XXII Congress of International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN)

Information for Supporters

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September 2–5, 2018
Child Protection in the Changing World!
Dear colleagues and friends,

It is our great pleasure and honor to invite you to the ISPCAN International Congress 2018 organized for the first time in Prague, Czech Republic. We believe that hosting this important event in Prague will inspire and boost the interest in our field in all parts of the world and will reinforce research and collaboration between all countries from around the world. In organizing the ISPCAN congress here in Prague, we see a great opportunity to discuss practical issues with leading world experts and to draw attention to the work being done by a wide range of professionals globally.

Efficient knowledge transfer to the next generation is the key aspect we are focusing on; we hope to involve the younger generation in the Congress, giving young experts the chance to interact with international colleagues and spark cooperation and the creation of new projects.

We would like to offer our hospitality, show the beauty of Prague and prepare a high-quality professional program. Let us invite you to Prague to become a part of Child Protection in the Changing World!

We are building a legacy of knowledge in the Czech Republic to strengthen our community and prevent child abuse. Please join us today in this important mission.

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Every day more than 300 children die in the world as a result of child abuse and neglect; that is 12 children every hour.

Many more suffer lifelong consequences.

It is not acceptable!

For 40 years, ISPCAN has worked to reduce this preventable tragedy.
What is ISPCAN?

International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect

World’s premier society for professionals working to prevent child abuse and neglect.

www.ISPCAN.org
About us
ISPCAN mission

ISPCAN’s mission is to prevent cruelty to children in every nation, and in every form: physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, street children, child fatalities, child prostitution, children of war, emotional abuse, and child labor.

We are committed to increasing public awareness of all forms of violence against children, developing activities to prevent such violence, and promoting the rights of children in all regions of the world.

Violence against children takes many forms, including physical, sexual, and emotional abuse, and may involve neglect or deprivation. Violence occurs in many settings, including the home, school, community and over the Internet. Similarly, a wide range of perpetrators commit violence against children, such as family members, intimate partners, teachers, neighbors, strangers and other children. Such violence not only inflicts harm, pain and humiliation on children; it also kills. All children have the right to protection from violence.


ISPCAN invites you to join forces with its members around the world to protect children in need: their bodies, minds, hearts and rights.

The International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, founded in 1977, is the only multidisciplinary international organization that brings together a worldwide cross-section of committed professionals to work toward the prevention and treatment of child abuse, neglect and exploitation globally.

Learn more in our latest Annual Report available here.
What do we aim for

One goal – preventing child abuse – isn’t that what we all want?

To increase awareness of the extent, the causes and possible solutions for all forms of child abuse

To disseminate academic and clinical research to those in positions to enhance practice and improve policy

To support international efforts to promote and protect the Rights of the Child

To improve the quality of current efforts to detect, treat and prevent child abuse

To facilitate the exchange of best practice standards being developed by ISPCAN members throughout the world

To design and deliver comprehensive training programs to professionals and concerned volunteers engaged in efforts to treat and prevent child abuse

To strengthen our local communities knowledge and resources
ISPCAN Global Network

For over 40 years

In more than 200 countries

1 100 members all around the world

Unites professionals from different fields: psychiatry, medicine, nursing, psychology, social work, education and government. Direct reach to over 3 000 child protection professionals in 2016.
Connect Our Global Community

ISPCAN Country Partners

In 1999, ISPCAN launched the Partners Program, establishing affiliations with national child abuse and neglect prevention organizations around the world. The collaboration aims to further the common mission, goals and programs of ISPCAN and its Partners.

The Country Partners program seeks out national, multidisciplinary organizations working in child abuse and neglect (CAN) prevention, with a special focus on groups in developing countries. We believe that effective and sustainable CAN prevention is achieved through education and professional cooperation. By sharing experiences, research, and resources, ISPCAN hopes to augment individual, regional, and national efforts to end child maltreatment.

