



# Special Newsletter

***8<sup>th</sup> ICEVI European Conference  
on the Education and Re/habilitation  
of People with Visual Impairment***

**30 June – 5 July 2013**

**Istanbul, Turkey**



**[www.icevieurop2013.org](http://www.icevieurop2013.org)**

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### **1 Welcome**

More than ever the forthcoming conference in Istanbul aims to be a meeting place for all people who are in any way involved in the education and re-habilitation of people with a visual impairment.

Underlying the programme for this conference is the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF). One of the aims of the ICF is to provide a common language of use to everyone who is working in this field. In addition, this conference is organised in such a way that presentations will be organised by age categories: children of 0 – 6 years, children in the school age 7 – 21 years, adults of 22 – 60 years and elderly people.

Hopefully this will stimulate the exchange of knowledge and experience with colleagues from across Europe.

The conference will also offer various professional groups the opportunity to organise meetings and share experience.

Therefore we will have many possibilities for an interesting and inspiring conference; a breeding ground for the next four years. I hope many of you will accept the invitation so we can say “see you soon in Istanbul”.

***Hans Welling***

Chairman ICEVI-Europe

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## **2 A Changing Future with ICF**

This is the theme of the European Conference. More and more the ICF plays an important role in the drive to obtain a clear picture of why people with disabilities face challenges in their efforts to take part in society. The ICF will help us, together with the persons involved and with other professionals to further determine in which way support can be offered.

It concerns:

- The visual system
- Activities and participation
- Environmental factors
- Personal factors

The ICF is not just important in the field of interdisciplinary cooperation and the achievement of individual support plans. ICF also offers important building blocks for scientific research and the development of policy by organisations and government. Therefore it is important to have knowledge of ICF before the conference, since ICF will be central to the conference.

- **Dr. Paul Looijestijn**  
from the Netherlands will give a keynote presentation about ICF and he will also lead workshops
- **Maria Kyriacou**  
from Cyprus will address the area of children in the age group 0 – 6 years
- **Prof. Dr. Sven Degenhardt**  
from Germany will be concerned with the ICF for children of school age
- **Prof. Dr. Ayse Karaduman**  
from Turkey will talk about adults with a visual impairment and
- **Krisztina Kovács**  
from Hungary will look at issues concerning the elderly

As previously mentioned, the conference is structured in such a way that you will be enabled to meet colleagues concerned with similar work to yourselves. Perhaps this offers possibilities to develop a network which can continue after the conference.

### ***ICEVI 2013 Conference Scheme***

Which main category do you think your topic of presentation fits in?  
(E.g. **A1c** means, your presentation will be on 0-6 years old child/Visual system/ assessment)

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Person with visual impairment				
Age Groups Interest	0-6 Infancy & early childhood A	7-21 Mid childhood & adolescence B	22-60 Adulthood C	60 > Elderly D
<b>1. Visual system:</b> a) Structure b) Functioning c) Assessment d) Diseases	A1 Age 0-6, visual system	B1 Age 7-21, visual system	C1 Age 22-60, visual system	D1 Age 60 >, visual system
<b>2. Activities &amp; Participation in daily life:</b> a) Leisure b) Transition c) Employment d) Movement e) Communication f) Inclusion g) Self care h) Domestic life areas i) Interpersonal relations j) Social & civic life k) Community	A2 Age 0-6, activities & participation	B2 Age 7-21, activities & participation	C2 Age 22-60, activities & participation	D2 Age 60>, Activities & participation
<b>3. Environmental factors:</b> a) Education b) Rehabilitation c) Technology d) Products e) Milieu f) Social attitudes g) Social support h) Social relationships i) Services j) Systems k) Policies l) Advocacy	A3 Age 0-6, environmental factors	B3 Age 7-21, Environmental factors	C3 Age 22-60, environmental factors	D3 Age 60>, Environment al factors
<b>4. Personal factors</b> a) Developmental states b) Visual perception c) Cognitive functions d) Learning abilities e) Emotions f) Personality g) Social background h) Life styles	A4 Age 0-6, personal factors	B4 Age 7-21, Personal factors	C4 Age 22-60, Personal factors	D4 Age 60>, Personal factors

The following sub categories could fit in: MDVI, Low Vision, Blind, Deaf blind, Rare disease, Batten disease

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### 3 The Scientific Committee

During their presentations, the lecturers have been asked to take into account the implications of the ICF for the support of people with a visual impairment.

