Ageing
- Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland
- Ministry of Employment and the Economy, Finland
- Finnish Labour Market Confederations

#### **For information on the scientific program please contact:**

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**7th International Conference – Special Education and  
Rehabilitation Today**  
**27th - 29th September 2013, Belgrade (Serbia)**

Conference topics:

- Early intervention in special education and rehabilitation
- Assessment techniques in special education and rehabilitation
- Treatment in special education and rehabilitation
- Behavioral disorders, delinquency and crime:
  - Prevention and early intervention
  - Treatment and relapse prevention
- Educating people with disabilities
- Support models for people with disabilities
- Life quality of people with disabilities:
  - Overcoming physical and social barriers
  - Assistive technology
  - Accommodation and modification
  - Institutional framework for protecting people with disabilities

We provide details about *abstract submission* at conference website [www.fasper.bg.ac.rs/skup/eng/](http://www.fasper.bg.ac.rs/skup/eng/).

The deadline for sending **abstracts** is **1st June 2013**. Notifications of abstract acceptance will be sent by 25th June 2013.

The Conference will be held at:

The University of Belgrade  
Faculty of Special Education and Rehabilitation  
2 Visokog Stevana  
Belgrade

**Sixth International ICEVI Conference  
for East European countries  
10 – 12 October, Chernigiv (Ukraine)**

**Theme:** Full participation in society  
All starts with Early Intervention and Itinerant Teaching

The conference will also be the closing of a three years International Cooperation project between Ukraine and Dutch organisations with the Title Sunshine; Improving the quality of life of children with visual impairment in Ukraine.

For more information see

[www.icevi-europe.org/calendar/ee6conference2013.html](http://www.icevi-europe.org/calendar/ee6conference2013.html)

**INVITATION TO Seminar in Mathematics  
for Children with Visual Impairment and Children with MDVI**



Welcome

The former Tambartun National Resource Centre for the Visual Impaired, today renamed as Statped midt, Department of Visual Impairment, Norway, and Ekeskolan National Resource Centre for the Visual Impaired, Sweden, have the pleasure of inviting you to a Seminar in Mathematics for Children with Visual Impairment and Children with MDVI. The seminar is organised under the umbrella of MDVI Euronet.

**Hosts:**

Statped midt, Department of Visual Impairment, Melhus, Norway  
Ekeskolan National Resource Centre for the Visual Impaired, Örebro,  
Sweden

**Venue:**

Statped midt, Department of Visual Impairment, Melhus, Norway (20 km  
outside Trondheim City)

**Date:**

29th – 30th October 2013. (Travel days - 28th and 31st October 2013)

## **General information**

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The seminar will be organised as a workshop with a combination of presentations, exchange of experiences, team work and exhibitions. The seminar will consider all participants as professional contributors. We hope to submit a seminar document (proceedings) after the seminar.

The target group for the seminar is educational staff involved in mathematics for children with visual impairment and children with MDVI.

We would like to underline the necessity to travel on 28th and 31st of October. The seminar days will start early each day and will end late both days.

## **Format of Seminar**

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The seminar will run between 09:00 and 18:00 hours both days. It will have 3 content areas:

- Presentations and group discussions
- Exhibition (materials, equipment, technical aids)
- Poster session

All oral presentations will be followed by discussions in groups. We hope to fit about 12 oral presentations into the programme followed by discussions.

## **Call for Abstracts or/and contributions to the posters/exhibition**

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We kindly ask the participants to consider delivering an oral presentation on Mathematics for Children with Visual Impairment and MDVI. The presentation may include experience-based educational case studies, methods used, theory-based presentations, projects or any other kind of interesting educational content on mathematics that you consider important contributions to this seminar. There will also be opportunity to bring educational materials on mathematics to the exhibition or to the poster session. Please send us a notification if you are interested in contributing to the seminar (see contact information below).

## **Accommodation and food**

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Low-cost accommodation can be provided at Statped midt, Melhus for around 30 people. The seminar organisers can also provide alternative low cost accommodation close to the seminar if required. Please look at the registration form for further information.

