

3rd IASSID-Europe Conference

*Integrating Biomedical and
Psycho-Social-Educational Perspectives*

20th-22nd October, 2010

Rome, Italy



Call for Papers



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ORGANISERS

The organising committee comprise Giorgio Albertini (Chair), Claudia Condoluci, Fabrizio Fea, David Felce, Manuela Galli, Matthew Janicki, Giampaolo La Malfa, and Patricia Noonan Walsh.

Isabelle Biondi staffs the 3rd IASSID-Europe Rome Conference Secretariat and may be contacted by email: <iassid_rome-congress@alice.it>.



INVITATION

On behalf of IASSID and the conference's organizing committee, we are invite you to participate in the 3rd IASSID-Europe Conference, which will be held in Rome from the 20th to the 23rd of October, 2010.

The IASSID-EUROPE Conference is dedicated to children and adults with intellectual disabilities and their families. Their lives are the concrete reality that our research attempts to illuminate and distil. The breadth of aetiological, developmental, environmental and cultural factors, together with the diversity of clinical considerations involved, means that our research has to take a multidisciplinary approach and a "lifespan" perspective. People with intellectual disabilities differ and change over time, and how individuals grow emotionally and behaviourally needs to be understood.

The aim is to provide the right supports and environmental "contexts" that promote the development of the individual and his or her family from infancy to childhood, to adolescence, to young adulthood, to maturity and to old age. Such a broad aim necessitates multi-disciplinary understanding. The centrality of the individual within the goal of promoting quality of life warrants a family and person-centered approach. The individual is part of society and the approach taken must also draw upon the involvement of people's communities at all ages and stages of their lives.

Hence, the theme of the conference is important. We have to integrate knowledge across biological, psychological, sociological and educational disciplines and have understanding in one area shape the development of knowledge in others, so that there is a continuous evolution of understanding about the "whole person". This is the main goal of IASSID and the explicit goal of the 3rd IASSID-Europe Conference. So, to further this goal, we invite you to come and be part of Rome 2010.

Rome is a wonderful city, full of charm. Its cultural associations are famous worldwide – in particular the "*ottobrate romane*", the best time of the year to be in Rome. We are sure that all this, and the conference, will make your visit to Rome most enjoyable.

Giorgio Albertini



Fabrizio Fea



Giampaolo La Malfa



PUBLICATION OF ABSTRACTS

The abstracts of all submissions accepted for the conference as part of symposia, individual papers or posters, or as roundtable discussions will be published in the *Journal of Applied Research in Intellectual Disabilities*.

(www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/118490119/home?CRETRY=1&SRETRY=0)

Conference Timetable

The programme is designed to highlight scientific knowledge and methods across the breadth of issues that concern scientists, practitioners, family members and people with intellectual disabilities. The beginning session of each morning and afternoon will comprise two invited plenary addresses. Together, these will summarise knowledge in 12 areas. Also in each morning and afternoon, 5 x 8 parallel sessions are scheduled for oral presentations of empirical findings and research reviews. Poster sessions will run in parallel with oral paper sessions. The balance of paper and poster presentation will depend on the demand for each mode of presentation.

		20 October	21 October	22 October
8:00 - 9:00		Registration	Registration	Registration
8:45 - 10:00	Plenary 1	Opening & Topic A (2 speakers)	Topic B (2 speakers)	Topic C (2 speakers)
10:00 - 10:25		Break		
10:25 - 11:25	Session A	Posters A	8 sessions	Posters A
11:35 - 12:35	Session B		8 sessions	Posters A
12:35 - 14:00		Lunch		
14:00 - 15:00	Plenary 2	Topic D (2 speakers)	Topic E (2 speakers)	Topic F (2 speakers)
15:00 - 15:25		Break		
15:25 - 16:25	Session C	Posters B	8 sessions	Posters B
16:35 - 17:35	Session D		8 sessions	Posters B
17:45 - 18:45	Session E		8 sessions	Posters B
18:45 - 20:00		Reception	Dinner*	

* separate cost

Refreshment Breaks

Coffee, tea and soft drinks will be available during mid-morning and mid-afternoon breaks. Lunch will be provided. The Conference Dinner is not included in the registration fee but may be booked on registration.

Simultaneous Translation

The official language is English but simultaneous translation in Italian will be available during the plenary presentations.

