

# CONFERENCE 

Educational and Local Support Services for Children with Learning Differences

# Annual Information Day 

A One Stop Resource for Parents, Educators and Specialists

Saturday, 6 October 2012
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Avenue Louis-Casia 75
1216 Geneva
9:30-15:00
www.allspecialkids.org
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- To give children with special needs the best chance to integrate into society with the understanding and respect all individuals deserve
- To help children with special needs reach their full potential and become active citizens

The Importance of Full Sensory
ASKWS01 Processing Assessment for Learning Challenges Alan Heath

It is vital to understand that labels such as Dyslexia, ADHD, Dyspraxia, Autism and others are used to describe a set of behavioural or cognitive symptoms. Assessment conducted on a sensory level looks at how well we are actually able to listen, process visual information and combine this with the other senses. Such assessment allows for remediation to improve sensory processing rather than only developing strategies to work round particular learning difficulties.
Age Group: 3 to 18 years

| 14h-15h | Therapy Enabling Optimal Child <br>  <br> Development - Introdution to First | ASKWS02 |
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|  | Step method - Shai Silberbusch |  |
|  | Founder of First Step Method | First Step Center |

The holistic approach of the 'First Step' method pays attention to the correlation between the psychomotor development, the sensory system, the skeletal and muscular systems and the level of physical and human interaction of the child with the environment. It is an individual therapy that is adapted to the need of each child. During presentation we will present the therapeutic approach through the work with Swiss families, supported by video.
www.firststepmethod.com - First Step Center, Tel Aviv, Israel.
Age Group: Birth to 5 years

9:30

9:50

Welcome and Introduction Siân Dureau, MC, Project Manager - Annual Information Day

## Speakers/Presenters:

# Early Intervention 0-4 years - S.E.I. (Service Educatif Itinérant) <br> Valentine Berdat \& Christine Caldognetto; Psychologists 

10:30 Multidisciplinary Consultation:
The team members and their function
Dr François Hentsch; Médecin-adjoint, S.P.E.A. - HUG
Psycho-Developmental Multidisciplinary Consultation

11:00 Geneva Education System and its Support Services for Children with Special Needs \& Learning Difficulties Professor Stephan Eliez; Director General, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Special Education, Office médico-pédagogique (OMP), Department of Education, Geneva

11:30 Neuro-paediatric Consultations: Learning Difficulties, Handicaps, Neuro-Genetic Disorders and Epilepsy Dr Joel Fluss; Médecin-adjoint, Pediatric Neurology, Children's Hospital, HUG

12:00 Questions and Answers in French \& English Podium - all five presenters Moderator - Diana Smith, ASK Board Member

Closing Remarks
Joy Tong, President of ASK- All Special Kids

12:30-13:30 Lunch Served in Foyer

12:30-15:00 Information Stands in Foyer open to General Public

## Professor Stephan Eliez

Department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine, Geneva University Director General, Outpatient Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Special Education (Office médico-pédagogique (OMP), Department of Education, Geneva
After medical studies and clinical training in child psychiatry in Geneva, Pr. Eliez furthered his training in neurosciences at Stanford University from 1997 to 2001. Here he specialised in the use of new brain imaging techniques. He uses these methods to better understand the link between the structure and functioning of the brain and children's learning difficulties or psychological disorders.
Professor at the School of Medicine, in the Psychiatric Department at Geneva University, he spends his time between the management of the Schools' Medical Service of Geneva, research and teaching.

## Valentine Berdat \& Cristina Caldognetto

Psychologists , Mobile Educational Service, Geneva, (Service Éducatif Itinérant S.E.I.)

SEI is part of ASTURAL, an association for young people 13 psychologists work there. They offer specialised early intervention for 0-4 year old children, a support to families and networking with other professionals.
There are three kinds of missions:

- Weekly sessions of developmental stimulation with play at the children's home. These children present deficiencies, developmental delay, behavioural disorders, etc. Psychologists always work in the presence of parents, sometimes with brothers and sisters;
- Preventive measures in vulnerable families;
- Interventions in pre-school structures (nurseries and kindergartens), to support the educational team with integration difficulties


## Dr Joel Fluss

Médecin-adjoint, Pediatric Neurology, Children's Hospital - HUG
Dr Fluss carries out:

- Neuro-paediatric consultations dealing with learning difficulties, handicaps, neurogenetic disorders, and epilepsy
- Specific consultations on neuro-muscular illnesses and neurological foetal problems
- Hospital consultations for internal patients presenting various neurological problems
- Research on paediatric cerebrovascular accidents and neuropsychology


