

AIAS Bologna onlus & the University of Bologna

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the international conference

Assistive Technology and Lifelong Learning in Italy and in Europe

Friday, March 23rd 2007, 9.30-17.30

Conference Room of the Legislative Assembly of the Region Emilia-Romagna

Viale Aldo Moro 50, Bologna (Italy)

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Introduction

This conference is suitable for all those interested in education and training in Assistive Technology (AT) throughout Italy and the rest of Europe. This includes delegates from;

- Universities
- Assistive technology centres
- Vocational training institutes
- Organisations providing health and social care
- Professional bodies
- Organisations representing the interests of people with disabilities
- Statutory organisations and their policy makers
- Companies producing and selling assistive aids
- Individual professionals in health, education and social services

The conclusion of the *Keeping Pace with Assistive Technology* Project provides the opportunity to meet and discuss significant AT education and training experiences within Europe and to discuss strategies to further develop this important field of learning.

The morning session will be introductory and the KPT project outcomes will be presented. The afternoon session is dedicated to key Italian and European initiatives in AT Education and Training. This session will focus on:

- The rationale and the motivation behind the initiatives
- The impact of the training needs on the design of the courses
- The results obtained
- The lessons learned by the promoters
- The sustainability of the courses.

This conference will be valuable for AT learning programme organisers, and will contribute to the development of policy and cultural awareness concerning lifelong learning in AT for the benefit of people with disabilities.

Other relevant information

Languages: Italian and English with simultaneous translation.

Bologna is a marvellous city and has excellent flight connections with major European destinations.

For any information or support in booking accommodation, please contact: Eleonora Ravaglia (eravaglia@ausilioteca.org).

Visit www.at4inclusion.org/kpt for more information and news updates.

PROGRAMME

9.30 **Arrival**

10.00 **Morning session:** Chair: Claudio Bitelli (*Head of Ausilioteca AIAS Bologna onlus and President of GLIC*)

Greetings and introductory comments

Giovanni Bissoni (*Councillor for Health Policies of the Region Emilia Romagna*)

Paolo Rebaudengo (*Councillor for Education, Training, Labour Policies of the Province of Bologna*)

Andrea Canevaro (*Professor Special Education and delegate of the Rector Magnificus of the University of Bologna for students with disabilities*)

Pietro Barbieri (*President of the Italian Federation of Disability Organisations*)

Enrica Pietra Lenzi (*President of AIAS Bologna onlus*)

Giancarlo Marostica (*Director of the programme "Disability" of the public health care agency of Bologna*)

The advancement of AT education and training: a European perspective

Gerald Craddock (*President of AAATE, Association for the Advancement of Assistive Technology in Europe*)

The KPT project

Project outline and main achievements

Evert-Jan Hoogerwerf (*Ausilioteca, AIAS Bologna onlus*)

The Training Needs Analysis: Results of a survey involving professionals in 4 European regions

Michael Clarke and Steven Bloch (*University College London, UK*)

Guidelines for the development of learning programmes

Ann Gresswell (*ACE Centre, UK*)

Examples of learning programmes developed within the project

Dorien Vandenborre (*Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, B*)

Distribution of the booklet containing the Guidelines

13.00 **Lunch break**

14.30 **Afternoon session:** Chair: Massimo Guerreschi (*Centro@usili, IRCCS E. Medea, Ass. La Nostra Famiglia*)

AT education and training: exchange of experiences

Presentations of:

Centre of Rehabilitation Engineering (CORE) King's College London – Donna Cowan
Masters in Assistive Technology

Fondazione Don Carlo Gnocchi onlus/Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Rome) - Renzo Andrich
Technology for autonomy and the social integration of people with disabilities. Corso di
perfezionamento

University of Trieste - Fiorenza Scotti
University Master in Assistive Technology

University of Bologna - Tullio Maccarrone
Master Technology for the quality of life

Modem Computer en Communicatie Centrum – Dirk Lembrechts
Collaboration between an AT Centre and a University

Centro Benedetta d'Intino onlus - Aurelia Rivarola
The school for AAC

Central Remedial Clinic - Trish McKeogh
The development of AT competency among professionals with disabilities – The Aphrodite project

Centro Regionale Ausili - Claudio Bitelli
Training programmes for the network of local service delivering teams in Emilia Romagna

Discussion

17.30 **Finish**

Other contributions, flyers, course information delivered in time will be distributed in the documentation accompanying the conference.