

1st Annual Cyprus International Conference on Autism Treatment and Research: 18-23 November 2016, Paphos, Cyprus.

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

Conference Schedule (Subject to change)

Friday, 18 November, 2016 (Coral Bay Hotel Resort / Conference Venue; Room 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

8:00 PM Gala Dinner (Welcome Speech, First Lady of the Republic of Cyprus; Blessing: Head of Church of Cyprus)

The *Gala Dinner* is hosted by the First Lady of the Republic of Cyprus, Mrs. Andri Anastasiades.

Saturday, 19 November, 2016

8:30 AM 9:15 AM Ed Tronick, PhD. Magic Happens: 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 adhere to for the duration of the conference)

10:45 AM – 11:30 AM Stephen W. Porges, PhD. The Polyvagal Theory: Implications for Understanding and Treating 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**

** (12:45 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, Porges, & Paparella)

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 Valerie Paradiz, PhD. Empowering the Emerging Self-Advocate: Promoting Independence and Autonomy Using the ISA Curriculum.

5:30 PM 6:30 PM **Workshop & Seminar Integrated Panel Discussion** (Drs. Kargas, Loftin, & Paradiz)

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 Emmanuil Dermitzakis, PhD. Genetics & Autism: Current Research Developments.

5:30 PM 6:30 PM **Workshop & Seminar Integrated Panel Discussion** (Drs. Theocharides, Ioannou, Dermitzakis, & Mrs. Apostolopoulou)

7:00 PM **Dinner**

Sunday, 20 November, 2016

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM Peter Fonagy, PhD. Mentalization and Pervasive Developmental Disorder: A Tentative Suggestion.

9:15 AM – 9:30 AM **Q & A**

9:30 AM – 10:15 AM Serena Wieder, PhD. Reimagining Development. Uniting Neurodevelopmental, Regulatory and Mind-Body Approaches in the DIR Model.

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM **Q & A**

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM **Coffee Break** (Timelines will be strictly adhere to)

10:45 AM – 11:30 AM Kevin Pelphrey, PhD. Precision Medicine in Autism Spectrum Disorders.

11:30 AM – 11:45 AM **Q & A**

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM Catherine Demetriades, PhD. AutiZmo: The Robot, the Child, the Future.

12:30 PM – 12:45 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. Fonagy, Wieder, Pelphrey, & Demetriades)

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 Dennis Robinson, PhD. 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, Robinson, & 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 Alexander Westphal, MD, PhD. Risk Mitigation in Autism Spectrum Disorder.

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** (Dr. Westphal, Mr. Abelardo Apollo, & Mr. Feinstein)

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**

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. Reconceptualizing Training as "Professional Formation" in the Field of Autism.

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 Stephen Seligman, PhD. Infant-Parent Psychotherapy and the “Ghosts in the Nursery.” A Relational-Representational-Transactional Approach.

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**

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM **Lunch**

2:00 PM – 2:45 PM Magda Mostafa, PhD. An Architecture for Autism: The Origin and Future Applications of the Autism ASPECTSS™ Index

2:45 PM – 3:00 PM **Q & A**

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Integrated Panel Discussion (Drs. Harrison, Seligman, Chiang, Lin, & Mostafa)

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 Gil Tippy, PsyD. 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. Tippy, & Hogg)

7:00 PM – 7:45 PM **Conference Closing** & Concluding Remarks / Future Directions

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, and Publications Explored.

Optional

2:30 PM Informal Excursion & Guided Tour.

6:00 PM Informal Reception & Dinner