The seminar host can assist the participants with hotel reservations in Trondheim if better standard accommodation is requested. Please note the distance of around 20 km between Statped midt, Melhus and the hotels in town. Staying in the hotels will require transport by public buses.

All meals will be served at Statped midt, Melhus (breakfast, lunch, coffee/tea and fruit during coffee breaks, and a light evening meal). Participants staying in the hotels will be served breakfast in the hotel.

## **Costs**

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**The number of participants is limited. Participation will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.** The seminar fee is included in the following three different options:

**Option 1 will cost NOK 1.500 (ca. Euro 200)** and will include the following:

- A. Accommodation at Statped midt 28th – 31st October (simple standard)
- B. Three breakfasts at Statped midt (29th, 30th and 31st of Oct.)
- C. Two lunches at Statped midt (29th and 30th of October)
- D. Three dinners at Statped midt (28th, 29th and 30th of October)
- E. Coffee/tea and fruit during coffee breaks at Statped midt
- F. A seminar kit

**Option 2 will cost NOK 2.500 (ca. Euro 337)** and will include the following:

- A. Accommodation at Karivollen 28th – 31st October 5 km from Tambartun (simple standard)
- B. Three breakfasts at Karivollen (29th, 30th and 31st of Oct.)
- C. Two lunches at Statped midt (29th and 30th of October)
- D. Three dinners at Statped midt (28th, 29th and 30th of October)
- E. Coffee/tea and fruit during coffee breaks at Statped midt
- F. A seminar kit
- G. Transport between Karivollen and Tambartun

**Option 3 will cost NOK 700 (ca. Euro 95 - hotel accommodation and transport NOT included):**

- A. Two lunches at Statped midt (29th and 30st of October)
- B. Two dinners at Statped midt (29th and 30st of October)
- C. Coffee/tea and fruit during coffee breaks at Statped midt
- D. A seminar kit

## **Contact information**

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Send us a notification if you like to participate and/or if you like to contribute with a presentation/to the exhibition by sending us an e-mail to:

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You can also contact us by phone:

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We will respond on your notification of interest by sending you further information and a registration form by e-mail. Please note that the number of participants is limited. Participation will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. We look forward to seeing you in October!

*Bengt and Catarina*

## **Royal Dutch Visio, Centre of Expertise for blind and partially sighted people announces 2 new books!**

### **Feel Free and In Touch Helping your blind child discover the world**

Both books will be presented at the ICEVI Conference in Istanbul. Look for workshops and posters in the programme.

#### **Activity book "Feel free"**

Feel Free is the of Activity book Tactual Profile with exercises and teaching suggestions for the stimulation and training of tactual skills.

When Tactual Profile, an observation instrument to assess tactual functioning, was introduced it did not take long for those who were using it to spur us on to the next step.' During the observation with Tactual Profile we detected some impairments in the sense of touch. What can we do to stimulate and train these skills?'

The answers are in this activity book. It contains exercises and teaching suggestions to stimulate and train in different ways.



#### **Book for parents: In Touch Helping your blind child discover the world**

In Touch, Helping your blind child discover the world, describes the tactual development of blind children. It gives an insight into the importance of touch as their main source of information.

The book is divided into three main parts. Chapter 1 of part A provides you with some useful background information about touch and tactual development.

Chapter 2 explains the importance of touch for



your child as a means of making sense of the world. Examples are included to clarify and enliven the text. In chapter 3 we explore the factors that influence your child's tactual development. Here you will also find some suggestions as to what you can do to help that development.

Part B of the book contains ideas, tips, materials and activities which will stimulate tactual development. It is patterned on Tactual Profile although the first three categories have been re-named to enhance readability. This part of the book is the most colourful one in the book. Many of the proposed activities are accompanied by photographs of the materials you can use to play with your child. Whenever possible, we have tried to use photographs in which the children themselves are manipulating the material.

Price for Feel Free: € 135,- exclusive shipping costs  
Feel Free comes in a A4 folder

Price for In Touch Helping your blind child discover the world: € 35,-  
exclusive shipping costs

**To order:** Royal Dutch Visio, centre of Expertise for blind and partially sighted people [www.visio.org](http://www.visio.org) click on the button English and go to publications

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