

10TH ICEVI-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT: What can we do? What can be done?

MAY 15-17, 2025

Town Hall and University of Padova, Italy



PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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8.00-9.00 Registration

9.00-10.15 OPENING CEREMONY

Aula Magna, University of Padova

Welcome and opening remarks

- > Robert Hollman Foundation, President
- > ICEVI-Europe, President
- > Municipality of Padova
- > Padova University
- > European Blind Union
- > ICEVI World
- > UICI Italia

10.15-11.15 Conference Framework

Introduction to the Conference theme and presentation of the "Key Principles for supporting children and young adults with Visual Impairment (VI)"
Speakers > Representatives from **ICEVI-Europe & Robert Hollman Foundation**

11.15-11.40 Coffee break - Sala Basilica, University of Padova

11.40-13.00 KEYNOTE LECTURES

Aula Magna, University of Padova

11.40-12.20 Support to children and young adults with visual impairment: a national perspective

Keynote speaker > **Maria Elisa Fazzi**, Professor, Department of Clinical and Experimental Sciences, University of Brescia, Italy

12.20-13.00 Support to children and young adults with visual impairment: an international perspective

Keynote speaker > **Els Ortibus**, Professor, Department of Development and Regeneration and Head of the Centre for Developmental Disabilities, KU Leuven, Belgium

13.00-14.15 Lunch - Sala Basilica, University of Padova

14.15-15.30 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

Key principles for supporting children and young adults with visual impairment

15.30 - 18.00 PARALLEL SESSIONS

SESSION 1 > Individual development and assessment

15.30-15.50 "See my life" project

Main speaker > **Hélène Dollfus**, Professor and Head of the Medical Genetics Department of the Strasbourg University Hospitals, Strasbourg, France. Coordinator of the project ERN-EYE

15.50-18.00 Oral presentations

SESSION 2 > Education and learning

15.30-15.50 Supporting in education and learning: suggestions from the pedagogical perspective

Main speaker > **Valeria Friso**, Associate Professor, Department of Educational Sciences "G.M. Bertin" of the University of Bologna, Italy

15.50-18.00 Oral presentations

SESSION 3 > Habilitation and rehabilitation

15.30-15.50 How early is early for a habilitation proposal?

Main speaker > **Daniela Ricci**, Head of pediatric group, National Centre of Services and Research for the Prevention of Blindness and Rehabilitation of Low Vision Patients-IAPB Italia ETS, Rome, Italy

15.50-18.00 Oral presentations

SESSION 4 > Access, participation and engagement in society

15.30-15.50 Project "SensoriAbile anch'io", a new approach for inclusion in urban contexts

Main speaker > **Lorenzo Martini**, President of the Padua section of the Italian Union of the Blind and Visually Impaired

15.50-18.00 Oral presentations

18.00-19.00 GUIDED TOUR

FRIDAY MAY 16

8.00-9.00 ICEVI-EUROPE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(only for ICEVI members) - Aula Nievo, University of Padova

9.00-11.00 PARALLEL SESSIONS

SESSION 1 > Individual development and assessment

9.00-9.20 Visual function and functional vision: a multidisciplinary challenge in the assessment of children with visual impairment

Main speaker > **Sabrina Giovanna Signorini**, Head of the Developmental Neuro-Ophthalmology Unit, National Institute of Neurology C. Mondino Foundation, IRCCS - Pavia, Italy

9.20-11.00 Oral presentations

SESSION 2 A > Education and learning

9.00-9.20 Learning and teaching in an inclusive school: blind students matter!

Main speaker > **Nathalie Lewi-Dumont**, Emeritus Assistant Professor, INSEI-Grhapes Lab, Suresnes, France

9.20-11.00 Oral presentations

SESSION 2 B > Education and learning

9.00-9.20 The importance of support programs for children with visual impairments in inclusive educational contexts

Main speaker > **Andrea Hathazi**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, Babes-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Vice-President ICEVI-Europe

9.20-11.00 Oral presentations

SESSION 3 > Habilitation and rehabilitation

9.00-9.20 Prospective longitudinal cohort study children with vision impairments

Main speaker > **Mathijs Vervloed**, Professor, Behavioural Science Institute, Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands

9.20-11.00 Oral presentations

SESSION 4 > Access, participation and engagement in society

9.00-9.20 Lost in the maze of technological innovations?