Modes of Presentation

Delegates may present their research in several different formats:

Symposia (1 hour - 3 presentations of 15 minutes + 15 minutes for discussion)

A collection of 3 papers presenting the results of different studies on a common research topic. Each should be presented by a different person. Each author should submit their paper online following the instructions on the next page. **The symposium co-ordinator must send an email with the titles and author details for each paper in the symposium to felce@cf.ac.uk.**

Oral Papers (A presentation of 15 minutes + 5 minutes for discussion)

A paper presenting the results of a study on a particular topic. Papers will be grouped according to topic. Individuals should submit title and abstract details online following the instructions on the next page.

Posters (A printed and illustrated summary of a presentation to be posted among a collection of similarly themed posters)

Individuals may present their research in the form of a poster. IASSID considers posters to be as important as oral papers. Posters allow for more extended discussion with delegates and may be preferred by presenters whose first language is not English. Posters should be attended by at least one author who can address questions related to the poster's content to interested delegates. Individuals should submit title and abstract details online following the instructions on the next page. Size and appearance specifications for the posters will be sent to authors.

Plenary Speakers

Biological vulnerabilities and environmental risks: the integration of different perspectives when determining need

Tony HOLLAND (University of Cambridge, UK)

Recent progress in understanding the genetics of intellectual disabilities

W. Ted BROWN (New York State Institute for Basic Research, USA)

Innovations in child health and intellectual disabilities

Toyojiro MATSUSHI (Kurume University, Japan)

Meeting the needs of parents with early childhood intervention

Manfred PRETIS (SINN, Graz, Austria)

Functioning in persons with ID and mental health problems

Luis SALVADOR-CARULLA (Psicost Scientific Association, Cadiz, Spain)

Epilepsy and intellectual disabilities: a multidisciplinary approach

Maurizio ELIA (Oasi Institute for Research on Mental Retardation and Brain Aging, Troina, Italy)

Adult careers: Does childhood IQ predict outcome?

Anna FIRKOWSKA-MANKIEWICZ (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Warsaw, Poland)

Families as systems: Recent research strategies

Richard HASTINGS (Bangor University, UK)

EEG and intellectual disabilities

Claudio BABILONI (University of Foggia, Italy)

Neuroimaging in intellectual disabilities

Alberto PIERALLINI (IRCCS San Raffaele Pisana, Italy)

Measuring and using quality of life data

Miguel-Angel VERDUGO-ALONSO (University of Salamanca, Spain)

Key issues in supporting persons with profound intellectual and multiple disabilities

Bea MAES (Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium)

Instructions for Submitting Symposium/Paper/Poster Abstracts

Abstracts must be in English.

In submitting an abstract, you will be asked for the following information:

Contact Information: Please specify your name (the submitting author), institutional affiliation, email address and contact details.

Abstract Title: This should be brief (no more than 100 characters + spaces) but clearly indicate the content to be presented.

Topic: The conference is to be organised in 11 topics (see next page). Please specify which of the 11 topics best fits your symposium, paper or poster. (Use the pull down list on the website to do this.)

Presentation Method: Specify whether: (a) Oral communication part of symposium, (b) Oral communication stand alone, (c) Poster presentation. (Use the pull down list on the website to do this.)

Student Papers: Students who would like to present a paper in a symposium dedicated to student papers should tick the box on the website to indicate this.

Author(s): Please indicate the first and last name of each author as well as their role (presenting author, submitting author, co-author...).

Presenter's Email and Affiliation: Please indicate the email address and affiliation of the presenting author **ONLY**. The email addresses of speakers will be reproduced in the abstract book to permit and encourage delegates to contact presenters afterwards.

Abstract: This is structured using the subheadings: *Aim, Method, Results, Conclusions*. Overall, it should be no more than 1500 characters with spaces.

Terminology: Please refer to people with intellectual disabilities, rather than people with mental retardation or mental handicap, or the intellectually disabled, mentally retarded, mentally handicapped etc.

For symposia only: Notify David Felce by email (felce@cf.ac.uk) of the titles and authors of the three papers in the symposium. Please also provide a brief **Title** for the symposium (up to 6 words) and give the initials, surname and affiliation of a person who has agreed to be the **Moderator** of the symposium.

Submission deadline: 15th March, 2010

How to submit your abstract(s): Click on the link for abstract submission under the IASSID-Europe 2010 conference on the IASSID website (www.iassid.org). This will transfer you to the abstract submission process. Follow the instructions. The submission fields have been formatted so that abstracts cannot be longer than the limits described above. It is necessary to prepare your abstract(s) in advance so that these requirements are met. There is no spellchecker on the website submission system. Spelling should be checked before submission in the word processing format you use to prepare your abstract.

