

REPORT ON MSSA ACTIVITIES **(for the period December 2007- December 2008)**

Submitted letters to the Prime minister, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Education and Science and the Minister of Labour and Social Policy in order to introduce them the position of the persons with autism in Macedonia, as well as to initiate establishment of Centre for autism and national register for persons with autism

06.06.2008 – Participation of Prof. d-r Vladimir Trajkovski at the seminar in Veternik: "Combined disability – associated conditions", Novi Sad, Serbia.

02.10-03.10.2008 – Participation of Prof. d-r Vladimir Trajkovski and Jasmina Ivanovska at the International Conference: "The role of the special educator in the institutional and non-institutional treatment of the children with special needs", Skopje.

25.11-29.11.2008 – Participation of four MSSA members at the International Conference "The Rain Man is Among Us. Contemporary forms of Support for Autistic Persons. A systems Approach", Krakow, Poland.

December 2008 – introduction of graduating work by Marija Avramovska entitled: "Social inclusion and the rights of the persons with autism in the Republic of Macedonia"

Projects' applications and implementation:

- **"Common Voice Network Project" (on-going)** – project being implemented with partners from Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania and Estonia. The main object is to conduct a study of the legal regulations, to strengthen the anti-discriminatory policy and to provide equal opportunities for the mentally retarded and autistic persons.

In the period December 2007- December 2008 one new paper regarding autism issue was published:

1. **Trajkovski V**, Petlichkovski A, Efinska-Mladenovska O, Trajkov D, Arsov T, Strezova A, Aldinski Lj, Spiroski M. Higher Plasma Cocentration of Food-Specific Antibodies in Persons with Autistic Disorder in Comparison to Their Siblings. *Focus on Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities* 2008; 23 (3): 176-185.

Attendance of seminars and congresses in the country and abroad:

1. Spiroski M, **Trajkovski V**, Trajkov D, Petlichkovski A, Strezova A, Efinska-Mladenovska O, Srbinovska O, Hristomanova S, Djuleic E, Petrov J. Concomitant autoimmunity, allergy and immune tolerance are possible immunological disorder in autism. 5th Balkan Congress of Immunology, June 01-03, 2008, Ohrid. *Maced J Med Sci*; 1 (Suppl. 1): S21-S22.
2. **Trajkovski V**. Fiziološke abnormalnosti kod autizma. Zbornik sažetaka - "Višestruka ometenost – udružena stanja", Veternik, 06 Jun, 2008; 53-58.
3. **Trajkovski V**. The importance of the genetic evaluation in diagnostics of autism. Book of abstracts – International conference: "The role of the special educator in the institutional and non-institutional treatment of the children with special needs", Skopje 2-3 October, 2008; 138-139.
4. Ivanovska J, **Trajkovski V**. The role of the pictures in the work with autistic children. Book of abstracts – International conference: "The role of the special educator in the institutional and non-institutional treatment of the children with special needs", Skopje 2-3 October, 2008; 140-141.
5. **Trajkovski V**. Genetic evaluation and Genetic counselling of Autism Spectrum Disorders. Book of abstracts – International conference: "Rain Man is among us. Contemporary forms of Support for Autistic Persons. A systems Approach. Krakow, November 27-29, 2008; 158-159.
6. **Trajkovski V**. Macedonian Scientific Society for Autism – Portrait. Book of abstracts – International conference: "Rain Man is among us. Contemporary forms of Support for Autistic Persons. A systems Approach. Krakow, November 27-29, 2008; 159-161.

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