**EBU Low Vision Conference,**

**14-17 June 2018, Slovenia**

**LOW VISION Services, a global right**

**setting the standards in Europe**

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**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Thursday 14 June**

Afternoon - arrival of participants and registration

Welcome drink and networking

19:00 Dinner hosted by the President of the Union of the Blind and Partially Sighted of Slovenia (UBPSS)

**DAY 1 – Friday 15 June**

From 7:30 BREAKFAST

Until 8:30 Late registrations

**SESSION 1: Opening**

9:00 Welcome by UBPSS

9:10 Address by EBU Low Vision team

9:20 Key note address and opening of the conference by the Representative of the Ministry of Health/Employment and Social Affairs

**SESSION 2: Setting the standards for low vision services in Europe**

9:40 The right to dedicated low vision services

 EBU video

9:50 EBU standards for low vision services in Europe:

 - From right to implementation

 EBU low vision team

10:10 WHO international standards for Vision Rehabilitation

 - Chair regional drafting group WHO Europe

Questions/comments

10:45 BREAK

**SESSION 3: Implementing the standards**

A holistic approach

11:15 Functional vision and the need for properly trained low

 vision experts

 Optometrists, specialising in low vision

11:45 Panel discussion: Low vision - not always straight forward - Conversation with people who live with low vision associated with other conditions and the need for a multidisciplinary approach

12:30 Low Vision and fatigue: a reality with impact

 A research presentation

13:00 LUNCH

14:30 Low vision at different stages of the life cycle

 Presentations

 15:30 The new National rehabilitation centre of Slovenia and the role of ophthalmologists in the implementation of the Standards,

 Presentation by Director and Ophthalmologist.

16:00 BREAK

16:30 Support in finding or keeping a job

* presentation from EBU training course on youth employability
* presentation of conclusions from Focus Group meetings on employment - Hurdles and recommendations from participants

Questions/comments

17:00 Conclusions and closure day 1

19:00 DINNER

**DAY 2 - Saturday 16 June**

**SESSION 4: Implementing the standards**

Providing dedicated low vision services in practice

9:30 Workshop: The Rehab Cycle in Practice

 - Low vision expert, Optometrist.

10:15 Workshop: Vision training

 - Specialist, Optometrist.

11:00 BREAK

11:30 Workshop: setting up and managing peer support

 - Local, national and international networks Chair.

Discussion and conclusions session 4.

13:00 LUNCH

**SESSION 5: Implementing the standards**

Inspiration session tools and campaigns

14:30 Good practice: Awareness and Accessibility campaign

 The: ´Yellow the World´ initiative

14:50 Good practice: Low Vision services through national health care - a successful campaign.

15:10 Good practice: Awareness and reaching young people with

 Low vision through a virtual network.

15:30 Good practice: Designing an accessible environment

 Inclusive architecture

 More inspiring examples from participants

16:00 BREAK

16:30 Good practice:

* Leadership training pack
* Practical training of Low Vision specialists - a successful project in 3 European countries

Discussion and conclusions session 5

**SESSION 6: Implementing the standards**

Yes, we can!

17:00 We´ve come a long way - next steps

 - EBU LV team

 A joint commitment of all stakeholders

 EBU Board

18:00 Adoption of conclusions for the Low Vision Declaration 2018, and close

19:00 DINNER

**DAY 3 – Sunday 17 June**

Network tables and Walk & Talk

Departures



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