

EACD Newsletter

January 2023

Message by the Secretary

Dear colleague,



When you are receiving this newsletter, we are already at the end again of the first month of a new year. And in this day and age, we can be hopeful as we see increasingly faster implementation of innovative solutions into our healthcare systems. Yet, at the same time, we are all aware that we are also confronted (again) with cost efficiency and austerity measures in our sector, risking lower quality of services and a brake on inclusion.

Every time has its challenges.. and that's when cooperation is crucial. It is important that we approach new challenges with a positive mindset and an eye for opportunity. We fully believe in new collaborations accompanied by the opportunities that we can create with this; we strongly believe in closer interactions - call it a symphony - between university-industry-government-public sector; we also fully believe in the power of the person: it's not so much about where we are or what we have... but more about who we are and what we can do...together! The world is constantly changing, and it is our responsibility to reshape our plans and strategies to take into account these shifting times.

One of the key elements of this is seeing opportunities where others may see only obstacles. By looking at the bigger picture and considering future perspectives, we can identify areas where we can make a real difference and make meaningful progress. However, with these opportunities come responsibilities. We must be mindful of the impact that our actions have on others and the world around us. We must also consider the long-term consequences of our decisions and strive to make choices that are sustainable and responsible. In this respect, it is important to keep in mind what is stated in the United Nations Convention: the right to maximum self-reliance, equality and participation remain important basic principles that were defined with regard to people with disabilities. This treaty stipulates, among other things, the right to optimal education, to live independently, the right to the best possible mobility and communication, the right to work as well as maximum participation in sports and socio-cultural activities. And EACD will continue in 2023 to contribute to this via our mission to promote research and education for the benefit of people with childhood-onset disabilities. By embracing positive thinking, taking on responsibilities, and reshaping our plans to meet the needs of a changing world, we as EACD believe we can contribute to a brighter future for ourselves and for generations to come.

Albeit a bit late, I wish you all a great 2023, in which your ambitions may turn into reality!

Elegast Monbaliu, Secretary

EACD Ljubljana 2023

Benefit from the early bird registration fees!

It is a great privilege and pleasure for the EACD Ljubljana 2023 Team to welcome you to Ljubljana, Slovenia from 18-21 May 2023! Following the outstanding line of previous EACD annual meetings, we will do our best in offering an excellent opportunity to share experiences, exchange scientific ideas, and foster interactions between all professionals, children and their families. The motto of this EACD annual meeting is "Smarter Goals for Better Future", with the intent to emphasize the importance of goal setting in all processes of care in the rehabilitation of children and youth. The programme in Ljubljana will be



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divided into five main thematic modules: (i) The importance of timely intervention; (ii) Advances in the management of orphan diseases; (iii) Management of pain in children with developmental disorders and chronic pain syndromes in otherwise normally developing children; (iv) Goal setting: active role of the child and parent in (re)habilitation process; (v) Advances in technological support of the rehabilitation process. It is also our great pleasure to announce several excellent keynotes for EACD Ljubljana 2023 with prestigious professionals in the field of childhood-onset disability: Helene Polatajko, Emma Livingstone, Minna Ståhl, Laurent Servais, Muharrem Yazici, Izzeldin Abuelaish and Ruslan Vasyutin!

Slovenia, your host country, tells its green story. Everything is green no matter which direction you turn – towards the Alpine peaks and extensive forests, the Adriatic Sea, the

mysterious Karst and nearby vineyards, and the Pannonian Plain. Ljubljana, the capital city, is a vibrant city with thousands of years of history. The European Green Capital 2016 has in a short time become a model of livability and eco-sustainability for all medium-sized cities in Europe. Our conference venue is in the city centre, which is closed to traffic. The local Scientific and Organizing committee hopes to greet you in person. Plan your schedule to make the most of your Ljubljana visit. Build your clinical skills with scientific and educational sessions, satellite symposia, oral presentations, in-person networking opportunities, and much more!

Register now to benefit from the early bird fees!

[Go to the EACD Ljubljana 2023 Registration page!](#)

[Visit the EACD Ljubljana 2023 website](#)

Call for Bursary Applications!



Submit your application now!