## Dr François Hentsch

Médecin-adjoint, S.P.E.A.-HUG
Psycho-Developmental Multidisciplinary Consultation
Dr. Hentsch is a child psychiatrist and Médecin-adjoint, responsible for this multidisciplinary consultation that comes under the Service of Child Psychiatry, Childrens' and Adolescents' Psychiatric Department, at the University Hospital of Geneva (HUG).
The multidisciplinary consultation aims to assess children who present a difficulty in their development. The consultation unites all professionals who play a role in the evaluation of these children: psychologist, speech and language therapist, psychomotrician, neuro-paediatrician, developmental paediatrician, geneticist and child psychiatrist.

## Professeur Stephan Eliez

Département de Psychiatrie, Université de Genève - Faculté de Médecine Médecin directeur général, DIP - Office Médico-Pédagogique
Après des études de médecine et un début de formation clinique en pédopsychiatrie à Genève, il complète sa formation dans le domaine des neurosciences à l'Université de Stanford, de 1997 à 2001, où il se spécialise dans l'utilisation des nouvelles techniques d'imagerie cérébrale. Il utilise ces méthodes pour mieux comprendre le lien entre structure et fonctionnement cérébral, difficultés des apprentissages et troubles psychologiques chez les enfants. Professeur à la Faculté de médecine, Département de psychiatrie, de l'Université de Genève, il partage aujourd'hui ses activités entre la direction générale de l'Office médico-pédagogique de Genève, la recherche et l'enseignement.

## Valentine Berdat \& Cristina Caldognetto,

Psychologues, Service Educatif Itinérant (SEI) - Le SEI fait partie de l'ASTURAL
13 psychologues y travaillent. Ils offrent une intervention précoce spécialisée aux enfants âgés de 0-4 ans, du soutien pour leurs familles et un travail en réseau avec les autres professionnels.

- Des séances hebdomadaires de stimulation développementale par le jeu au domicile de l'enfant. Ces enfants peuvent présenter des déficiences, un retard développemental, des troubles du comportement, etc. Les psychologues travaillent toujours en la présence des parents, parfois aussi avec les frères et soeurs;
- Mesures préventives dans des familles vulnérables ;
- Interventions dans des structures préscolaires (crèches, jardins d'enfants) pour soutenir l'équipe éducative dans les cas d'intégrations difficiles.


## Dr Joel Fluss

Médecin-Adjoint, Neurologie Pédiatrique, Hôpital des Enfants - HUG
Activités professionnelles:

- Consultations ambulatoires de neuropédiatre : troubles des apprentissages scolaires, handicap, neurogénétique, épilepsie
- Consultations spécifiques : maladies neuromusculaires, neurologie fætale
- Consultations hospitalières (patients hospitalisés) avec problèmes neurologiques variés
- Activités de recherche sur les accidents vasculaires cérébraux de l'enfant et neuropsychologie pédiatriques


## Dr François Hentsch

Médecin adjoint, S.P.E.A. - HUG
La Consultation Multidisciplinaire du Psycho Développement CMPD
Pédopsychiatre, Médecin adjoint responsable de la consultation multidisciplinaire du psycho développement dans le service de psychiatrie de l'enfant et de l'adolescent, département de l'enfant et de l'adolescent (pédiatrie) HUG.
La Consultation Multidisciplinaire du Psycho Développement (CMPD) est une consultation dont la mission est d'évaluer les enfants qui présentent une difficulté dans leur développement.
La consultation réunit les professionnels qui jouent un rôle dans l'évaluation de ces enfants : psychologue, logopédiste, psychomotricien, neuro-pédiatre, pédiatre du développement, généticien et pédopsychiatre. Présentation de l'activité et du fonctionnement de cette consultation.


## ASK PROGRAMS \& SERVICES

* Assessments
* Annual Seminar Series (Professional Development Courses)

Holiday and Summer Camps
C.A.R.E. Program

- Parents Support

Parents Workshops (Parenting and Coping Skills)
Monthly Parents Support Meetings - GE, ZH, VD

- Monthly Kids and Teen's Social
- After School Programs
> Study Skills \& Homework Club
> Social Skills Group
- Adolescent Support
$>$ Peer Mentoring
$>$ Teen Chats
ASK - We are here to help.


