





1st International **Developmental Pediatrics Congress**

2nd National Developmental Pediatrics Congress









Dear colleagues,

Commemorating December 3rd the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, I invite you with warm greetings to a winterwarming event in Istanbul next year. On 2-5th December 2015, we look forward to welcoming you at the 1st International Developmental Pediatrics (IDP) Congress and the 2nd National Developmental Pediatrics Congress.

Millions of children around the world are unable to develop to their full potential unlike their peers growing up in more supportive environments. The IDP Congress is a platform that will bring together clinicians, researchers and policy makers working in the field of developmental pediatrics from around the world to address this inequity. The IDP Congress will be held every two years on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, December 3rd in a low or middle-income country. During the 1st Congress we will be forming the "International Developmental Pediatric Associaton (IDPA)" with participating colleagues and partners from around the globe.

The 1st IDP Congress will be in Istanbul, Turkey, organized by the Developmental Pediatrics Association (Gelişimsel Pediatri Derneği) in Turkey and Ankara University. UNICEF-CEECIS Regional Office, UNICEF-Turkey, Turkish Ministry of Family and Social Policies, Turkish Ministry of Health and numerous non-governmental organizations are supporting the Congress.

The theme for the 1st IDP Congress is "AD-ECD: Addressing Difficulties in Early Childhood Development." We will be hosting numerous presentations, panel discussions, workshops and research presentations from a multitude of countries. The launch of the first internationally developed method to monitor child development, the "International Guide for Monitoring Child Development (IGMCD)" will take place during the Congress with IGMCD courses provided in English, Russian, Spanish and Turkish. The Congress will host presentations on other seminal innovative models that address difficulties in ECD in low and middle income countries.

The IDP Congress aims at exchanging, sharing and discussing recent information, experiences, visions and passions of professionals from a multitude of disciplines including pediatrics, family medicine, public health, child mental health, physical medicine and rehabilitation, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, child development and education, early intervention, special education, social services and other specialists working to support children and their families.

The main language of the Congress is English, translations will be provided in Turkish and Russian to address the specific needs of countries in our CEECIS Region.

We look forward to meeting you in Istanbul.

Ilgi Ertem Congress President

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