

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MACEDONIAN SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATION FOR AUTISM (MSAA)

(for the period December 2024 – December 2025)

16 January 2025 – 29th webinar with Paul Shattock:
“Understanding Autism: From Confusion to Awareness.”

20–24 January 2025 – Tea Petrusheva, MSc Fiki Gaspar, and Prof. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski participated in a training course in Adana, Turkey, within the project *“Supporting Students with ASD through Physical Education.”*

03 March 2025 – MSSA organized the seminar *“Supporting Children with Autism through Physical Education”*, held in the meeting hall of the Faculty of Philosophy, with 40 participants.

02 April 2025 – Prof. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski delivered a lecture for students of MMSA at the Faculty of Medicine in Skopje titled:
“Decoding Autism: A Clinical Perspective for Future Medical Doctors.”

9–10 April 2025 – MSSA hosted the second coordination meeting within the project *“Supporting Children with ASD through Physical Education.”*
The event was held at the Holocaust Memorial Center, with 20 participants from Turkey, Lithuania, Latvia, and North Macedonia.

14 April 2025 – Prof. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski and MSc Fiki Gaspar delivered lectures and participated in a panel discussion dedicated to sensory sensitivity in autism, organized by the Municipality of Kisela Voda.

28 April 2025 – Webinar with mother Anabela Dimoska:
“Therapeutic Experiences with the Tomatis Method in Children with Autism through the Perspective of a Parent.”

April 2025 – An online awareness campaign was conducted in observance of **2 April – World Autism Awareness Day**, including multiple appearances on online media portals and television programs.

22 May 2025 – A **Ceremonial Academy** was held to mark **25 years of existence of MSSA**, in the meeting hall of the Faculty of Philosophy in Skopje.

28 May 2025 – The President of MSSA delivered two lectures on autism for the Autism Center in Rezekne, Latvia.

June 2025 – MSSA initiated a research study in cooperation with the Institute of Microbiology and Parasitology, focusing on the examination of the microbiome in children with ASD.

26 June 2025 – The President of MSSA delivered lectures on the topic “*Autism Spectrum Disorder – Religious Inclusion*” within the framework of the *Third International Conference on Religious Dialogue and Cooperation*.

27 July 2025 – The manual “*Autism Spectrum Disorder and Sports: A Guide for Teachers and Educators is now available*” was published. MSSA contributed with one chapter, and the entire manual was translated into Macedonian and made available online on the official website.

20–24 October 2025 – Vesna Filipovska, MSc Tea Petrusheva, MSc Fiki Gaspar, Stojan Andonov, and Prof. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski participated in training on the use of VR glasses for children with ASD in Adana, Turkey, within the project “*Supporting Children with Autism through Physical Education*.”

05 December 2025 – MSSA organized the seminar “*Virtual Reality as an Innovative Approach in Supporting Persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder*” at Primary School “Vlado Tasevski,” with 34 participants.

9–10 December 2025 – MSc Fiki Gaspar and Prof. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski participated in the third project meeting in Istanbul, Turkey, within the project “*Supporting Children with Autism through Physical Education*.”

Scientific Publications (December 2024 – December 2025)

During the reporting period, **one paper in a peer-reviewed journal and one conference abstract** were published:

1. **Wang T., Sharp M., Morella I., Bedogni F., Trajkovski V., Brambilla R., Syed Y.A.**
Mice with 16p11.2 Deletion and Duplication Show Alterations in Biological Processes Associated with White Matter.
International Journal of Molecular Sciences, 2025; 26(2):573.
<https://doi.org/10.3390/ijms26020573>
2. **Trajkovski V.**
Autism spectrum disorder and religious inclusion.
Book of Abstracts, *Third World Conference for Religious Dialogue and Cooperation*
“Religion and the Contemporary Phase of Globalization: Possibilities and Challenges.”
Krushevo, 23–27 June 2025; p. 55.

**President of MSAA,
Prof. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski**