



Annual Report 2017 - 2018

Overview

After the successful fourth European conference on FASD in London in September of 2016, the Board prepared a training session for professionals in Bucharest, then prepared the fifth European conference on FASD, which was held in Berlin in September of 2018.

Training Bucharest

At the invitation of Board Member Teodora Ciolompea, the Board gave a training session at Saint Stelian Hospital - Centre for drug addiction evaluation and treatment for young people (starting from 18 years old) on 07 July 2017. Topics included FASD - clinical approach, diagnosis, models of therapy, statements from people with families having someone affected by FASD, and a case study presentation from Romania. The Conference was organized at the Conference Hall from the Psychiatric Hospital Constantin Gorgos - dedicated for psychiatric cases for adults and children with autism and ADHD.

The audience included doctors, nurse, social workers and representatives of NGOs dedicated to children affected by autism. Most of them are working in psychiatric hospitals, Obstetrics- Gynecology, Pediatric hospitals and the Medical Schools Network (doctors and nurses working at schools and high schools in Bucharest). The number of participants was around 100 persons. After the training conference was a press conference where 3 TV channels with national coverage, and 2 radio channels interviewed board members. The same evening, the interview was presented on TV News together with information about FASD.

Berlin conference

The 5th European Conference on FASD was held from 24 to 26 September, 2018, in Berlin. There were 249 attendees from 26 countries including Finland, Spain, Denmark, Slovak Republic, Canada, Brazil and Australia. Three scholarships were awarded: to Marcella Broccia, who is a doctor and Ph.D. student from Denmark; to Gabi Mitrani, an adoptive mother from Israel; and to Suellen Baggio, a PhD student from Brazil who is studying in Germany.

The program book with all abstracts is now available at http://www.eufasd.org/EUFASD_2018/Program_book_EUFASD2018.pdf.

A full report of the conference is available at https://www.eufasd.org/pdf/Berlin_2018_report.pdf.

General Assembly

Board elections were held in the meeting of the General Assembly during the Berlin conference. The newly elected Board (to sit from January 1, 2019 until December 31, 2020).

Chairperson: Diane Black (Netherlands)
Assistant chairperson: Gro Løhaugen (Norway)
Secretary: Thierry Maillard (France)
Assistant secretary: Magdalena Borkowska
Treasurer: Katarina Wittgard (Sweden)
Assistant Treasurer: Theresa Millqvist (Sweden)
Board members general:
Jon Skranes (Norway)
Oscar Garcia-Algar (Spain)
Philippa Williams (UK)
Martha Krijgsheld (Netherlands)
Simona Pichini (Italy)
Gisela Michalowski (Germany)
Teodora Ciolompea (Romania)

World Health Organization FADAB

Diane Black represented the EUFASD Alliance at the "WHO Forum on Alcohol, Drugs and Addictive Behaviours" or FADAB (June 26th - June 28th 2017 open by invitation only). On day one there were 5 or 10 minute speeches held by various speakers who came from a variety of backgrounds. Take-home messages were that prevention work needs both information AND empowerment and that a lack of social skills is a factor common to all areas of addiction. It is imperative to provide schemes to teach and improve social skills, for example, using role play at school. Alcohol was the main theme on day two. Vladimir Poznyak arranged a meeting with several FASD experts (Peggy Murray, Jan Lutke, Elizabeth Elliott, Diane Black and Christine Loock) to talk about FASD with a view to ICD 11.

8th European Alcohol Policy Conference

Diane Black, chair, represented the EUFASD Alliance at the 8th European Alcohol Policy Conference on Tuesday 20 November 2018, entitled "Enlightened alcohol policy for the 21st century." She spoke in the Justice section on the topic of "How much should society intervene?" More information and conference report here <https://www.shaap.org.uk/policy/8eapc.html>.

Financial Report

See separate Financial Report for this period.