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**AAC2019: FROM THE FIRST INTERVENTION TO EVERYDAY USE**

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<b>09:00-10:00</b>	<b>Opening of the conference</b> Denitsa Sacheva, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education and Science Dr. Jane Muita, Country representative for Bulgaria, UNICEF Assoc. prof. Maurice Grinberg, ASSIST – Assistive Technologies Foundation
<b>10:00-11:00</b>	<b>Inclusion: A Process, Not Just a Placement</b> prof. Vicki Casella, The Bridge School, USA
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:30-12:00</b>	<b>Policies of the Ministry of Education in the field of AAC</b> Blagovesta Borcheva, Ministry of Education and Science
<b>12:00-12:30</b>	<b>I am already a first-grade student!</b> Anna Krusteva, Hristo Botev School, Targovishte Biser Borisov, RCSPIE – Targovishte region
<b>12:30-13:30</b>	<b>Lunch + Poster Session</b>
<b>13:30-14:30</b>	<b>A case story about the importance of aided communication for participation and education</b> assoc. prof. Kristine Stadskleiv, PhD, Oslo University Hospital, Norway
<b>14:30-15:15</b>	<b>Challenges and the road ahead in AAC and AT</b> Kaveh Vefagh, Tobii Dynavox, Sweden
<b>15:15-16:00</b>	<b>Coffee break + AAC Technology Demos</b>
<b>16:00-17:00</b>	<b>Let's start at the very beginning</b> Yonit Hagoel-Karnieli, National AAC Center 'Ezer Mizion', Israel
<b>17:00-17:45</b>	<b>Creating a language-supportive environment for children using augmentative and alternative communication</b> prof. Stephen von Tetzchner, University of Oslo, Norway
<b>18:00-</b>	<b>Welcome cocktail</b>

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| <b>09:00-10:00</b> | <b>The graphic symbol and language</b><br>prof. Stephen von Tetzchner, University of Oslo, Norway  |
| <b>10:00-10:30</b> | <b>Coffee break</b>  |
| <b>10:30-11:15</b> | <b>A Guide to Communication with hospitalized patients and people who are facing communication challenges in acquired situations</b><br>Yonit Hagoel-Karnieli, National AAC Center 'Ezer Mizion', Israel |
| <b>11:15-11:40</b> | <b>Versatile, language agnostic AAC devices</b><br>Dave Gilbert, Pretorian Technologies, UK  |
| <b>11:40-12:10</b> | <b>AAC Pathways from Low Tech to High Tech</b><br>Idalie Fernandez, Tobii Dynavox, Sweden  |
| <b>12:10-12:30</b> | <b>My life, my poems</b><br>Angela Pencheva  |
| <b>12:30-13:30</b> | <b>Lunch + Poster Session</b>  |
| <b>13:30-14:15</b> | <b>Educational Program for Children using Eye-Control</b><br>assoc. prof. Maurice Grinberg, PhD, Evgeniya Hristova, PhD, ASSIST – Assistive Technologies Foundation                                      |
| <b>14:15-14:35</b> | <b>A teaching program for basic literacy</b><br>assoc. prof. Ekaterina Todorova, PhD, Evgeniya Hristova, PhD, New Bulgarian University, ASSIST – Assistive Technologies Foundation                       |
| <b>14:35-14:55</b> | <b>Example cases of using AAC in the Center for Specialized Educational Support, Pleven</b><br>Pavlina Deskova, Dessislava Pavlova, CSES Pleven  |
| <b>14:55-15:15</b> | <b>Regional Center for Inclusive Education Support, Targovishte</b><br>Christo Christov, RCSPIE - Targovishte  |
| <b>15:15-16:00</b> | <b>Coffee break + AAC Technology Demos</b>   |
| <b>16:00-16:15</b> | <b>BrainControl AAC</b><br>Pasquale Fedele, BrainControl, Italy  |
| <b>16:15-17:00</b> | <b>Play and communication: a practical approach</b><br>assoc. prof. Kristine Stadskleiv, PhD, Oslo University Hospital, Norway   |
| <b>17:00-17:15</b> | <b>Playing and Programming</b><br>Anna Krusteva, assoc. prof. Maurice Grinberg, PhD, ASSIST – Assistive Technologies Foundation  |
| <b>17:15-18:00</b> | <b>Discussion – questions for the speakers</b>   |

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<b>09:00-10:00</b>	<b>Collaboration with families in early AAC intervention</b> Aldona Mysakowska-Adamczyk, ISAAC - Poland
<b>10:00-10:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>10:30-11:15</b>	<b>Tools and Strategies to Enhance Language and Communication</b> prof. Vicki Casella, The Bridge School, USA
<b>11:15-11:45</b>	<b>Software Grid 3 – Promoting independence</b> Emma Haines, Smartbox AT, UK
<b>11:45-12:00</b>	<b>My personal experience</b> Sasho Iliev, Dimitar Iliev
<b>12:00-13:00</b>	<b>Lunch + AAC Technology Demos</b>
<b>13:00-13:20</b>	<b>AAC challenges and success stories at Karin Dom</b> Aneta Morfova, Elena Gorcheva, Karin Dom
<b>13:20-13:40</b>	<b>Some examples of using AAC in Center for Special Educational Support, Varna</b> Dilyana Vasileva, CSES Varna
<b>13:40-14:00</b>	<b>Education tailored to the individual needs of the students</b> Elena Kanlieva, Tamara Margova, CSES Velingrad
<b>14:00-15:00</b>	<b>What parents have to say about AAC?</b>
<b>15:00-15:30</b>	<b>Conference awards and closing of the conference</b>

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