

CURRICULUM VITAE



1. **Family name:** Kostikj - Ivanovikj
2. **First names:** Vesna
3. **Date of birth:** 27.03.1976
4. **Nationality:** Macedonian
5. **Civil status:** Married
6. **Education:**

Institution [Date from – Date to]	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:
Institute of special education and rehabilitation on the Faculty of Philosophy -University „Ss. Cyril and Methodius“ – Skopje (2010 – 2014)	Ph.D in Special Education and Rehabilitation , (May, 2014) doctoral dissertation on the topic: “Quality of life in adults with intellectual disabilities from different living conditions”
Institute of special education and rehabilitation on the Faculty of Philosophy -University „Ss. Cyril and Methodius“ – Skopje (2004 – 2009)	M.A. in Special Education and Rehabilitation , (January, 2009) defended a master's thesis on the topic: "Behavioral problems in children with mild and moderate intellectual disabilities"
Institute of special education and rehabilitation on the Faculty of Philosophy -University „Ss. Cyril and Methodius“ – Skopje (1994 – 1999)	B.A. in Special Education and Rehabilitation , (June, 1999) defended graduation thesis on the topic: "Problems in the vocabulary of children with impaired hearing"

7. Language skills: on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 – excellent; 5 – basic)

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
Macedonian	Mother Tongue	Mother Tongue	Mother Tongue
English	1	1	1
Serbian/Croatian	1	1	1
Bulgarian	2	3	3

8. Membership of professional bodies:

- member of the Macedonian Scientific Society for Autism
- member of the Macedonian Montessori Association
- member of the Union of special educators and rehabilitators of R. Macedonia
- member of the editorial board of the Periodical of the Union of special educators and rehabilitators of R. Macedonia – “Special education and rehabilitation”
- president of the Syndicate organization of the Special School “D-r Zlatan Sremec” within the Syndicate of education and science of the R. Macedonia

9. Other skills:

- Very good theoretical and practical experience in special education and treatment of children with intellectual disabilities,
- Very good practical and theoretical experience in treatment and education of children with behaviour disorders and problems in the adaptive behaviour,
- Very good practical and theoretical experience in education and treatment of children with autism,
- Very good experience in inclusive education of children with special educational needs,
- Experience in Montessori pedagogy in the Macedonian Montessori Association,
- Rich experience in researches in the area of developmental disabilities especially in the area of quality of life, independent and supported living, independent making choices and self-determination,
- Experience in researches in the area of the family quality of life for families of autistic children, children with intellectual disabilities and other types of disabilities,
- Very good experience in MS Word, Excel, Internet Explorer, Power Point, Social Networks,
- Very good interpersonal communication skills.

10. Present position:

Special educator in a Special school for children with intellectual disabilities and children with autism "D-r Zlatan Sremec" from Skopje.

11. Years within the firm:

16 years

12. Professional experience:

Date from – Date to	Location	Company	Position	Description
Since 15.10.1999	Skopje	Special school “D-r Zlatan Sremec”	Special educator and rehabilitator	Education and rehabilitation of children with intellectual disability, autism, behaviour disorders and multiple disabilities

13. Other Professional Experience (project participation):

Date from – Date to	Location	Company	Position	Description
Nov. 2000 to Dec. 2001	Skopje	UNICEF Project	Presenter of the informative program about characteristics of students with disabilities in inclusive schools	Enhancing the inclusive education of students with special needs
Nov. 2002 to March 2005	Skopje	Tempus Fare Project	Representative of the Special school “D-r Zlatan Sremec”	Attending several study visits on a topic of special and inclusive education in Holland, Germany; training about video interaction in education and workshops as a part of the project
May 2005 to May 2007	Skopje	Union of special educa- tors and rehabilitators of R. Macedonia	Presidency member	Attending meetings, professional events
May 2009 to May 2013	Skopje	Union of special educa- tors and rehabilitators of R. Macedonia	Chairman of the board of the special educators who work with persons with mild intellectual disability	Contacts, meetings, providing solutions and solving problems of special educators who work with persons with mild intellectual disability

Date from – Date to	Location	Company	Position	Description
June 2011	Skopje	Bureau for Development of Education Ministry of Education	Local Short Term Expert	Creating curriculums for students with intellectual and multiple disabilities
March 2014 -	Sintra, Portugal	National agency for European educative programs and mobility	Participant in a study visit	Study visit on a topic: A view on inclusive practices

14. Other relevant information: (CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, COURSES)

May 1995 - Seminar for autism - Institute for Education and Rehabilitation, Ohrid, Macedonia;
November 1996 – First Symposium of Special educators and rehabilitators on the topic “Early detection, diagnostic, treatment and preschool education of children with special needs”;
May 2000 – Workshop “Children with autism and their treatment”, Skopje, Macedonia;
October 2002 - Seminar “Non-violent solving of the conflicts”, Skopje, Macedonia;
December 2002 – Seminar “Preventing the abuse of school age children”, Skopje, Macedonia;
January 2003 - training “Video interaction”, Skopje, Macedonia;
September 2003 - International conference- Institute of Special Education and Rehabilitation on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Institute, Ohrid, Macedonia;
May 2005 –Workshop “Where we now with autism in Macedonia?”, Skopje, Macedonia;
April 2007 – Accessibility of social services for people with disabilities in Southern Eastern Europe, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia;
October 2008 – International conference: “Role of the special educator and rehabilitator in the institutional and uninstitutional treatment of the children with special needs”, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia;
November 2008 – Workshop: Social inclusion of People with Disabilities, Skopje, Macedonia;
March 2010 – IASSID workshop: “Aging of persons with intellectual disability”, Skopje, Macedonia;
May 2010 – International conference: “60 years Education, Rehabilitation, and Employment of the People with Disabilities in the Republic of Macedonia, Bitola, Macedonia;
October 2010 – EASPD conference: “Towards community living: current realities – future challenges”, Skopje, Macedonia;
April 2011 – Symposium: “Autism spectrum disorders-diagnosis, early intervention, prevention”, Skopje, Macedonia;
August 2011 - Seminar: “Early intervention: preventive and challenges of early childhood”, Skopje, Macedonia;
October 2013 – 4th International conference – Institute of Special Education and Rehabilitation: “Modern aspects of special education and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities”, Ohrid, Macedonia;
May 2014 – First symposium for pervasive developmental disorders: “Scientific achievements in order to practice”, Struga, Macedonia;
June 2015 - VI International scientific conference on a topic: "Enhancing the quality of life of children and youth", Ohrid, Macedonia;
October 2015 - Conference with international participation on a topic: "Team approach in the medical rehabilitation of children with disabilities", Gostivar, R. Macedonia.

15. References:

Special Education and Rehabilitation (2000, 2004, 2009); Proceedings of papers from International Conferences organized by the Institute for Education and Rehabilitation - Faculty of Philosophy (2003, 2008, 2013); Proceedings of the Symposium for pervasive developmental disorders (2014); Proceedings from the International Conference on a topic "Enhancing the quality of life of children and youth" (2015); Proceedings of the conference on a topic "Team approach in the medical rehabilitation of children with disabilities" (2015).