

## EURLYAID NEWSLETTER NUMBER 11: JULY 2016

*Dear EURLYAID members*

The Eurllyaid Board are pleased to share details of recent activities undertaken and events planned for the near future.



On March 31 and April 1<sup>st</sup> 2016, ANIP (National Early Intervention Association) held their XII Annual Conference entitled *Recommended Practices in Early Intervention*, in Lisbon. The conference comprised two moments. Firstly, the conference and the closing ceremony of an important project that was granted by Gulbenkian Foundation, Project IM2 (meaning Intervene More and Intervene Better- <http://anip.net/index.php/im2/o-que-e> ). The Guide was launched at the conference and can be read online - <http://im2.anip.net/index.php/guia/versao-on-line>. The project resulted from a partnership of ANIP with a parent's association Pais em Rede, University of Aveiro and SNIPI (National System of Early Intervention). Eurllyaid and ISEI were consultants for the project. The aim of the project was to develop an Early Intervention Guide for EI professionals in Portugal, and this was a very important step on the walk that started 26 years ago with the Coimbra Project, to continue with the aim of providing EI services in line with scientific and validated practices. To achieve this goal the project had the collaboration of EI Portuguese specialists from several Portuguese universities, namely, University of Porto, University of Minho, University of Évora, ISPA and Superior School Maria Ulrich. Along the development of the guide, ANIP made 16 seminars in the 5 Portuguese regions to train professionals in EI. The conference was held in Gulbenkian Foundation and provided the opportunity to share ideas and knowledge with important international EI specialists such as Michael Guralnick, chair of ISEI, Carl Dunst, Marilyn

Espe-Sherwindt , Noor Van Loen from BOSK, Holland and Javier Tamaritt from Plena Inclusión, Spain.



The President of Anip – Luis Borges; Representing the Ministry of Education – Pedro Cunha; Representing SNIPI – José Boavida



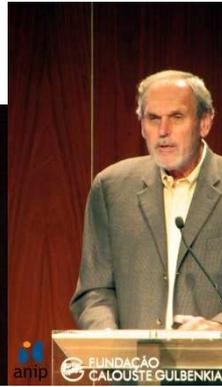
Representatives from the Universities



Leonor Carvalho – Project Coordinator presenting the report



Closing Panel – Eurllyaid was represented



Presenters

Actualization and Research in Early Intervention and Development

The Catholic University of Valencia held on 5 and 6 April the International Meeting of actualization and research in Early Intervention and Development



More than 500 professionals and parents of children with disabilities participated in a meeting about family centered practices and the importance of the family in the child developmental



Among the speakers, the meeting was attended by researchers of international reference in the field of early care and Robin McWilliam, Espe-Sherwindt Marilyn and Carl Dunst (USA), Ana Serrano and Jose Boavida (Portugal), Climent Giné and Marga Cañadas (Spain), Noor Van Loen ( Holland) among others. Other professionals working in this field inside and outside of Spain also participated.



Families had a special role during the conference recounting their experiences in Early Intervention and the importance of family centered practices for them.

Among the contents discussed were early childhood practices that best optimize outcomes for children, parents and families, as well as the relevance of neuroscience in this area. It was also discussed the quality of family life, intervention in natural contexts, as well as implemented public policies in Early Intervention.

Eurlyaid took part supporting the conference and participated in the opening ceremony and at the closing session represented by the Chair, Ana Serrano and Noor Van Loen.

During one afternoon session, professionals from different cities of Spain shared their experiences and the transformation process of a child centered, clinic intervention to a family centered practice in natural environments as well as the differences in these practices.

Link: <http://www.ucv.es/actualidad/hemeroteca?id=9959>