23rd ANNUAL MEETING

European Academy of Childhood Disability
8 -11 June 2011, Rome – Italy

Angelicum Congress Center
Largo Angelicum 1, Rome - Italy

Childhood Disability Rehabilitation
Art and Science

Invitation, Registration and Call for Abstracts:
www.eacd2011.com
www.ospedalebambinogesu.it
The EACD is an academic association of professionals working with children with disability throughout Europe. Our aim is to ensure the development of high quality research and teaching in the field of childhood disability; improve the care these children receive; raise professional standards throughout Europe.

The EACD Scientific Committee and Bambino Gesù Children's Hospital invite you to the 23rd Annual Meeting of the European Academy of Childhood Disability, on 8-11 June 2011 in Rome, Italy. The theme of the Meeting is "CHILDHOOD DISABILITY REHABILITATION: ART AND SCIENCE". Medicine can be defined both as an art and a science, but often these two components have been separated or even put in conflict. The "art" of medicine, which is integrated with scientific knowledge, may be considered according to two perspectives: the awareness of the complexity of medical activity, requiring more individualized approaches, and the search of a "meaning" in the experience of a person's illness. This "humanistic" approach is central to our work in childhood disability and will be one of the aims of the Meeting. Rome, "the eternal city", admired for its history, culture and magnificence, is the best frame for this challenge.

The scientific program, with keynote presentations by recognized experts in the fields of neuroscience and neurorehabilitation, includes topics ranging from neurobiology to neurorehabilitation, from Evidence Based Rehabilitation to new technologies and robotics, from theory to practice. Two workshops are organised by International Paediatric Brain Injury Society (IPBIS) and the European Paediatric Neurology Society (EPNS). A Joint Session on Past and future initiatives relating to Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States is organised by EACD and EPNS. Moreover, the Annual Paediatric Congress of the Italian Society of Physical Rehabilitation (SIMFER) and the Italian Society of Child Neuropsychiatry (SINPIA) will be hosted. These events will give an excellent opportunity to exchange views and create future collaborations.

Mrs Roberta Angelilli, Vice President of the European Parliament, will close the EACD 2011 Meeting designing the future strategies of European politics and research in childhood disabilities.

The meeting will be held in the "Angelicum Congress Center" in the heart of Rome, close to the monuments of Ancient Rome (the Colosseum, the Arch of Constantine, the Roman Forum and many other superb archaeological areas). In addition to museums, galleries, grand historic palaces, and exhibition centres like in no other city in the world, Rome has a vast and complete array of accommodation facilities suiting all pockets and needs. Social events will be organised for you to enjoy the best of Rome in June. We look forward to welcoming you!

Ciao!!

Enrico Castelli
President of the 2011 EACD Meeting
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Flavio Giordano - Italy
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Kate Himmelmann - Sweden
Colin Kennedy -UK
Ingeborg Krägeloh-Mann – Germany
Ingela Kristiansen - Sweden
Vlatka Mejaski Bošnjak - Croatia
Eugenio Mercuri - Italy
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Jacqueline Nadel – France
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Giuseppe Palieri -Italy
Antonio M. Persico – Italy
Maurizio Petrarca - Italy
Terry E. Pountney - UK
Daniela Ricci - Italy
Terence D. Sanger - USA
Vincenzo M. Saraceni - Italy
Philip Shaw- USA
Anna Carla Turconi - Italy
Domenico Uliano -Italy
Patrick Van Bogaert - Belgium
Chiara Veredice - Italy
Federico Vigevano - Italy
Beth Wicks – UK
Lucia Willadino Braga – Brasil
**MAIN TOPICS**

- Brain plasticity and repair
- Cerebral Palsy
- Movement disorders
- Communication disorders
- Autistic spectrum disorders
- Evidence Based Practice
- Epilepsy
- Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
- Cognitive disorders and Learning difficulties
- Developmental visual impairments
- Acquired brain injuries
- New technologies and rehabilitation
- Behavioral disorders
- Family psychological dynamics
- Neuromuscular diseases
- Ethical issues

**IMPORTANT DATES**

14 March 2011     Deadline for abstract proposals
31 March 2011     Deadline for early registration
29 April 2011     Notification to authors

**ORGANIZING SECRETARIAT**

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Accommodation, social program and general information are available at the web site: www.eacd2011.com

Several hotels, near the Congress venue, have been selected and will apply a special rate to the participants in the EACD Meeting (so please specify when booking). Every communication/request should be addressed directly to the hotel. Plenary and main parallel sessions will have simultaneous translation from English to Italian.

**REGISTRATION FEES**

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**VENUE**

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