The scientific committee will also consider this in the judgement of the abstracts.

The committee has been composed as follows:

**Coordinators** of abstracts are



**Mary Lee**



**Hale (Ergenc) Aksuna**

**Mira Tzvetkova-Arsova** from Bulgaria

**Marijana Konkoli Zdesic** from Croatia

**Peter Rodney** from Denmark

**Vassilis Argyropoulos** from Greece

**Betty Leotsakou** from Greece

**Paul Looijestijn** from the Netherlands

**Peter Verstraten** from the Netherlands

**Liliya Plastunova** from Russia

**Harry Svensson** from Sweden

**Mira Goldschmidt** from Switzerland

**Aysegul Ataman** from Turkey

**Emine Ayyildiz** from Turkey

**Nazan Baykan** from Turkey

**Nihal Varol Ozyurek** from Turkey

**Mehmet Ozyurek** from Turkey

**Tuba Tuncer** from Turkey

**Mary Lee** from United Kingdom

**Mike McLinden** from United Kingdom

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### 4 Venue

#### Kaya Ramada Plaza

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A spacious **conference hall** for 3500 people, 23 meeting rooms and an exhibition hall of 6000 square meters, all assuring you of thoroughly modern technology, are ready for service with their technical infrastructure, equipment and experienced personnel that can respond to any need.



**Rooms:** Kaya Ramada Plaza Hotel has 317 rooms where your comfort has been of the forefront importance in designing the rooms some of which also have fascinating sea and lake views.



**Restaurants:** "Kaya Ramada Plaza" offers you special menu choices from Turkish and World cuisines with variety of tastes designed and prepared by the master cooks.

**Location:** Located next to the Tüyap Exhibition Center, Kaya Ramada Plaza is one of Turkey's most important convention hotels, combining the latest technology with 5 star hotel comfort. The hotel is only 20 minutes away from the İstanbul Ataturk International Airport.



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## 5 Conference fees

### Registration

Registration will be online on the Conference Website. An online submission form will be available and registration will start on January 2, 2013.

	ICEVI Members	Non ICEVI Members
Early Registration - Prior to Feb. 15, 2013	€ 400	€ 500
Late Registration - Feb. 16 – June 20	€ 550	€ 600
At venue Registration - June 30 – July 5	€ 650	€ 700
Accompanying Person	€ 150	€ 200
Sighted guide	€ 300	€ 300

\* One of the authors of the presentation must pay the early registration fee otherwise the presentation will not be included in the programme.

\*\* If the ICEVI member is an organisation, only 3 representatives may pay the reduced fee, further delegates from the same organisation must pay as non-ICEVI members.

\*\*\* IMPORTANT – only ICEVI – Europe MEMBERS who have paid Membership Fees, including 2012, will benefit from the Reduced Conference Fees, otherwise they will pay the Non ICEVI Membership Fee.

\*\*\*\* It is possible to see what the registration fee includes for the participants, sighted guides and accompanying persons besides the payment methods and cancellation policies on the Conference WEB Site. [www.icevi-europe2013.org](http://www.icevi-europe2013.org)

**Accommodation** - Kaya Ramada Plaza, Buyukcekmece, Istanbul

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Room prices are per day	Single room	Double Room	Triple Room
Early Booking - Prior to Feb. 15, 2013	95 €	110 €	130 €
Late Booking - Feb. 16 – May 15	135 €	160 €	185 €
<b>Payments will be</b>		<b>room price x 5</b>	
Early Booking - Prior to Feb. 15, 2013	475 €	550 €	650 €
Late Booking - Feb. 16 – May 15	675 €	800 €	925 €

\* It is possible to see what the accommodation fee includes besides the payment methods and cancellation policies on the Conference WEB Site.  
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**Supported Places:** The local Host Committee will facilitate these by sponsoring a maximum of 50 delegates from the following countries with low GDP; Albania, Bosnia/Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Croatia, Greece, Romania, Turkey, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Russia, Ukraine, Moldova and who are members of ICEVI – Europe.

