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**1st Annual Cyprus International Conference on Autism
Treatment and Research**

18-22/23 November, 2016, Paphos, Cyprus

Conference Schedule (Subject to change).

This high level international conference is under the direct aegis of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr. Nikos Anastasiades. The conference has also been placed under the auspices of the Minister of Health of the Republic of Cyprus, Dr. George Pamporides.

Friday, 18 November, 2016 (Coral Bay Hotel Resort / Conference Venue TBA).

7:00 PM

Welcome & Inaugural Address: Conference Chairperson, Chair, Scientific Committee, H.E. The Minister of Health, H.E. The President of the Republic of Cyprus.

Reception Follows

8:00 PM

Gala Dinner (Blessing: Head of Church of Cyprus).

Saturday, 19 November, 2016

8:30 AM - 9:15 AM

Ed Tronick, PhD. *Magic Happens Based on Best Practices: Doing the Impossible with autism in Cyprus, and beyond.*

9:15 AM - 9:30 AM

Q & A

9:30 AM – 10:15 AM

Barbara Demeneix, PhD. *Environmental Chemicals and the Increased Incidence of Autism Spectrum Disorders.*

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Q & A

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

Coffee Break (Timelines will be strictly adhered to for the duration of the conference).

10:45 AM – 11:30 AM

Gerard Costa, PhD. *Reconceptualizing Training as "Professional Formation" in the Field of Autism.*

11:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Q & A

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM

Tanya Paparella, PhD. *Symbolic Play: A Targeted Intervention Approach for Young Children with ASD.*

12:30 – 12:45 PM

Q & A

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Lunch

*** 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**

Working Lunch* In GREEK Antigoni Apostolopoulou, MA. *Enhancing Resilience in Parents of Children with Autism: An Experiential Workshop. Ενισχύοντας την Ανθεκτικότητα γονέων παιδιών με Αυτισμό: Ένα Βιωματικό Εργαστήριο - Στην Ελληνική Γλώσσα).*

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Integrated Panel Discussion (Drs. Tronick, Demeneix, Costa, Paparella, and Mrs. Apostolopoulou).

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM

Coffee Break

Workshops & Seminars Series A (Participants may mix and match as to the seminars they choose to attend, however, pre-registration is required).

3:15 PM – 4:00 PM

Niko Kargas, PhD. *Investigating the Role that Sensory Sensitivities (i.e., hyper/hypo) Play in the Expression of Autistic Symptomatology.*

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM

Rachel Loftin, PhD. *Psychological Assessment and Treatment of Adults with ASD.*

4:45 PM – 5:30 PM

Neophytos Papanephytous, PhD, and Magda Mostafa, PhD/Via Skype. *Cyprus International Center for Autism Treatment & Research: Design and Purpose Based on Best Practices and The Autism ASPECTSS™ Index!*

5:30 PM 6:30 PM

Workshop & Seminar Integrated Panel Discussion (Drs. Kargas, Loftin, Mostafa/via Skype, & Papanephytous).

Workshops & Seminars Series B (Participants may mix and match as to the seminars they choose to attend, however, pre-registration is required).

3:15 PM – 4:00 PM

Theocharis Theocharides, MD. *Neurotensin-Induced Mast Cell and Microglia Stimulation and Brain Inflammation Offers Effective Treatment Target in Autism.*

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM

Stephanos Ioannou, PhD. *Thermal Imaging in Affective Neuroscience: Advancements in Social Psychophysiology.*

4:45 PM – 5:30 PM

To Be Announced

5:30 PM 6:30 PM

Workshop & Seminar Integrated Panel Discussion (Drs. Theocharides, Ioannou, & TBA).

7:00 PM

Dinner

Sunday, 20 November, 2016

8:30 AM - 9:15 AM

Serena Wieder, PhD. *Reimagining Development. Uniting Neurodevelopmental, Regulatory and Mind-Body Approaches in the DIR[©] Model.*

9:15 AM - 9:30 AM

Q & A

9:30 AM - 10:15 AM

Maha K. Helali, MA. *The ADVANCE Program for Adolescents & Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Egypt.*

10:15 AM - 10:30 AM

Q & A

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Coffee Break (Timelines will be strictly adhered to).

10:45 AM - 11:30 AM

Ivanka Pejic, MA. *Early Intervention for Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders Through a System of Mobile Services in the Local Community.*

11:30 AM - 11:45 AM

Q & A

11:45 AM - 12:30 PM

Neophytos Papaneophytou, PhD, Ed Tronick, PhD, Alexandra Harrison, MD, Nikos Kargas, PhD, Jerri Lynn Hogg, PhD. *Establishing the Cyprus International Center for Autism Treatment and Research: Making Magic Happen via Actions not Words!*

(Inception/ Design/ Best practices, Implementation, Sustainability, and Research).

12:30 PM - 1:00 PM

Q & A

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Lunch (Pending sponsorship, local families with children on the AS *may* be invited to a “Sunday lunch/celebration fair”).

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Integrated Panel Discussion (Drs. Wieder, Papaneophytou, Tronick, Harrison, Kargas, Hogg, Mrs. Helali, and Mrs. Pejic).

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM

Coffee Break

Workshops & Seminars Series A (Participants may mix and match as to the seminars they choose to attend, however, pre-registration is required).

3:15 PM – 4:00 PM

Bhisma Chakrabarti, PhD. *The Role of Imitation and Reward in Understanding Social Cognition and Autism.*

4:00 – 4:45 PM

Dan Merritts, MBA. *The Role of Technology and Education in the World of Autism.*

4:45 – 5:30 PM

Steve Keisman, MA, MSc. *Technology that Identifies Strengths and Helps Autistic Teens and Adults Pursue and Lead Productive Lives.*

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Workshop & Seminar Integrated Panel Discussion (Drs. Chakrabarti, Mr. Merritt, and Mr. Keisman).

Workshops & Seminars Series B (Participants may mix and match as to the seminars they choose to attend, however, pre-registration is required).

3:15 PM – 4:00 PM

To Be Announced

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM

Abelardo Apollo I. David, MA. *Project Therapy, Education and Assimilation of Children with Handicap (TEACH). A Community-Based Rehabilitation Program Template for Children in Poor Communities/ Transition and Work Training Programs: Preparing Youth with Autism for Life.*

4:45 PM – 5:30 PM

Adam Feinstein. *Autism: My Twin Voyages of Discovery.*

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Workshop & Seminar Integrated Panel Discussion (Mr. Abelardo Apollo, Mr. Feinstein & TBA)

7:00 PM

Dinner

Monday, 21 November, 2016

8:30 Am - 9:15 AM

Colwyn Trevarthen, PhD. *Early Signs of Autism, with Indicators for Care and Support of Development in Relationships.*

9:15 AM - 9:30 AM

Q & A

9:30 AM - 10:15 AM

Afaf El-Ansary, PhD. *Suggested Preventive and Treatment Tools based on Multiple Environmental Risk Factors of Autism.*

10:15 AM - 10:30 AM

Q & A

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Coffee Break (Timelines will be strictly adhered to).

10:45 AM - 11:30 AM

Alexander B. Poletaev, MD, PhD. *The High Incidence of Autism vis-a-vis the Prenatal Development Period Throughout Pregnancy and Beyond. Could one Capture and Diagnose the "Pre-Autism State" with Babies of High Risk Groups (as early as 6 - 12 months of life?)*

11:30 AM - 11:45 AM

Q & A

11:45 AM - 12:30 PM

Laurie Sperry, PhD. *The Gaming Paradox: Violent Video Games, Video Modeling and ASD.*

12:30 PM - 12:45 PM

Q & A

12:45 PM - 1:00 PM

Peruse Research Poster session.

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Lunch

* 12:45 PM – 2:00 PM

Working Lunch*: Tassos Kyriakides, Phd. *Social Determinants of Health: A Brief Introduction.*

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Integrated Panel Discussion (Drs. Trevarthen, El-Ansary, Poletaev, Sperry, & Kyriakides).

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM

Coffee Break

Workshops & Seminars Series A (Participants may mix and match as to the seminars they choose to attend, however, pre-registration is required).

3:15 PM – 4:00 PM

Majia Holmer Nadesan, PhD. *Autistic Ontologies and the Open Genome.*

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM

Gerard Costa, PhD. *The Origins of Empathy and Peace (The “triune” brain; critical early systems of care and love in ASD).*

4:45 PM – 5:30 PM

Suzi Tortora, Ed.D, BC-DMT, CMA, LCAT, LMHC. *Shall we Dance? Using Creative Arts Therapies to Promote Play, Social-Relatedness and Self-Expression in ASD.*

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Workshop & Seminar Integrated Panel Discussion (Drs. Holmer-Nadesan, Costa, & Tortora).