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Application Deadline:

6 Feb 2023

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To support people who may otherwise not attend EACD Annual Meetings, the EACD Ljubljana 2023 Organizing Committee is providing a number of bursaries for both professionals and families!

Timeline

Monday 16 January 2023:

Launch call for bursary applications

Monday 6 February 2023:

Deadline submissions for bursaries

Tuesday 14 February 2023:

Communication of acceptance/rejection to applicants

General guidelines

To support professionals from low income countries to attend EACD Ljubljana 2023, we are providing bursaries for professionals, and bursaries for families, for on-site participation. The EACD Ljubljana 2023 Organizing Committee seeks out applicants who are highly motivated, and who are ready to disseminate knowledge acquired at the meeting to others in their home country once they return. Particular emphasis is placed on assisting those from [Hinari countries](#).

Bursary recipients receive:

- Waived on-site registration to EACD Ljubljana 2023;
- Valuable networking opportunities;
- Opportunity to learn from multi-disciplinary experts in the field of childhood-onset disabilities.

Application process

To apply for an EACD 2023 Bursary, please visit <https://eacd.org/bursaries> and submit your application via the Bursary Application tool by at latest Monday 6 February 2023. Please note incomplete applications will be rejected.

EACD Summer School 2023



The European Academy of Childhood Disability is proud to announce the 2nd EACD Summer School! The **EACD Summer School 2023** is a 5-day training course for early career researchers from a Monday morning to Friday afternoon, organized by the European Academy of Childhood Disability together with the Poznan University of Medical Sciences from **17-21 July 2023 in Poznan, Poland**.

The 5-day course is a practical and immersive experience, covering the models, the procedures and instruments that are required internationally to plan and conduct research in rehabilitation of childhood-onset disabilities, guided by good clinical practice. The topics of the course sessions will cover a wide range of themes, representative of the multidisciplinary status of the EACD. Next to the course programme, the EACD Summer Schools entails a social programme including a visit to the laboratories at the hosting site during an afternoon, and a Social Dinner during one of the evenings.

At the end of the course the participants will be (i) familiar with the recommended methods for all stages of the research process, including identifying the research question, methodological considerations, good clinical practices, and how to write, publish and communicate your research findings; (ii) able to choose and develop the appropriate instruments and measurements tools for conducting research in the area of childhood-onset disability; (iii) aware of the specific challenges related to conducting clinical care and research with people with childhood-onset disabilities and their families, and be equipped to anticipate and overcome them; (iv) able to integrate the newly acquired knowledge to advance their practice clinical and research career; (v) able to build on their knowledge to foster regional and international partnerships.

More information about the EACD Summer School 2023 and how to apply will follow soon!

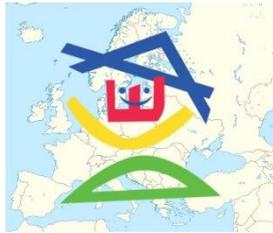
Upcoming General Management Committee Vacancies



The posts of **Treasurer** (Term 2023-2026) and **GMC Member + Education & Training Officer** (Term 2023-2026) will be up for election at the next EACD Annual General Meeting (May 25th, 2023) during the EACD Ljubljana 2023 Meeting. Therese Millar will finish her second term as Treasurer in 2023 and is not eligible for re-election. Prof. Elisabet Rodby Bousquet will finish her second term as GMC Member in 2023 and is not eligible for re-election. These positions offer an exciting opportunity to shape and guide the activities of the EACD. Should you have any queries about any of the vacancies, or interest in applying for any of these positions, please contact Prof. [Elegast Monbaliu](#), EACD Secretary, or Prof. [Nana Tatishvili](#), Chair of the Nominations Committee.

We would kindly like to ask members of EACD who would like to apply for any of the above-mentioned vacancies in the EACD General Management Committee to please send your Curriculum Vitae and Motivation letter to admin@eacd.org by at latest March 31st, 2023 as part of the official election procedure.