\* Supported delegates will not pay the conference fee but they will pay accommodation. Supported places will be available for those participants who meet the following requirements:

- Can speak the language of the Conference – English.
- Can provide a letter of recommendation from the director of his/her own organisation
- Can provide a letter of recommendation from the regional ICEVI contact person

Precedence is given to those who:

- Will make a presentation at the conference, which has not been presented at any other conference
- Will report after the conference about the session they participated in.



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## 6 Social Programme

Istanbul is the meeting point of continents

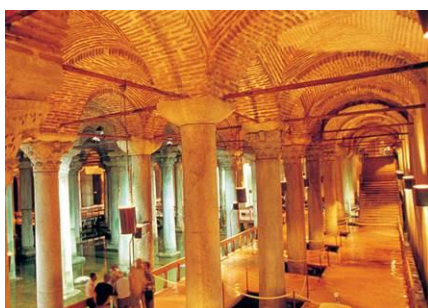
- [European](#) ([Thrace](#)) and the [Asian](#) ([Anatolia](#)) sides

There will be a sightseeing tour by boat through the Bosphorous



Istanbul is also the melting point of several cultures.

There will be a visit to historical places of Istanbul in the Old Town, Hagia Sophia



Free Time & Leisure time



Shopping in the Grand Bazaar

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## 7 European Awards

For the first time the Board of ICEVI-Europe has decided to present an award to three people who have made a special contribution to the lives of people with a visual impairment.

Therefore each individual or corporate member of ICEVI-Europe is invited to submit to the Awards Committee the nominees who meet the following criteria:

1. have made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of education and/or re-habilitation of blind and partially sighted people, that has had an impact beyond their own school or organisation and
2. have made a significant and long lasting contribution to ICEVI-Europe.

Nominations should be prepared in an abstract that does not to exceed two single space typewritten pages. This document should explain how the person meets these criteria and why they would be a worthy recipient.

It would be valuable when the nomination contains letters of recommendation.

Please send nominations to the secretary,  
**Elly Aardoom** [ellyaardoom@visio.org](mailto:ellyaardoom@visio.org)



The Board will appoint a committee, who will judge the nominations and make a final choice.

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## 8 General Assembly

During the conference the General Assembly will take place.

Before the conference you will receive an agenda.

At this moment it is clear that the following matters will be discussed:

- Commemoration of the ones who we have lost
- Presentation of the Awards
- Approval of the annual report
- Election of the chairman
- (Re) election of Board members
- (Re) election of contact persons for each sub region
- Bid for the conference 2017

Meetings of the regions of ICEVI-Europe.

The conference also offers a good opportunity for a meeting of the sub regions.

Despite occasional sub regional conferences it is not always possible to meet each other.

A meeting during the conference offers the opportunity:

- To meet and exchange knowledge and information
- To make proposals to the Board of ICEVI-Europe
- To nominate contact persons

Before the conference an agenda proposal will be made by means of a newsletter.

### Erratum: South European countries

**Ana Isabel Ruiz López will continue being the representative of the Southern European Sub region.**

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## 9 Membership

Please use your membership of ICEVI-Europe:

- It gives you voting rights
- It gives you a discount on the conference fee

But pay your membership fee on time.

ICEVI-Europe cannot exist without your financial support.

Therefore, here is a reminder for membership 2012 and the following years.

The membership fees are:

- Individual member 25 Euro per year / 100 Euro for 4 years
- individual member from Eastern Europe and from the Balkan countries 10 Euro per year / 40 Euro for 4 years
- Corporate member without own budget 200 Euro per year
- Corporate member with less than 100 employees 350 Euro per year
- Corporate member with between 100 and 200 employees 500 Euro per year
- Corporate member with more than 200 employees 800 Euro per year

The **NEW** international bank account number of ICEVI-Europe in Huizen, The Netherlands is:

**ING, account number:** 4890207

**BIC:** INGBNL2A

**IBAN:** NL90 INGB 0004 8902 07

Contributions can be made by Internet or payments can also be made during the European Conference in Istanbul.

Please be aware that the conference fees for workshops and the European conference are considerably less expensive for members.

Please also read the newsletter of July 2012, where you will find important information about the conference and the General Assembly.