

# **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the MSSA**

(For the period December 2010-December 2011)

MSSA Annual Meeting was held on 23.12.2011 in the hall for meetings of the Faculty of Philosophy in Skopje. The annual meeting was attended by: prof. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski, prof. Dr. Nada Pop-Jordanova, Doc. Dr. Zoran Kitkanj, prof. Dr. Ljupco Ajdinski, prof. Dr. Dragoslav Kopachev, PhD Ana Frichand, Mr. Vladimir Ilievski, Mr. Jasmina Ivanovska-Troshanska, Tatiana Zorhec, M.Sc. Natasha Stanojkovski-Trajkovska, Zivka Dimitrovska, Kalina Joncevski, Prof. Aneta Demerdzhieva, Rosalia Davkovska, Ana Karevska, Ivana Vasilevska, Hristina Mitreva, Frosina Jovanovska, Nikolce Nesevski, Emilia Georgieva, Mary Stamenkovska, Ana Petkovska, Snezana Cvetkovska, Tatjana Nasevska-Zodevska, Zivka Panova-Sazdova, Anna Bumbova – Jovanovska, Dita Tortes, Sonja Djokovic, Maria Shushevska Petrova, Sanja Manchevski, Silvana Markovska, Natasha Jovanovska, Mimi Batandzhieva, Bisera Mladenovska, Tanja Stankova, Katerina Todorova and Peco Stojanovski.

Annual Meeting officially started at 13.00 h. with the following

## **Agenda**

### **1. Approval of the minutes of the Assembly of MSSA from 18.02.2011.**

After the vote the report was unanimously adopted by the participants.

### **2. Admission of new members to the MSSA.**

For this item of the agenda the president announced how many users have reported that there is a significant increase in members this year. Then followed the presentation of new members joining the MSSA, and those members who are reported, and are not present will be considered at the next meeting. New members joining the MSSA: Ivana Vasilevska, Hristina Mitreva, Frosina Jovanovska, Nikolce Nesevski, Emilia Georgieva, Mary Stamenkovska, Ana Petkovska, Zivka Panova Sazdova, Sonja Djokovic, Sanja Manchevski, Silvana Markovska Simoska, Natasha Jovanovska, Mimi Batandzhieva, Tanja Stankova, Snezana Cvetkovska, Anna Bumbova Jovanovska while Katerina Todorova and Anna Frichand reported last year, and this year become members of MSSA.

### **3. Choosing a secretary and a new member of the EB**

For this item of the agenda, PhD. Dr. V.Trajkovski explained that the current Secretary give a resignation to this position because of exceptional circumstances and for a new Secretary is proposed Ana Petkovska. The motion unanimously passed. Also, Prof.. Dr. Trajkovski explained that in the future the Secretary should be employed by Ministry of Labour and Social Policy.

#### **4. MSSA Annual Report 2011**

This timetable was designed to present a report on the work of MSSA in 2011 where indicated the following activities:

- Adopted a new Statute MSSA 18.02.2011
- Programme against Money Laundering was adopted in February 2011
- Made a re-registration of the association complies with the latest Law on Citizens' Associations in February 2011
- Held a celebration on the occasion of the international day of persons with autism in front of the Memorial House of Mother Teresa 04/02/2011
- Co-organizer of the symposium: "autistic spectrum disorders-diagnosis, early intervention, prevention," along with the Association of Psychiatrists of the Republic. Macedonia. Prof. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski appearances with the topic: "Prevention of Autism" 13/04/2011
- participation of Rosalia Davkovska at international student Rehabilitation seminar in Belgrade, Serbia from 15-18.04.2011
- Prof. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski lecturer on debate in Stip on theme: "Autism is a public health problem in Macedonia" 13.05.2011
- Prof. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski lecturer: "Early intervention: prevention and early childhood challenges", theme: "Early childhood intervention in autism", Skopje, Macedonia 29.08.2011.
- Defense-graduate thesis Marina Gjorgjievska entitled: "Characteristics of the behavior of children with autism in the home and school environment" 09/15/2011
- Participation of prof. Dr. Nada Pop Jordanova and prof. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski on project meeting in the framework of the project "Strengthening the scientific studies on early autism" COST program in Padua, Italy, 18-20.09.2011
- Active doctoral thesis at the Institute of Special Education of Mr. Jasmina Troshanska entitled: "Problems in the processing and integration of sensory stimulation in children with autism" in September 2011.
- The organizers of debate "Down syndrome - a challenge for parents, support for mature society" in cooperation with Trisomy 21 from Zagreb held in a large amphitheater of the Faculty of Philosophy 15.10.2011
- Participation of Mr. Jasmina Troshanska on Symposium "Understanding the special needs of children with autistic spectrum disorders" 05/11/2011

