

## **Better health, better lives: children and young people with intellectual disabilities and their families**

**Bucharest, Romania, 26–27 November 2010**

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### **Provisional programme**

#### **Thursday, 25 November**

15:00–17:00 Registration  
19:30 Welcome drink/dinner

#### **Friday, 26 November**

08:00–09:00 Registration

09:00–10:00 **OPENING SESSION**

- Zsuzsanna Jakab, WHO Regional Director for Europe
- Secretary of State, Ministry of Health, Romania
- Steven Allen, Regional Director UNICEF Regional Office for CEE/CIS
- Silvio Grieco, European Commission, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

10:00–10:30 **SESSION I**  
*Human rights and experiences of children and young people with intellectual disabilities and their families*

**CHAIR:** Secretary of State, Ministry of Health, Romania

- Senada Halilcevic, European Platform of Self-Advocates
- Iustina Radu, Executive Director of the National Disability Council

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#### **Conference Secretariat**

Friday, 26 November, cont'd

- 10:30–11:00                    **Human rights and health of children with intellectual disabilities**
- Jan Jarab, Regional Representative, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Status of health of children and young people with intellectual disabilities in Europe**
- Veronika Ispanovic Radojkovic, Faculty of Special Education and Rehabilitation, University of Belgrade, Serbia
- 11:00–11:30                    Coffee
- 11:30–12:50                    **SESSION II**  
*Declaration on health of children and young people with intellectual disabilities and their families*
- CHAIR:** Zsuzsanna Jakab, WHO Regional Director for Europe
- Introduction**
- Sheila Hollins, Steering Group Chair and Professor of Psychiatry of Disability, St George's University, London, United Kingdom
- Interventions**
- 12:50–13:00                    **Signing of Declaration**
- 13:00–14:00                    **Lunch**
- 14:00–15:30                    **SESSION III**  
*Effective health care for children with intellectual disabilities*
- CHAIR:** (to be confirmed)
- Speakers**
- Health and intellectual disability: the evidence**
- Eric Emerson, Institute for Health Research, Lancaster University, United Kingdom
- Early identification**
- Leopold Curfs, Department of Clinical Genetics, University of Maastricht, Netherlands
- Early intervention**
- Galina Swartz, Hope and Homes for Children, Belarus
- Provision of treatment and care**
- Ilgi Ertem, Ankara University School of Medicine, Turkey

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15:30–16:00

**Coffee**

16:00–17:00

**SESSION IV**

*Working together in Europe towards health and wellbeing*

**CHAIR:** Tatjana Colin, UNICEF, Republic of Moldova

**Protection of children with disabilities in Romania: achievements and challenges**

- Elena Tudor, General Director, Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Protection, Romania

**The closure of a home for children with disabilities – a struggle with the myths**

- Bilyana Mechkunova, Head of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Centre, Ruse, Bulgaria
- Milena Harizanova, UNICEF, Bulgaria

**Special Olympics: Transforming the lives of persons with intellectual disabilities through sports**

- Martha Jo Braycich, Special Olympics

19:30

**Reception/Dinner**

Saturday, 27 November

09:00–10:30

**SESSION V**

*Good practices in countries*

**CHAIR:** Nedret Emiroglu, Director (a.i.), Noncommunicable Diseases, WHO Regional Office for Europe

**Speakers:**

**Challenges and progress towards effective community support**

- Dainius Puras, Member United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, Eurochild

**Family health support services**

- Vladimir Cakarevic, Serbia

**Improving family functioning, improving health**

- Ann and Grace Ramsey, Springboard, United Kingdom

**Integrating education**

- Galina Bulat, Lumos, Republic of Moldova
- Ludmila Nagrineac, General Department of Education (Floresti), Republic of Moldova

10:30–11:00

**Coffee**

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11:00–11:20

**Our hopes and expectations**

Self-advocates

11:20–12:50

**SESSION VI**

***Future actions: Panel discussion***

**Facilitators**

- Andrew McCulloch, Mental Health Foundation, United Kingdom
- Matt Muijen, WHO Regional Office for Europe

**Participants**

- Belgium (to be confirmed)
- Turkey (to be confirmed)
- Sunatulla Suleymanov, Uzbekistan
- Luk Zelderloo, European Association of Social Providers
- Katrina Ward, Inclusion Europe
- George Mulheir, Lumos

12:50–13:15

**Closing ceremony**

- Octavian Bivol, UNICEF Regional Office for CEE/CIS
- Nedret Emiroglu, WHO Regional Office for Europe

13:15–14:15

**Lunch**