Technological development increases the autonomy of individuals with visual impairment in all areas of life

Main speaker > **Judith Gombas**, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Special Needs Education, ELTE Bárczi Gusztáv, Budapest, Hungary

9.20-11.00 Oral presentations

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-12.30 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

Cross and multimodality when vision is impaired

by **Toro Graven**, Research fellow; **Monica Gori**, Italian Institut of Tecnology, Italy

Tactile books: accessibility and editing

by **Enrica Polato**, Robert Hollman Foundation and University of Bologna, Italy

The Professional Network on Cerebral Visual Impairment (CVI): sharing knowledge, experience and research to advance identifying, supporting and educating individuals with CVI in Europe

by **Marieke Steendam**, Royal Dutch Visio, the Netherlands; **John Ravenscroft**, University of Edinburgh, UK; **Marinke Hokken**, Erasmus University Medical Center and Royal Dutch Visio, the Netherlands

Mapping research in VI in the context of movement, sport and physical education - An approach from the USA, UK and Germany

by **Martin Giese**, Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany; **David Swanston**, St Vincent's School, UK; **Anthony J. Maher**, Leeds Beckett University, UK; **Justin Haegle**, Old Dominion University, USA

FRIDAY MAY 16

12.30-13.45 Lunch

12.30-13.45 Poster session

Roof garden of Palazzo Moroni

13.45-17.45 PARALLEL SESSIONS - CONTINUATION

17.45-19.45 Free time

19.45-22.30 CONFERENCE DINNER - Robert Hollman Foundation

9.00-13.00 PARALLEL SESSIONS

SESSION 1 > Individual development and assessment

9.00-9.20 Multidisciplinary and multiprofessional approach to diagnosis and habilitation of low vision in children

Main speaker > **Agnese Suppiej**, Professor and Director of the Residency School of Pediatrics, Department of Medical Sciences, University of Ferrara. Director of the Pediatric Unit, S. Anna University Hospital, Ferrara, Italy

9.20-11.00 Oral presentations

SESSION 2 > Education and learning

9.00-9.20 Effective networks in supporting children and young adults with visual impairment with/without multiple disabilities: learning environments for all

Main speaker > **Vassilis Argyropoulos**, Associate Professor, Department of Special Education, University of Thessaly, Volos, Greece

9.20-11.00 Oral presentation

SESSION 3 > Habilitation and rehabilitation

9.00-9.20 An early attention carepath dedicated to the child with severe visual impairment and their family

Main speaker > **Elena Mercuriali**, Clinical Director, Robert Hollman Foundation, Padova, Italy

9.20-11.00 Oral presentation

SESSION 4 > Access, participation and engagement in society

9.00-9.20 The dimensions of accessibility in a municipality: identifying gaps and opportunities

Main speaker > **Barbara Arfé**, Associate Professor, Department of Educational Psychology and Learning Disabilities and Vice-Rector for Inclusion and Disabilities, University of Padova, Italy

9.20-11.00 Oral presentation

11.00-11.20 Coffee break

11.20-13.00 PARALLEL SESSIONS - CONTINUATION

13.30-14.45 Lunch with Sponsors & Exhibitors and Poster session
Agorà, Centro Culturale Altinate San Gaetano

14.45-16.00 Plenary Session

Auditorium, Centro Culturale Altinate San Gaetano

Presentation of the “Key Principles” workshops results and their concrete applications

- > KP project coordinators
- > Ministry for disability (to be confirmed)
- > Ministry for institutional reforms (to be confirmed)
- > Veneto Region - Social policy (to be confirmed)
- > A parent of a child with VI

**16.00-17.00 CELEBRATION OF 10 YEARS OF ICEVI
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