Conference topics

Topic	Areas covered by the topic
1. Ageing & lifespan	Ageing and Health Status; Functional Decline; Lifespan Transitions; Death and Dying
2. Biological & bio-behavioural	Genetics; Syndromes; Bio-behavioural Processes; Behavioural phenotypes; Brain Research; Neurotransmitters; Risk Factors for Intellectual Disability; Developmental and Behavioural Neuro-toxicology
3. Mental health, challenging behaviour &/or offending	Diagnosis/Assessment & Classification Systems in Mental Health, Challenging Behaviour or Offending; Aetiology and Risk Factors for Mental Health, Challenging Behaviour or Offending; Psychopharmacology, Psychological and Other Therapies in Mental Health, Challenging Behaviour or Offending; Mental Health, Challenging Behaviour or Forensic Service Issues
4. Cognition, communication, social impairment	Adaptive Behaviour; Skill Development; Assessment of Skills and Disabilities; Communication and Language; Cognitive Development; Social Impairment and Social Skills; Autism; Down's Syndrome
5. Education & Employment	Early Intervention; Pre-school Development; Schooling; College; Employment; Daytime Occupation; Volunteering
6. Empowerment, rights & ethics	Values and Ethics; Genetic Screening; Law and Civil Rights; Advocacy and Self-advocacy; User Views; User Participation; Empowerment; Gender, Culture and Ethnicity; Welfare Benefits and Income
7. Families & parenting	Early Family Counselling and Adjustment; Family Experience; Family Supports; Family Lifecycle; Siblings; Ageing Carers; Parents with Intellectual Disability
8. Physical health	Physical Health; Health Monitoring; Medical and Other Interventions; Medication; Dentistry; Sensory and Physical Disabilities; Epilepsy; Obesity, Diet and Exercise
9. Policy, populations, community living & service systems	Classification; Epidemiology; Displaced Populations and Disability; Policy and Service Patterns; Achievement of Strategic Change; Community Living Supports; Assistive Technologies; Residential Services; Services to Minority Communities; Health Economics; Cost-effectiveness; Service Management and Quality Assurance; Staff, Staff Training and Professional Development
10. Profound & multiple ID	Profound and Multiple Intellectual Disability; Assistive Technology for People with PMID; Health Needs of People with PMID; Interventions for People with PMID; Quality of Life for People with PMID
11. Quality of life	Quality of Life Assessment; Quality of Life Determinants; Social Relationships; Social Integration; Self-determination; Person-centred Planning; Vulnerability; Abuse, Protection, Spirituality

Example Submission Information

Contact Information: Prof David Felce, Welsh Centre for Learning Disabilities, Cardiff University, felce@cf.ac.uk, School of Medicine, 2nd floor, Neuadd Meirionydd, Heath Park, Cardiff CF14 4YS, United Kingdom Tel: +44 (0)29 20687208

Abstract Title: Evaluation of the Dissemination of Active Support Training in Staffed Community Residences

Topic: Policy, populations, community living & service systems

Presentation Method: Oral communication stand alone

Authors: D. Felce¹, K. Lowe, E. Jones

Presenter's Email: felce@cf.ac.uk

Presenter's Affiliation: ¹Welsh Centre for Learning Disabilities, School of Medicine, Cardiff University, Cardiff, Wales, UK

Abstract: **Aim:** The aim was to replicate Active Support, a staff training intervention shown previously to increase the extent to which staff in community residences for adults with severe mental retardation provided opportunities and effective support to residents to enable them to participate in activities. **Method:** Training was conducted in 38 community residences, involving 303 staff and 106 persons with mental retardation. Changes in the extent of planned activity, involvement in domestic, social and community activities, attention from staff and engagement in activity were evaluated. **Results:** Active Support resulted in participants having more planned activity within the home, receiving significantly more assistance and being significantly more engaged in activity. Significant correlations between participant abilities, receipt of assistance and levels of engagement were found. **Conclusions:** Such findings replicated those of the earlier experimental demonstration. Active Support was found to be of greater benefit to people with lower adaptive behaviour and to have a diminishing value for people with higher adaptive behaviour, implying that it does not have universal application and that its implementation should be matched to the support needs of residents.

