

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the MSSA

(For the period December 2012-December 2013)

MSSA Annual Meeting was held on 21.12.2013 in the library of the Institute of Special Education and Rehabilitation in Skopje. The annual meeting was attended by: prof. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski, prof. Dr. Risto Petrov, Doc. Dr. Zoran Kitkanj, prof. Dr. Daniela Dimitrova-Radojicic, Doc. Dr. Natasa Cicevska-Jovanova, Dr. Silvana Markovska-Simonovska, Mr. Jasmina Ivanovska-Troshanska, M.Sc. Natasha Stanojkovski-Trajkovska, M.Sc. Olivera Rashic-Canevska, M.Sc. Magdalena Dimkova Velevska, Ana Petkovska, Rozalija Davkovska, Bisera Mladenovska, Marija Jakimovska, Katerina Todorova, Meri Stamenkova, Emilija Georgieva, Peco Stojanovski, Natasha Jovanovska, Slavica Todorova, Tatjana N. Zodevska, Snezana Cvetkovska.

Justified absent were: prof. Dr. Ljupcho Ajdinski, prof. Dr. Dragoslav Kopachev, prof. Dr. Nada Pop Jordanova and Mr. Vladimir Ilievski.

Annual Meeting officially started at 13.00 h. with the following

Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes of the Assembly of MSSA from 23.12.2012.

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 that this year has reported only one member Maria Jakimovska followed with her presentation.

3. Report od MSSA activities

01.04.2012 - held sports futsal tournament for the International Day of Persons with Autism in the sports hall "Macedonian Sun".

02.04.2012 - Prof. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski held speech on Square Macedonia on the occasion of the World Day of Persons with Autism, organized by the association "In my world".

29.05.-01.06.2012 - Within COST BM1004 project *Advancing research on early autism* was held a meeting of the Board of Directors and working groups in Tours, France from May 29 to June 1, and actively participated Acad. Pop-Jordanova Nada and Dr. Markovska Simoska Silvana. Presented the activities of the Department neuroinformatics at MASA, especially instruments psychometric as those for assessing brain function, with particular emphasis on biofeedback methodology.

30.05-01.06.2012 - Participation in the international congress dedicated to autism (IRIA), which were held in parallel and which was presented paper titled: Autism, challenge for psychophysiological research

09.09-19.09.2012 - By Dr. Silvana Markovska-Simoska was realized short-term research stay (STSM) Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Clinic in Pisa, Italy, with the working title “Neurophysiological endophenotypes and neurofeedback treatment in children with autism spectrum disorder”.

01.10.-06.10.2012 – Participation of Dr. Silvana Markovska Simoska on a training school “Novel Methods in Developmental Research” in Uppsala Child and Babylab, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden.

20.09.2012 - MSSA co-organizer of the event, "Let me show you what I know" - organized by the Macedonian-American Alumni Association.

10.10.2012 - co-organizer of the symposium: “Diagnosis and treatment of autism” with company Demax New.

05.11.2012 – Participation of Acad. prof. Dr. Nada Pop Jordanova and start meeting within the project “Strengthening scientific studies early autism” COST program in Ghent, Belgium.

16.11.2012 – MSSA in a brochure Autism Europe, where Skopje is placed on the map of European cities that delineated World Autism Day.

Participation in seminars and conferences at home and abroad:

1. Pop-Jordanova N. Markovska-Simoska S. Autism - a challenge for electrophysiological research, International Conference on Innovative Research in Autism, May 30-June 1st, Tours, France, Proceedings: p. 67
2. Markovska-Simoska S. QEEG characteristics and spectrum weighted frequency for children diagnosed as autistic spectrum disorder, 2nd MC and WG Meeting of COST Action BM1004 (ESSEA), Tours, France, 29-30 May, 2012.
3. Trajkovski V. Epigenetics of autism spectrum disorders. Book of abstracts – 32nd Balkan Medical Week. Nish, 21-23 September, 2012; O56.
4. Pop Jordanova N. Neurofeedback and autism. Section for autism. Dare Dzambaz, Skopje, 10.10.2012.
5. Trajkovski V. Biomedical treatment of autism. Section for autism. Dare Dzambaz, Skopje, 10.10.2012.
6. Pop Jordanova N. Autism or autistic features in association with different rare diseases. Rare diseases in Southern-Eastern Europe. MASA. 15-17 November 2012.

4. Financial Report for 2011

The fourth item on the agenda concerned the financial report for 2012 and it was presented by Mr. Olivera-Canevska Rasic. Account balance at the end of 2011 was (11.891.5 MKD), total revenue (6014 MKD), the total expenditure will, the current account balance equals (17.905.5 MKD). The financial report was accepted by the audience.

5. Work Programme of the assembly in 2013

The program of the Assembly in 2013 presented by Mr. Jasmina Ivanovska Troshanska where Macedonian Scientific Society for Autism plans to perform several activities:

- Discovery of new cases of autism;
- Proposed new projects for autism;
- Establish a meeting with the President of the Republic of Macedonia, Mr. Dr. Ivanov and request his support for our activities;
- Celebrating the International Day of Persons with Autism April 2
- Participation of our members in the international congress organized by Autism Europe;
- Intensify cooperation with the local government;
- Invitation to eminent speaker from the U.S. or the EU to speak about autism;
- Selected works of several masters associated with autism by members of MSSA;
- Publication of at least one paper on autism in foreign journals;
- Activities for the establishment of a national register of autism in RM;

Prof. Dr. Risto Petrov added that 2013 will be a crucial opening day center for children with autism. I finished the study in the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy and is expected soon opening. You should give it clear that science should not be isolated if they do not distance us, we should not be turning.

Prof. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski stated that next year should mark a new idea for the April- 2nd World Day of Persons with Autism and that would be the best in 2013 to organize a seminar or debate.

6 Information for a New Year party

MSSA President explained the plan of two parties. First Christmas party organized by the Rotary Club - Cyril and Methodius, Skopje and MSSA, and will be held on 12.22.2012 in the children's playroom Astera 12 to 14 hours. Are expected to attend 35 families of children with autism, and the children are provided with packets of didactic materials. After the event is expected to tour the MSSA President and President of the Rotary Club of television programs. The second is a Christmas party organized by the Municipality of Centar Skopje which will be held on 12.26.2012 at the Square in Hotel Jadran. The party is planned for all children with disabilities. Both parties are designed for children up to 12 years.

7. Replace with new active members

Due to inactivity and non attending meetings resolves MA Tatyana Zorhec position of member of the executive board and replaced with Bisera Mladenovska.

For this decision voted all members, and only two were against Doc. Dr. Zoran Kitkanj and prof. Dr. Daniela Dimitrova - Radojcic.

8. Epigenetika autism

Eighth item on the agenda was designed for lecture by prof. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski on this subject.

9. Various

The last point Miscellaneous none of the participants took no official word so the meeting ended at 14 and 30 h.

After exhaustion of the items on the agenda, prof. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski thanked the audience for participation at the Annual Meeting and wished them a happy and successful 2013.

Date: 21/12/2012

Minutes taken by: Ana Petkovska