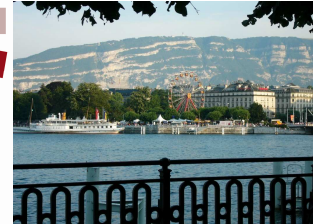


From the 7th



to the 8th



Geneva, March 2009

Dear colleagues and friends,

Almost a year has passed since we met at the 7th PTRMR conference in Frankfurt, which was so well organized by Gerhard Büttner. We all remember the many interesting presentations and discussions and who could forget about the great weather we had or the gigantic rainstorm when arriving at the castle for the conference dinner. Alas..., the time for reminiscing is over and a new conference must be organized.

As you all know, it was decided that the 8th conference will be held in Geneva, Switzerland. I am now pleased to inform you that the next European Conference on psychological theory and research on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities will be held at the University of Geneva

Thursday June 17, 2010 to Saturday June 19, 2010.

Make sure to note the dates in your iPhone, palm, or agenda. Of course, you can also print this page and hang it on your office wall. Do not forget to check the website from time to time: www.unige.ch/fapse/SSE/teachers/hessels/ECIDD.html (a permanent website will be set up later, we will inform you about this in due time).

As you have noticed, we now also have a new name for the conference: ECIDD (which may be pronounced as easit). The scientific committee has continued the discussion we commenced in Frankfurt last year and has decided to replace the term “mental retardation” by “intellectual and developmental disabilities”. In the paper by Schalock, Luckasson, Shogren et al. (2007), joined to this mail, you can find more information about the rationale for changing the name to ECIDD.

A first call for papers will be sent out soon. For now I wish you all the best and hope to see you all in Geneva in 2010 !!

Marco Hessels
(Organizer of the 8th ECIDD)