



THE CARE OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH IN REHABILITATION.

THE EXPERIENCE OF DON CARLO GNOCCHI FOUNDATION

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CONFERENCE FOR THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF BIH

The conference is designed for professionals of different backgrounds who work in the fields of health, education, psychology, social sciences and who are involved, or they could be in the future, in the work with the people with disabilities, with a focus on developmental age. Don Carlo Gnocchi Foundation and its professionals will share the "know-how" developed through many years of experience with the professionals of different backgrounds who work in the fields of health, education, psychology, social sciences and are involved or will be, in the work with the people with disabilities, with a focus on developmental age. According to the WHO data, 1 in 6 people in the world experience a condition or a type of disability. The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, in Article 26 establishes the right to access rehabilitation at the earliest possible stage and the duty of the Member States to apply measures to enable people with disabilities to obtain the maximum possible independence in order to be able to participate in all aspects of life. Therefore, it is needed to emphasize the importance of exchange among different professions the knowledge and use of an interdisciplinary approach. Moreover, they will introduce the concepts of disability, habilitation-rehabilitation, the ICF as a tool not only as classification; they will deal with observation and broadening points of view, communication among professionals as well as with the family and the child, and last but not the least, about the role of assistive technologies.

8.00 – 8.30: Registration of the participants

8.30 – 9.15: Opening Ceremony

9.15 – 9.45: Children's development and disability: observing beyond diagnosis

(Marina Rodocanachi – Monica Perijni)

9.45 - 10.15: Re-Habilitation: multidisciplinary team and interdisciplinary approach.

(Marina Rodocanachi – Maria Teresa Giordano - Monica Perijni)

10.15 – 10.45: Life path of a person with disability.

(Maria Teresa Giordano – Nicoletta Squartini)

10.45 – 11.00: Coffee break

11.00 – 11.30: Not only functioning or capabilities but also the rights

(Maria Teresa Giordano – Nicoletta Squartini)

11.30 – 12.00: Approaching the child with disability and the helping relationship

(Maria Teresa Giordano)

12.00 – 12.45: Presentation of innovative assistive devices.

12.45 – 14.00: Lunch break

14.00 – 14.30: Communicate and connect.

(Marina Rodocanachi – Maria Teresa Giordano)

14.30 – 15.00: Communicating in the absence of language: Augmentative and Alternative

Communication with persons who have complex communication needs.

(Marina Rodocanachi, Elena Bortolozzi)

15.00 – 15.30: Technology supporting the person with disability. The experience of the Don Carlo Gnocchi Foundation

(Paolo Meriggi – Claudia Salatino)

15.30 – 16.00: Professionals meet persons with disabilities: role of each person in the team – Round Table

16.00 – 16.30: Final discussion and conclusion



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Marina Rodocanachi Roidi

MD specialized in Neurology and Rehabilitation Medicine.

She has always been working in the field of Child Neurology and Rehabilitation, since 2013 at the Child Neuropsychiatry and Rehabilitation Unit in Don Carlo Gnocchi Foundation in Milan. At present, she collaborates with the Don Carlo Gnocchi Foundation - International Solidarity NGO and International Relations Department as a trainer in several cooperation projects and with family associations to develop projects that will support people in situations of complex disabilities.

Maria Teresa Giordano

Psychologist and University professor of psychology

She is working in Don Carlo Gnocchi Foundation in Milan since 1998. At present she is working with people with disability from childhood to adulthood and with their parents. She has also been working as university professor of psychology in the courses of the health professions since 2001. She collaborated with the Don Carlo Gnocchi Foundation - International Solidarity NGO and International Relations Department as a trainer in 2013 for a project to support employment of people with disabilities in Tunisia.

Nicoletta Squartini

Social worker

She has been working in the social service of Don Carlo Gnocchi Foundation in Milan for 33 years. At the beginning she dealt with socio-educational services for adults with disabilities and scholastic services for children, then with inpatient rehabilitation services. She supports and accompany people's individual projects, such as designing for service innovation, also acting as an "additional thinking system".

Elena Bortolozzi

Educator with experience in Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)

She has been working in Don Carlo Gnocchi Foundation since 2011, at the beginning in the Child Neuropsychiatry and Rehabilitation Unit and later with adults taking care of people with severe disability and, in particular, with complex communication needs.

Monica Perijni

Physiotherapist

She has been working since 1998 in the field of child rehabilitation and since 2003 at Don Carlo Gnocchi Foundation in Milan, in the Child Neuropsychiatry and Rehabilitation Unit. She cooperated in international cooperation projects as therapist in centers for child rehabilitation in Syria and Cameroon.

Paolo Meriggi

Biomedical engineer - Researcher on the use of advanced technology in rehabilitation

Biomedical engineer and researcher, from 2005 in Fondazione Don Carlo Gnocchi, he contributed to several research and innovation projects, and he is currently working in the Innovation Development Department. His research interests are focused on the exploitation of advanced technology solutions into daily clinical and rehabilitation practice. Some of the projects he has been involved regard: wearable sensing and processing (the MagIC acquisition system), pediatric rehabilitation (i.e. design and development of the Computer Assisted Rehabilitation - CARE - lab), traumatic brain injuries department (integration of video-surveillance system) and advanced technology solutions for severely disabled people.

Claudia Salatino

Biomedical engineer - assistive technology expert

Assistive Technology expert and researcher in the DAT (Home automation, Assistive Technology, Occupational Therapy) Unit Don Carlo Gnocchi Foundation. Person in charge of the Editorial Office of the Italian Portal (<https://portale.siva.it/en-GB/home/default>) on Assistive Technologies and of SIVALab (<https://portale.siva.it/en-GB/databases/centers/detail/id-6554>), aimed at introducing innovative assistive technologies in the clinical and social-assistance services of the Don Carlo Gnocchi Foundation. She is also Lecturer for the Occupational Therapy University Degree Programme of the University of Milan.

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