



30th EACD  
**CONFERENCE**  
May 28-31, 2018, Tbilisi, Georgia



**TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER**

## Fourth Call

**Abstract Submission is extended to 15<sup>th</sup> November**

**Registration is Open**

**Bursary Applications are Open**

Dear colleagues and friends,

On behalf of the local organizing committee, the scientific committee and the European Academy of Childhood Disability (EACD) we are pleased to announce the annual meeting of the EACD 2018, with the theme

**Together We Are Stronger.**

We will be very happy to welcome you in beautiful Tbilisi, Georgia, from 28 to 31 May 2018, or a little longer if you wish.

[www.eacd2018.net](http://www.eacd2018.net)

EACD 2018 in Tbilisi can set important bridges between...

1. European insights into, knowledge on and experience with all aspects of childhood disability and help to spread these throughout the South Caucasian region and beyond...
2. Experience of all neighboring countries for developing standardized approach to disability...
3. All specialties and subspecialties included in care for forming strong team approach... and between all of us!

The EACD is an academic association of professionals working with children with disability throughout Europe.

At present we have nearly 1000 members who are paediatricians, neuropediatricians, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, psychologists, nurses, social workers and special needs teachers. Over 35 countries are represented.

**Save the date & third call for abstracts and Registration**

30<sup>th</sup> EACD conference

Date: May 28-31

Venue: Tbilisi, Hotels & Preference Hualing Tbilisi, Georgia

**Abstract submission for 30<sup>th</sup> EACD Conference 2018 is open!**

**Deadline abstract submission: November 15, 2017**

**Deadline of early registration: March 1, 2018**

### **Conference theme**

The committee has suggested an open list of topics for free communications including epidemiology, screening and evaluation tools, study designs, outcome measures, integration of research and clinical practice, and best practice protocols. The ICF model will be favored.

Suggested topics also comprise social inclusion and participation, quality of life, family-centered care, nutrition, fitness and wellness, leisure activities, 'nothing about us without us', socio-economic and socio-cultural factors, coping with disabilities in resource poor countries, neurogenetics, epigenetics, multiple disabilities, ethical issues, innovations in technology, robotics, orthotics, surgery, interdisciplinarity, alternative vs conventional traditional treatment approaches, education, service organization.

And also: pain management, palliative care, mental health, sleep, epilepsy, motor control, hand function, mobility, gait, spasticity, dystonia, ataxia, bone health, feeding, intellectual disability, communication, vision, hearing.

A wide range of conditions will be of interest, including cerebral palsy, autism spectrum disorder, ADHD, Down syndrome, Tourette syndrome, spina bifida, neuromuscular disorders, tuberous sclerosis complex, Rett syndrome, mitochondrial diseases and other neurogenetic, neurometabolic and other neurodevelopmental conditions.

During the conference there will be a parallel track of teaching and training organized by the International Alliance of Academies of Childhood Disability (IAACD) based on training priorities.

### **Highlights of the conference**

- Keynote lectures
- Free communications
- Pre-conference symposia
- Instructional courses
- Controversies

## Themes of Lectures

1. R. Riikonen-Infantile spasms during lifespan
2. G.Koloian-The Orthopedic Management of Children with Cerebral Palsy”
3. R.korinthenberg-Recent developments in drug therapy for neuromuscular disorders
4. F. Vigevano-Outcome of severe paediatric epilepsy
5. D. Damiano-Current State of the Evidence for Physiotherapy for Children with Cerebral Palsy
6. C. Catsman-Beverot- the long term consequences of brain (tumor) treatment and CMS in particular
7. E. Vargas-Baron-Global Survey on Early Childhood Intervention and Inclusive Early Childhood Development: Implications for Eastern Europe
8. R.Boyd-Implementation of Early detection and Early intervention for infants at high risk of Cerebral Palsy , “Enhancing Participation for children with Cerebral Palsy: a paradigm shift”
9. M.Kerem-Gunel-Pediatric Physiotherapy Rehabilitation Applications for Children With Cerebral Palsy: What Can Existing Data Sources Tell Us? What might be the factors that influence clinical decision-making in Cerebral Palsy? Can the ICF window help us?
10. M. Kokaia- Innovative strategies and new treatment perspectives, Biomarkers and mechanisms for epileptogenesis and ictogenesis
11. N.Specchio- "Childhood dementia: the example of neuronal ceroidlipofusinosi"
12. C.Dunst- Value-added benefits of the interest-based learning of young children with disabilities or delays, Practitioner strategies for involving family members in providing young children with disabilities or delayed everyday learning opportunities
13. S. Vicari-Autism is not disability

## Local organizing committee

President of the Meeting: Professor Nana Tatishvili, MD, PhD

- Maia Gabunia, MD, PhD, Georgia
- Garen Koloyan, MD, PhD, Armenia
- Sophia Kasradze, MD, PhD, Georgia
- Ia Davitaia, MD, PhD, Georgia
- Kamran Salayev, MD, PhD, Azerbaijan
- Eliso Murvanidze, PT, PhD, Georgia

## **Scientific Commettee**

- Bernard Dan, MD PhD, neurology, Belgium-chair
- Giovanni Cioni, Professor Child Neurology & Psychiatry, Italy
- Federico Vigevano, Professor Child Neurology, Italy
- Tamar Gagoshidze, Professor psychology, Georgia
- Rusudan Lortkipanidze, PhD, OT, Georgia
- Diane Damiano, PT, PhD,USA

## **Venue**

Hotels and Preferences Hualing Tbilisi is recently built hotel with sufficient possibilities for exhibitions and conference. Located a 7-minute drive from Varketeli Metro Station, 15-minute from the Shota Rustaveli Tbilisi International Airport and 11 km away from the Tbilisi Central railway station Hualing-Tbilisi is in a newly developed Tbilisi Sea New city.

Tbilisi airport has direct flights to most of the European, USA, Middle East and Asian cities. The historic city of Tbilisi offers an excellent environment for a social program in a relaxing atmosphere.

## **Important dates**

[Conference registration is open](#)

November 15, 2017 – Deadline abstract submission

December 20, 2017 – Notification of acceptance

From March 15, 2018 – Late/regular fee

May 28, 2018 – Pre-conference symposia

May 28-31, 2018 – Conference

## **Highlights of Tbilisi & Georgia**

- The nature of Georgia
- The people of Georgia
- Old city with balconies
- Culinary delight & exciting nightlife
- Rich cultural & historical heritage
- Very safe

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