



November 2023

International Congress - IAACD / EACD in Heidelberg, Germany from June 24th to 28th 2025

Save the date – and preliminary information on calls and deadlines

Dear Committee members, Members of the international and national supporting networks,

We have the pleasure and the honour to inform you that the combined congress of the European Academy together with the International Alliance of Academies of Childhood Disability (EACD-IAACD) from Tuesday 24th June to Saturday 28th June, 2025, the "World Congress" for disabilities and developmental disorders will take place in Heidelberg, Germany. This event is a rare global event of multiple professional groups focusing on the research, clinical care and support for individuals with childhood-onset disabilities. People with lived experience, families and stakeholders will be actively involved.

The EACD / IAACD 2025 conference will be a hybrid congress held onsite at the new Heidelberg Congress Centre. The online transmission during daytime will also be supported by 24hour-online live sessions on 26th and 27th June enabling for the first time active worldwide participation.

The EACD-IAACD meeting will encourage active multidisciplinary participation of researchers, clinicians and experts as well as the input of persons with lived experiences, their caregivers and stakeholders. Please find attached a first information of calls, deadlines and registrations and forward this flyer to all your networks.

In terms of content, the congress covers a wide spectrum, from infants, children, youth and adults with Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorders, Down syndrome, rare genetic disorders, congenital progressive neurological disorders, Spina Bifida, Tourette syndrome, Intellectual Disability, and other developmental disorders including eating disorders, epilepsies and congenital malformations. The latest evidence- based early identification, early intervention, therapeutic, rehabilitation and technological options including assistive devices, drug therapies, gene therapies and non-medical treatment options including solutions in the areas of nutrition, communication, daily functioning, social inclusion, participation and quality of life will be addressed.

Finally, we invite you to join our social media and our website. Within the next weeks we will commence the weekly presentation of video clips from our visiting project of countries around the world with over 70 interviews with professionals and persons with lived experiences, caregivers and stakeholders talking about their views, challenges and wishes in the field of child-onset disabilities.

Yours sincerely

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