**LOW VISION Services, a Global Right**

**Setting the Standards in Europe**

 **EBU Low Vision Conference**

**14-17 June 2018, Laško, Slovenia**

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**Venue:** Hotel Thermana Park Laško

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**PROGRAMME**

**Thursday 14 June**

Afternoon - arrival and registration

Welcome - drink and networking

**19:00 Dinner**

**DAY 1 – Friday 15 June**

**From 7:30** **BREAKFAST**

**Until 8:30** Late registrations

**SESSION 1: Opening**

**9:00 Welcome by EBU**

Ms Bárbara Martín Muñoz, EBU Second Vice-President

 **Welcome by the Union of the Blind and Partially Sighted of Slovenia**

 Mr Matej Žnuderl, President and Mr Safet Baltić, International Affairs

**9:10 Address by EBU Low Vision team coordinator**

 Ms Elaine Howley

**9:20 Key note address and opening of the conference by the representative of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Slovenia**

 Ms Ana Medved, State Secretary

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

**9:40** **The right to dedicated low vision services**

 EBU Low Vision Video ´Impact& Action´ (1)

**9:50 EBU standards for low vision services in Europe - from right to implementation**

 Ms Barbara Krejči Piry and Ms Birgitta Blokland, EBU Low Vision Team

**SESSION 3: Implementing the standards**

 **A holistic approach**

**10:10 The role of ophthalmologists in the implementation of the Standards for low vision services**

 Ms Makedonka Atanasovska Velkovska, Ophthalmologist and Ms Eva Škrlec Velkavrh, Tiflopedagogist, University Medical Centre Ljubljana – Eye Clinic

**10:30 Questions/comments**

**10:45 BREAK**

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

 Ms Susanne Trefzer, Optometrist and Head of the Competence Centre in Low Vision at SNAB, Switzerland

**11:45 Panel discussion: Low vision - not always as straightforward as you think**

 Panellists with low vision associated with other conditions show the need for a multi-disciplinary approach.

 Discussion leader: Mr Krister Inde, Low Vision Expert, Sweden

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

 **Research and practice**

 Ms Joyce van Boven, Optometrist and Low Vision Specialist at Royal VISIO, The Netherlands

**13:00 LUNCH**

**14:30 Low vision approaches at different stages in the life cycle**

A 3-step model at LVC in Sweden, complementary means and models

 Mr Krister Inde, Low Vision Expert, Sweden

**15:15 Students with low vision**

 Ms Alenka Gajšt, Disability Support Coordinator at the Slovenian Association of Disabled students

**15:30 Support in finding or keeping a job**

The EBU training course on youth employability

 Ms Anja Uršič, Participant from Slovenia

 Hurdles and recommendations and conclusions from focus group meetings on employment in Ireland

 Ms Mary Theresa Cahill Kennedy, Disability Advocate, Ireland

**16:00 BREAK**

**16:30 WHO international standards for Vision Rehabilitation**

 Mr Filippo Amore, Ophthalmologist and Director at the National Centre for Vision Rehabilitation, Italy

**16:50 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 1: The Rehabilitation Cycle in Practice**

 Ms Joyce van Boven, Optometrist and Low Vision Specialist at Royal VISIO, The Netherlands

**10:15 Workshop 2: Vision training**

 Ms Susanne Trefzer, Optometrist and Head of the Competence Centre in Low Vision at SNAB, Switzerland

**11:00 BREAK**

**11:30 Workshop 3: Setting up and managing peer support**

 Ms Susanne Tarp, Chair of the Frederiksberg Disability Council and the DAB regional branch, Denmark

**12:30 Discussion and conclusions of session 4**

**13:00 LUNCH**

**SESSION 5: Implementing the standards**

 **Inspiration session tools and campaigns**

**14:30 Good practice: Awareness and Accessibility Campaigning**

 The “NoisyVision initiative”

 Mr Dario Sorgato, Founder and President of NoisyVision Onlus, Italy/Germany

**15:00 Good practice: Designing an accessible environment**

 **Inclusive architecture**

 Ms Andreja Albreht, Landscape Architect, Slovenia

**15:15 Inspiring good practice examples from participants**

 (Bring good initiatives from your country that work, and share them with the EBU LV conference audience!)

**15:30 Good practice: Training Low Vision specialists - a successful project in 3 European countries**

 Ms Susanne Trefzer, Optometrist and Head of the Competence Centre in Low Vision at SNAB, Switzerland

**15:45 Good practice: Empowerment**

 **Leadership training pack**

Ms Susanne Tarp, Chair of the Frederiksberg Disability Council and the DAB regional branch, Denmark

**16:00 BREAK**

**16:30 Thirteenth international Vision Conference, Ireland 2020**

Ms Geraldine Neill, VISPA, Vision Impaired Service Providers Alliance.

**16:40 EBU low Vision Video ´Impact& Action´ (2)**

**Discussion and conclusions of session 5**

**SESSION 6: Implementing the standards**

 **Yes, we can!**

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

Ms Elaine Howley, EBU Low Vision Team Coordinator

**17:30 A joint commitment of all stakeholders**

Ms Bárbara Martín Muñoz, EBU Second Vice-President

**17:45 Adoption of conclusions for the Low Vision Declaration 2018**

**18:00 Closure of the Conference**

**19:00 DINNER**

**DAY 3 – Sunday 17 June**

Network tables and Walk &Talk

**Departures**



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