ISPCAN Regional Resource Centers

Over the years, ISPCAN has responded to the needs expressed by its regional partners with the goal of developing and disseminating culturally appropriate/ multilingual training materials and curricula. ISPCAN has established regional resource centers in four major regions of the world to help us bring additional bandwidth and to the regional needs and make information more accessible to our members in these areas.

Learn more here.

Should you wish to learn more about ISPCAN Global community please click here to see ISPCAN Global Map.
Use ISPCAN 2018 as a platform

build or strengthen connections that can cross borders, regions and boundaries

create network that will enhance collaboration between disciplines and around the world

provides opportunity to meet leading experts, policy makers, as well as over 1200 professional from different fields and disciplines medicine, mental health, social work, child welfare, government, law, education and research

learn more and build up on such experience for young professionals and future leaders

help to share and advance knowledge to present most recent research

increase public awareness

fight against all form of violence against children, to promote their rights and to prevent such actions in the future
Main Topic
Child protection in the changing world

Congress Topics

- Advances in Child Custody Issues
- Complex Developmental Trauma
- Development of Children Outside of Family
- Evidence Based Practice in Child Protection
- Changes in Forms and Types of Foster Care
- Child Advocacy and Juvenile Justice
- Child Protection in the Context of Migration
- Child Protection in the Context of Poverty
- Child Protection in the Changing World
- Medical Evaluation and Treatment
- Multidisciplinary Systems of Care
- New Trends in the Child Protection
- Positive Parenting
- Sexual Violence and Child Protection
- Supporting Child Protection Workers
- Supporting Children and Their Families
- Systems of the Child Protection
- Technology – Risks and Benefits
- Trafficking and Exploitation
- Violence in Childhood

Abstract Submission opened
December 1, 2017
Become OUR Partner

Together with us, become a supporter of children’s healthy development and protection of their rights. Join us in promoting the values of happy childhood and functional families and link them with your corporate values and mission.

Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE’s)

Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE’s) is the term given to describe all types of abuse, neglect, and other traumatic experiences that occur to individuals under the age of 18. While studying relationships between these experiences during childhood and reduced health and well-being later in life, following was realized:

- People with six or more ACEs died nearly 20 years earlier on average than those without ACEs.
- Life time costs associated with child maltreatment at 124 billion USD – of which:
  - 83,5 billion PRODUCTIVITY LOSS
  - 25 billion HEALTH CARE
  - 4,6 billion SPECIAL EDUCATION
  - 4,4 billion CHILD WELFARE
  - 3,9 billion CRIMINAL JUSTICE

These wide-ranging health and social consequences underscore the importance of PREVENTING ACEs before they happen.

Child Protection in the Czech Republic in Numbers

- 22 000 children live outside their original family (12.9 children out of 1 000 children, which is by one third more compared to other countries).
- 2 200 children under the age of 6 live in an institutional care (in most European countries it is no longer possible to place children of such a young age in institutional care).
- 3 800 children are removed from their families every year and placed in a substitute care due to the collapse of the family unit; state-guaranteed network of social services that would prevent it or would help families improve their situation is non-existing.
- The state annually contributes the amount of CZK 4 500 to a social and legal protection of a child; while it contributes around CZK 470 000 for a child in institutional care.
- Courts annually handle over 100 000 cases involving minors in which children need legal protection.

Child abuse and neglect is a complex issue that affects countless families across the country, regardless of geography, ethnicity, or income. Adverse childhood experiences can not only harm a child while young, but have a significant impact on social and health issues later in life as an adult. Thankfully, safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments are shown to help families thrive and prevent child abuse and neglect.
What Can You Do for the Child Protection Cause?

1. Attract and Retain Talented Employees and Grow the Business?
Supporting family-friendly policies in the workplace can contribute to preventing child abuse and neglect and may also increase employee satisfaction, productivity, commitment to the company, retention, and performance. By getting involved with the community initiative to build safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments, businesses can identify new ways to build their staff and business success. E.g. family-friendly policies can make the company more attractive to potential employees and can be useful for recruiting new talent.