- The organizers of the seminar: "TEACCH similar methods in the treatment of autism", held in library of Institute of Special Education from 11.11-12.11.2011
- The organizers of the seminar: "PECS: a review", Hall sessions, Faculty of Philosophy 21.12.2011
- Published a textbook titled "Autism and pervasive developmental disorders" - Prof. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski
- Published paper titled "Family status of parents of children with autism"- Rosalia Davkovska, Prof. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski
- Published paper titled "Childhood Autism-urgent problem"-Prof. Dr. Nada Pop-Jordanova

## **5. Financial Report for 2011**

Fifth item on the agenda was related to the financial report for 2011 and it was presented by Mr. Jasmina Ivanovska-Troshanska. The account balance at the end of 2010 was (7650.5 MKD), total income (30 027 MKD), total (25,786 MKD), the current account position is (11.892.5 MKD). The financial report was accepted by the audience.

## **6. Program of work of the assembly in 2012.**

This timetable was designed for the presentation of the work program of the assembly in 2012. Prof. Trajkovski explained that during the 2012 MSSA plans to perform several activities:

- Detection of new cases of autism;
- Proposed new autism projects;
- Running in joint projects with Macedonian platform to combat poverty, CIRA and others;
- Celebration of International Day of Persons with Autism April 2;
- Intensification of cooperation with the local government;
- Organizing educational seminar on a specific method in the treatment of autism with the financial support of the Austrian Embassy in the Republic. Macedonia;
- Invitation distinguished lecturer from the U.S. or the EU to speak about autism;
- Selected several master works associated with autism by members of MSSA;
- Publication of at least one paper on autism in foreign journals;
- Activities for establishment of a national register for autism.

After presenting the program, Zivka Panova Sazdova give a proposal for the formation of mini teams that will work on several areas: education projects, seminars and symposium. MSSA

President accepted the proposal and urged audience members to engage on this issue. After this vote adopted the work program MSSA 2012.

## **7. Autism and comorbidity-Prof. Dr. Mary Raleva**

Seventh item on the agenda was designed for lecture by prof. Dr. Mary Raleva on "Autism and comorbidity." Following the lecture open discussion in which word taken prof. Dr. Dragoslav Kopachev, prof. Dr. Nada Pop-Jordanova and Dr. Mary Boskovski.

## **8. Various**

The last point Various, Mr. Vladimir Ilievski said it has visited training on how you can apply projects of civic associations. Zivka Dimitrovska comment on the absence of Center for Autism and Prof. Trajkovski address that MSSA still will strive to support the idea of opening a Center for Autism. Zivka Panova Sazdova noted that there are shortcomings in the school program for children with autism. Mr. Trshanska give an explanation that says that programs should be the same for all. Mr. Ilievski give a proposal to make the forum will be attended by the Minister of Education, BDE, UNICEF, government and NGOs, the WHO Office. This activity could be done on 2nd April on the occasion of World Autism Day.

After exhaustion of the items of the agenda, prof. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski thanked the attendees for their participation of Annual Meeting and wished them a happy and successful 2012.

Date:

26.12.2011

Minutes taken by:

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