## ASK C.A.R.E. Center

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100 women in
hedge funds

## Join 100 Women in Hedge Funds in Switzerland and support the special needs programs of All Special Kids (ASK)

100 Women in Hedge Funds will hold its 2012 Gala in Geneva on November 7, 2012. All funds raised will support All Special Kids (ASK), a Geneva-based non-profit organization that caters to children with special needs, their parents and family members and the education community. In 2011, 100 Women in Hedge Funds raised over SFr 380,000 in Switzerland to open a fully equipped cardiac clinic and provide training to the local medical team at the University Medical Centre Ho Chi Minh in Vietnam. In 2010, it raised SFr 200,000 to fund a mentoring project undertaken by Solidarité Femmes Genève and in 2009 raised over SFr 135,000 for an education program of Association Païdos.

## Geneva Gala 2012

| Date: | 7 November 2012 |
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| Location: | Grand Hotel Kempinski Geneva |
| Time: | 6:30 pm to 1:00am |
| Attire: | Black-tie |
| Evening | Cocktail |
| Programme: | Seated dinner <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  |

## Sponsorship Opportunities

You can support the event as a sponsor for SFr 25,000 (Platinum, limited to 1), SFr 15,000 (Premium Gold, limited to 8), SFr 12,000 (Standard Gold), SFr 6,000 (Silver) as well as SFr 3,000 (flowers, wine or champagne). Sponsors will be acknowledged in all 2012 Geneva event communications, will be entitled to preferential seating and will receive these benefits:

| Platinum | Full-page advertisement in event programme <br> 20 seats (two tables) |
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| Premium Gold | Full-page advertisement in event programme <br> 10 seats (one table) <br> Bonus (TBD) |
| Standard Gold | Half-page advertisement in event programme <br> 10 seats (one table) |
| Silver | Half-page advertisement in event programme <br> 5 seats (shared table) |
| Flowers, wine | Half-page advertisement in event programme <br> or Champagne <br> 2 seats (shared table) |

Your donations of auction items and raffle prizes will add to the glamour of the event. All donors will be acknowledged in the event programme.

ABOUT ALL SPECIAL KIDS (ASK)


All Special Kids (ASK) is a Geneva-based non-profit organization founded by Joy Tong in 2003. ASK runs programs for children with all types of special needs and learning difficulties aimed at enabling them to become a productive and independent member of society.

ASK C.A.R.E. program offers parents a forum to network with each other and provides much needed personal assistance, such as specialist referral services, educational assessment and coping skill workshops. ASK also provides a range of programs aimed at the children, including summer camps, study skills and homework clubs, and social drama clubs. Funds raised by 100WHF will help to expand these programs, specifically, the summer camps and homework club programs in Geneva, Vaud and Zurich.

Commenting on 100 Women in Hedge Fund's selection decision Joy Tong, President of ASK, said, "We are honoured to be chosen as the 2012 recipient of grant funding by 100 Women in Hedge Funds in Geneva. Our mission of supporting the families of children with special needs and learning differences mirrors 100WHF's long history of making a difference through supporting organizations that focus on family health, education and mentoring. We are proud to partner and look forward to working together throughout the year."
For more information, please visit: www.allspecialkids.org

For more information, please contact the Philanthropy Committee phigen@100womeninhedgefunds.org

## About 100 Women in Hedge Funds

100 Women in Hedge Funds is a global, practitioner-driven non-profit organization serving over 10,000 alternative investment management investors and professionals through educational, professional leverage and philanthropic initiatives. Formed in 2001, 100 Women in Hedge Funds has hosted more than 250 events globally, connected more than 250 senior women through Peer Advisory Groups and raised close to $\$ 20$ million for philanthropic causes in the areas of women's health, education and mentoring. For more information about 100 Women in Hedge Funds, please visit www. 100 womeninhedgefunds.org.

- ASK - All Special Kids
- ASPEDAH
- Association Objective Vaincre l'Autisme (OVA)
- Autisme Genève
- Bergli Books
- Cap Loisirs
- Centre d'Ergotherapie
- Dyspra'quoi
- EducaTec.AG
- Education et Therapie Cognitive
- English Speech Therapy Group
- Family-Counselling Services
- First Step Center
- International School of Geneva Extended Support Programme
- Language Plus
- Learning Solutions
- Network of English Speaking Therapists (N.E.S.T.)
- Oak Hill School
- Paloma Christian Centre for Psychology
- 100 Women in Hedge Funds
- American International Club of Geneva
- Resource Information Table - Specialist Service Providers who are not present


## Children's Corner

- Lego Robo provided by EducTech A.G.
- Educational games, Lexia and Number Sharks - ASK Volunteers


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