2. Community Stability
Community strength, health, and vibrancy are important considerations for many businesses. If a community sees rises in health problems, violence, and poverty, local businesses may suffer or need to consider relocation.
By joining the initiatives with your company, you are directly contributing to broader community activities to increase resident and business stability, which translates into stronger employee and business productivity.

3. Productivity
When businesses join initiatives to create safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments, they are also working to make their workplaces more productive. By supporting initiatives that value team building activities in the workplace and employee recognition policies and programs to improve workplace relationships, you are also improving the productivity of your own employees in addition to benefitting the community around them. Productivity increases when workers feel valued. When top leaders demonstrate that they support their staff, they influence the behavior of others and set the culture of the organization.

4. Public Relations
Involvement with a meaningful public health initiative has the opportunity to increase a business’s exposure to different leaders in the community. Involvement with your initiative connect the business’ image with that of supporting the health and well-being of children and families – a cause many of your employees and consumers will also value and respect.
Together we can protect children, support us because every child deserves happiness!
Possibilities of Supporting the ISPCAN XXII International Congress 2018

Support the ISPCAN Congress 2018. Together we can protect the children. Join us because every child deserves a happy life.

How can you help in particular? Decide which activity or event from our offer below you wish to support financially.

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* These deductions are available only to Czech residents, or tax residents of another EU/EEA country with more than 90 % of income taxable in the Czech Republic.

Contribution to the participation of the main keynoters

- Asher Ben Arieh (Izrael) – Chair for the Study of Child Maltreatment at the Paul Baerwald School of Social Work and Social Welfare at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem

- Esther Deblinger (USA) is Co-Director of the Child Abuse Research Education and Service (CARES) Institute and a Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology at Rowan University in Stratford, New Jersey

- Marta Santos Pais (Portugal, UN) – Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children UN

- Etienne Krug (WHO, USA) – Director of Department for Management of Noncommunicable Diseases, Disability, Violence and Injury Prevention

- Graca Michele – is a Mozambican politician and humanitarian. She is the widow of both former South African president Nelson Mandela and of Mozambican president Samora Machel

Costs: transport, accommodation for one keynoter: 40 000 CZK (1 600 EUR), all speakers perform at a congress without a fee.
Core Workshops

- DEVELOPING AND USING LAW AND POLICY TO FURTHER CHILD PROTECTION – Joan van Niekerk (Republic of South Africa)
- THE MEDICAL EVALUATION AND TREATMENT OF THE PHYSICALLY ABUSED CHILD – Tolga Dagli (Turkey), Figen Şahin Dağlı (Turkey)
- NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND PREVENTION: PRINCIPLES FOR PRACTICE – Howard Dubowitz (USA), Rajeev Seth (India)
- ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF CHILD ABUSE/TRAUMA – Esther Deblinger (USA), Elisa Pfeiffer (Germany), Cedric Sachser (Germany)
- UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE – Martin Finkel (USA)
- OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRACTICE COMPONENTS OF TRAUMA-FOCUSED COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL THERAPY (TF-CBT) WITH YOUTH AND THEIR CAREGIVERS – Ester Deblinger (USA), Rita Rosner (USA)

Number of participants: 100 people, 20 experts from the Czech Republic (interactive 4-hour practical skills training)

Costs: CZK 330 000 (EUR 11 000), Czech interpreting CZK 25 000 (EUR 1 000), total 355 000 CZK (12 000 EUR)

Other Activities

- Translation of the main congress programme into the Czech language; including technical equipment CZK 40 000 / day (EUR 1 600), total price CZK 160 000 (EUR 6 400)
- Youth Forum – international forum for young colleagues up to 26 years CZK 200 000 (EUR 8 000)
- Forum Country of Transition – support the development of social and legal protection of children in the developing countries CZK 200 000 (EUR 8 000)

Individual support

- Reimbursement of registration fees for Czech participants CZK 15 000 (EUR 600) per person
- Reimbursement of registration fees for participants from developing countries CZK 7 500 (EUR 300) per person
Thank you for your time!
We look forward to our cooperation in Prague!

Should you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact us:

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