All presenters and symposium moderators must register for the Conference by 31st May, 2010 in order for their abstracts to be included in the programme and published in the *Journal of Applied Research in Intellectual Disabilities*

Instructions on 'How to Register' are given on the next page

Exhibits

Technical and educational exhibits will give delegates the opportunity to see new developments in our field.

Exhibitors wanting to reserve exhibit space should contact the IASSID-Rome Congress Secretariat <iassid_rome-congress@alice.it>

Registration

Registrations can be made online. Click on the link for the **IASSID-Europe 2010** conference on the IASSID website (www.iassid.org). This will transfer you to the registration process. Payment may be made using a VISA or MasterCard credit or debit card, BACS transfer or by cheque.

Registration will be open from 1st January, 2010

Deadline

The deadline for the early registration fee is 31st May, 2010. The regular registration fee applies after 1st June, 2010.

Refunds

No refunds will be given in the event of cancellation due to world or national events. Otherwise:

- Cancellations made in writing¹ and received by 30th June 2010 will qualify for 80% refund, after deduction of a 50 Euro administration charge.
- Cancellations made in writing¹ and received by 31st July, 2010 will qualify for 50% refund, after deduction of a 50 Euro administration charge.

No refund will be given for cancellations from 1st August, 2010 onwards.

Registrants may nominate a substitute to attend in their place if they are unable to attend themselves by writing¹ to the conference secretariat to authorise the change.

¹ Write to IASSID-Europe Rome Conference Secretariat <iassid_rome-congress@alice.it>

Registration Fee Structure

IASSID Individual Member*		Non-member	
By 31 st May, 2010	420 euros	By 31 st May, 2010	500 euros
1 st June, 2010 and later	470 euros	1 st June, 2010 and later	550 euros

* An Individual Member is one who has paid a membership fee to IASSID for the year, 2010. Employees of IASSID research centres and member organisations, EASPD member organisations, the Tosinvest-San Raffaele Group and Associazione Scuola Viva Onlus are eligible for the membership discount, as are current members of the Italian Society for Mental Retardation (SIRM), the International Society for Alternative and Augmentative Communication (ISAAC), Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI) and Down Syndrome International (DSI).

If you are currently not a member, joining IASSID at the same time as you register - go to www.iassid.org - will make you eligible for the discounted member rate. Individuals who work within member organisations or research centres are entitled to the individual membership discount.

Special rate registration is available for students, family members and service users irrespective of membership status

By 31 st May, 2010	150 euros	1 st June, 2010 and later	180 euros
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It may be possible in exceptional cases to waive part or all of the registration fee, particularly for delegates from developing countries. Application should be made by email to Isabelle Biondi, 3rd IASSID-Europe Rome Conference Secretariat <iassid_rome-congress@alice.it>.

The registration fee covers the costs of the conference, conference materials, and refreshments during breaks and lunches during the three days of the conference

Accommodation

The conference hotels are the:

- Grand Hotel Palazzo Carpegna <www.grandhotelpalazzocarpegna.it>
- Torre Rossa Park Hotel <www.torrerossaparkhotel.it>
- Crowne Plaza Rome St Peter's & Spa <www.crowneplazahotelroma.com>

If you book any of these hotels using the form on the following page, you will be eligible for the following rates:

Grand Hotel Palazzo Carpegna:

Double room for single use 145 euros per night, bed and breakfast
Double room for two people 155 euros per night, bed and breakfast

Torre Rossa Park Hotel:

Double room for single use 115 euros per night, bed and breakfast
Double room for two people 125 euros per night, bed and breakfast

Crowne Plaza Rome St Peter's & Spa Hotel:

Double room for single use 200 euros per night, bed and breakfast
Double room for two people 220 euros per night, bed and breakfast

Rooms in the above hotels are limited, so it is best to book early. You may also negotiate a room rate and book your accommodation directly with the hotel.

Other hotels may be found by going to www.rome.info/accommodation.

Information on **low cost student accommodation** close to the conference is available from the 3rd IASSID-Europe Rome Conference Secretariat <iassid_rome-congress@alice.it>.

IASSID Academy Pre-Conference Workshops

The IASSID Academy on Education, Teaching, and Research will offer a number of pre-conference workshops on Monday, October 18, and Tuesday, October 19. The workshops will be held at both of the main conference hotels and will generally be full-day sessions. Registration will open on 1st March, 2010 and spaces for each workshop will be limited. Each workshop will be led by one or more experts on the topic to be covered, will offer completion affirmation, and will be given in either English or Italian. The list of workshops is available at http://www.iassid.org/academy_workshops and registration is available via the conference registration website. Information is available from Prof. Roy Brown, Chair of the Academy -- roybrown@telus.net.

