



First Call for Papers

UNiversal Inclusion Rights and Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities in the Academic Context

University of Turin (Italy), Cavallerizza Reale, 12th-14th May 2016

The *Conferenza Nazionale Universitaria Delegati Disabilità* (CNUDD, the *Italian University Conference of Delegates for Disabilities*), in cooperation with the Università degli Studi di Torino, the Politecnico di Torino, and the Università degli Studi del Piemonte Orientale are pleased to announce the organization of an International Conference on *UNiversal Inclusion. Rights and Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities in the Academic Context*, which will be held at the Cavallerizza Reale of the University of Turin on 12th -14th May 2016.

Description

In the present knowledge society, access to higher education offers all citizens, including persons with disabilities, good opportunities for self-fulfillment, to reach one's own personal goals and, at the same time, to have easier access to the job market. In this respect, the adoption of the *UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* has been a landmark in the recognition of human rights and fundamental freedoms for persons with disabilities, to guarantee equal opportunities in all areas of life and promote active membership of society.

In recent years, universities have given growing importance to the inclusion of students with disabilities in the academic life, raising the awareness and competence of all its components through discussion and special training. This process in itself has proved strategic in increasing the quality of the university system - and in developing a fairer society.

Against this background, the aim of the Congress is to discuss projects and research as

well as good practices and data concerning all forms of support offered to students with disabilities, thus promoting the exchange of knowledge and experience among researchers, teachers and associations of persons with disabilities.

Possible areas of discussion include (but are not limited to):

1. Reasonable accommodation in the context of higher education (e.g. normative and educational aspects, management issues).
2. Students with disabilities (SwD) in higher education (e.g. access policies, mentoring, counselling, career monitoring, PhD level education).
3. Tutoring and peer tutoring (e.g. models and practices, tutor-tutee relationship).
4. Students' mobility (e.g. best practices, partnerships).
5. Universal design, assistive technologies and ICT.
6. Academic policies in creating an inclusive and supportive workplace (e.g. career development, legislation).

Submission Guidelines

We welcome abstract submissions from experts and scholars in the abovementioned areas. School teachers, associations, health and social workers with experience in promoting the inclusion of SwD in universities are also welcome.

There will be short (5-7 min.) and longer (15 min) presentations as well as a poster session.

Abstracts must be and no longer than 300 words (including references and keywords) for posters and no longer than 500 words for oral presentations. Proposals must be accompanied by a biosketch no longer than 100 words.

Proposals must include: title, name and surname of the author(s), institutional affiliation(s), email and postal mailing address of author(s).

Please send your proposals to convegno.cnudd@unito.it by **15th November 2015**.

Decisions about acceptance will be communicated by **15th January 2016**.

Abstracts will be published on the conference website and collected in a digital device offered to conference participants.

Following formal acceptance, presenting authors must register for the conference prior to the finalization of the conference program.

Registration and conference fee

Participation is subject to registration and payment of an individual fee (€ 250,00), to be accomplished either presenting a paper or not.

Together with notification of acceptance author(s) will receive a registration form to be completed and returned to convegno.cnudd@unito.it by **15th February 2016**.

Proceedings

The Scientific Committee will offer a selection of the papers, presented during the conference, to an internationally well-known publishing house or a peer-reviewed

journal.

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