Update from Denmark



On Thursday January 12th, an online EACD theme day was organised in Denmark for professionals. The purpose was to share some of the knowledge we ourselves had gained at the EACD Annual Conference in Barcelona, May 2022. For a lot of professionals it can be challenging to join at every EACD Annual Conference due to a lack of time or resources. So, it seemed natural to share at least some of the insights from the keynote speakers' presentations. We made it an online event, so professionals from all over Denmark could participate, where we shared five of the EACD 2022 keynote lectures. Despite small technical challenges in the beginning, this worked out well! Two times during the theme day all participants were allocated to breakout rooms to share their thoughts about the presentations and to talk about how they can use that knowledge and perspectives in their practice. In total there were 109 participants, primarily physio- and occupational therapists. Many of them watching in groups together. Based on the feedback, the participants felt as inspired as we did (e.g. "thank you for a really interesting and usable day"; "An inspiring day"; "Thank you for an informative and inspiring day"), and were happy to get the opportunity to listen to these prominent speakers and their perspectives on childhood-onset disability!

Pernille Kaster & Line Zachø Greve, EACD National Coordinators Denmark

IAACD Community of Practice



The IAACD invites you to join the IAACD Community of Practice session: **"Gaining Political Support for Driving Change and Why That Is Important"** on **31 January 2023, 1pm UK time/GMT** with Guest Speaker Prof. Nana Nino Tatishvili, Georgia! The IAACD Community of Practice is a space created for people to share their experiences about the implementation of services for people with developmental disabilities with others – a mutual learning and self-help group, with the perspectives of seasoned

clinicians, managers and others who have had these kinds of challenges and have ideas and experiences to share.

To register for this session [click here](#).

Mac Keith Press update

DMCN - Browse by Topics

Mac Keith Press launched a new search tool to allow better navigation of Developmental Medicine & Child Neurology (DMCN) content. Now you can browse by topic, giving more accurate and relevant search results. The tool is available directly [here](#) or via the DMCN homepage.

13 core topics have been identified, each with sub-topics that provide highly relevant results for your interests.

Benefits of searching this way include:

- Greater content discoverability.
- More accurate and relevant search results.
- Enhanced user experience, with quicker access to content relevant to a specific topic.
- Searches can be refined by very specific concepts using taxonomy facets – with 10 specific articles returned rather than 10,000 returned by normal simple searching.

DMCN - Key papers this month

Editor's Choice

[Financial cost and quality of life of patients with spinal muscular atrophy identified by symptoms or newborn screening](#)

By Dangouloff and colleagues

ADHD

[Parenting roles for young people with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder transitioning to adult services](#)

By Janssens and colleagues

Paediatric Stroke

[Urgent computed tomography angiography in paediatric stroke](#)

By Briest and colleagues

Check out more on the [DMCN homepage](#) and the very latest releases on [Early View](#).

DMCN Podcasts

[Health, education, & social care after diagnosis of childhood visual disability](#)

Authors Podcast with Ameenat Lola Solebo and Jugnoo Rahi

[Development of children, adolescents, and young adults with CP according to the ICF](#)

Author Podcast with Saranda Bekteshi

[Teleintervention for users of augmentative and alternative communication devices](#)

Author Podcast with Paula Chagas (also available in [Portuguese](#))

Partner Society Discounts for EACD Members

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- 30% off [HNE](#) examination annual subscriptions

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Members of EACD can also get **20% off** [editorial services](#) by stating their membership within the [estimator form](#).

Other Meeting Updates

77th AACPD M Annual Meeting

On 10-13 September 2023, the American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AACPD M) will be organising its 77th Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, USA. The abstract submission website is open and is set to close on Tuesday, January 31st, 2023 at 11:59pm EST. [Click here](#) for more information.

Handicaps et Mouvements 2023 Congress

On 12-14 April 2023, The French societies SOFOP, SFERHE and SOFAMEA will jointly organise the Handicaps et Mouvements (Disabilities and Movements) congress in Saint Etienne. [Click here](#) for more information.

National Symposium of the Belgian Cerebral Palsy Reference Centra

On Saturday 4 March 2023, the National Symposium of the Belgian Cerebral Palsy Reference Centra will take place at UZ Leuven, Belgium under the theme 'There is tension in the air'. [Click here](#) for more information.

European Academy of Childhood Disability



The European Academy of Childhood Disability (EACD) is an international not-for-profit association founded in 1989, whose members have a scientific and/or clinical interest in the area of Childhood Disability.

The mission of the EACD is to promote and support evidence-based education and research in Europe for the benefit of people with childhood-onset disabilities.

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