San Raffaele Families Conference

A one-day conference will be held on Saturday, 23rd October, 2010 immediately following the IASSID-Europe conference. The conference is for local families and will involve some of the main speakers from the IASSID-Europe Conference. A separate registration is required. Information on the Families Conference is available from iassid_rome-congress@alice.it.

HOTEL RESERVATION FORM – IASSID-EUROPE Conference, 2010

Please fill in and return to:

Aurelia Convention Centre & Expo

Fax +39.06.6620259

Tel +39.06.66007875-7963-7910

e-mail info@aurelia-expo.com

Mr. Mrs. Dr. Prof. (other)

PARTICIPANT

First name _____ Family Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____ City _____ Country _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

ACCOMMODATION

Please book: double room single use double room double use double room twin use (2 single beds)

Date of arrival _____ Date of departure _____

CROWNE PLAZA ROME ST. PETER'S (4**S)** – Via Aurelia Antica, 415 – 00165 ROMA
double room single use € 200,00 per room/per night ; double room € 220,00 per room / per night

GRAND HOTEL PALAZZO CARPEGNA (4**)** – Via Aurelia, 481 – 00165 ROMA
double room single use € 145,00 per room/per night ; double room € 155,00 per room / per night

TORRE ROSSA PARK HOTEL (3**)** – Via di Torre Rossa, 94 – 00165 ROMA
double room single use € 115,00 per room/per night ; double room € 125,00 per room / per night

GUARANTEE AND CANCELLATION CHARGES

I authorize to use the following credit card to guarantee my reservation:

> Credit card: American Express Visa / CartaSi EuroCard / MasterCard

Card no.: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Cardholder Name: _____

I authorize the use of my credit card for this purpose.

Signature: _____

For any cancellation received from July 19th 2010 to the arrival date, the first night only will be charged

I authorize the use of the above credit card for this purpose.

Signature: _____

INVOICE

Invoice will be issued by the hotel. I will provide the necessary indications upon check-out directly to the hotel with regards to the heading of the invoice. The hotel will therefore issue the invoice for the charges agreed.

Date _____ Signature _____



Grand Hotel Palazzo Carpegna

General Information

Location and Language

The 3rd IASSID-Europe Conference will be held during 20th-22nd October, 2010 in the Grand Hotel Palazzo Carpegna and the neighbouring Torre Rossa Park Hotel, in Rome, Italy. The official language is English with simultaneous translation in Italian for the plenary presentations.



Torre Rossa Park Hotel

Travelling to Rome

By plane

Rome has 2 international airports: Leonardo da Vinci International Airport-Fiumicino and Ciampino.

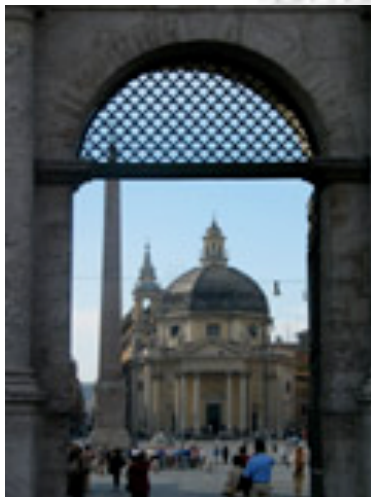
If arriving into Fiumicino Airport, take the express train to the Stazione Termini (Rome's main train station) which takes about 30 minutes. From there, the underground train (Line A) can be taken to Cornelia, which is only 300 metres from the Grand Hotel Palazzo Carpegna. Taxis from Fiumicino Airport cost approximately 50 Euros; taxis from Termini cost approximately 25 Euros.

By train

If arriving by train at the main railway station (Stazione Termini), take an underground train (Line A) to Cornelia, which is only 300 metres from the Grand Hotel Palazzo Carpegna.

By road

If you come by car, take the ring road exit number one (Città del Vaticano- Aurelio)



Piazza del Popolo

Time: Rome is one hour ahead of GMT

Climate: In October, Rome is warm and pleasant.

Temperature: Average temperature is about 18° C

Visa and Passport: From the EU: a valid identity card or passport is required. From other countries: please ask your travel agent. If you need a letter of invitation in order to apply for a visa, you can request one to be sent to you when you register.

Web Site

You will find information on the 3rd IASSID-Europe Conference on the IASSID website at www.iassid.org.