Workshops & Seminars Series B (Participants may mix and match as to the seminars they choose to attend, however, pre-registration is required).

3:15 PM – 4:00 PM

Stephen Shore, Ed.D. *Promoting Social Inclusion of People with Autism in Education, Navigating Sensory Issues, Preventing Bullying and Supporting the Development of Relationships and Sexuality.*

Studies on Biological Mechanisms Which Underlie the Symptoms of AS Conditions and Interventions which can Alleviate These Symptoms.

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM

Samira Al-Saad, PhD. *30 Years of Experience with Autism Introduced “REACH” Philosophy for Autism in Kuwait and Arab Gulf States.*

4:45 PM – 5:30 PM

Paul Shattock. *Ensuring Good Services and Good Health for People with Autism: Initiatives and Developments From Around the World.*

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Workshop & Seminar Integrated Panel Discussion (Drs. Shore, Al-Saad, & Mr. Shattock)

7:00 PM

Dinner

Tuesday, 22 November, 2016

8:30 AM - 9:15 AM

Alexandra Murray Harrison, MD. *"Raisins Can't Talk": Psychoanalytic Treatment in the Preschool Classroom.*

9:15 AM - 9:30 AM

Q & A

9:30 AM - 10:15 AM

Ricardo Canal Bedia, PhD. *ASD Screening in Primary Care: 10 years of the M-CHAT Program in Spain.*

10:15 AM - 10:30 AM

Q & A

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Coffee Break

10:45 AM - 11:30 AM

Hsu-Min Chiang, PhD. *Using Thematically Structured Teaching to Improve Social Integration and Communication Skills of Children with ASD.*

11:30 AM - 11:45 AM

Q & A

11:45 AM - 12:30 PM

Yueh-Hsien Lin, PhD. *Education for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Taiwan.*

12:30 PM - 12:45 PM

Q & A

12:45 PM - 1:00 PM

Peruse Research Poster Session.

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Lunch

2:00 PM – 2:45 PM

Yael Bruck Binya, OTR. *"Mind the Gap" - Bridging the Gap Between Sensory and Emotional Regulation.*

2:45 PM – 3:00 PM

Q & A

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Integrated Panel Discussion (Drs. Harrison, Canal Bedia Chiang, Lin, and Mrs. Bruck Binya).

4:00 PM – 4:15 PM

Coffee Break

Workshops & Seminars Series A (Participants may mix and match as to the seminars they choose to attend, however, pre-registration is required).

4:15 PM – 5:30 PM

Melissa Olive, PhD. *Using ABA to Address Challenging Behaviors and to Teach Functional Life Skills such as Toileting and Feeding.*

5:30 PM – 6:15 PM

Athanasios Maras, PhD. *State of the Art Treatment of Sleep Disorders in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.*

6:15 PM – 6:45 PM

Workshop & Seminar Integrated Panel Discussion (Drs. Olive, & Maras).

Workshops & Seminars Series B (Participants may mix and match as to the seminars they choose to attend, however, pre-registration is required).

4:15 PM – 5:30 PM

To Be Announced

Developmentally Appropriate Models for Effective School Programs: How to Scale Good Treatment for Children and Adults with Developmental Challenges.

5:30 PM – 6:15 PM

Jerri Lynn Hogg, PhD. *Media Psychology and Technology and Autism: Engagement, Learning, Therapy, and Entertainment.*

6:15 – 6:45 PM

Workshop and Seminar Integrated Panel Discussion (Drs. TBA, & Hogg).

7:00 PM – 7:45 PM

Conference Closing: Concluding Remarks & Future Directions (All speakers).

8:00 PM

Dinner

Wednesday, 23 November, 2016

BY INVITATION ONLY

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Think Tank Part I

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

Coffee Break

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

Think Tank Part II

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Formal Working Luncheon

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Concluding Remarks & Future Direction for Think Tank:

Opportunities for Intercontinental Collaboration, Research, Training, and Publications.

Optional

2:30 PM Informal Excursion & Guided Tour.

6:00 PM Informal Reception & Dinner

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