

tion on the Rights of the Child. She was a member of the delegation of the Republic of Croatia at the session of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child in Geneva in September 2004 and the session of the UN Committee on Human Rights in New York in 2005, with the topic of eliminating discrimination against women. Mila Jelavic also participated in the drafting of many legal regulations concerning the protection of children's rights and wellbeing. In 2006 she was appointed the Ombudsperson for Children in the Republic of Croatia and since then has been in charge of the activities of her Office, aimed at promotion of children's rights in all aspects of a child's life.

Call for Abstracts: Oral and Poster Presentations

The school will also feature oral and poster presentations by attendees. School participants are invited to share their experience and examples of good practices on implementing the rights of children with disabilities – national experiences.

Abstracts must be submitted in English no later than **1st of October 2011** via email to Ms. Melani Markovic, UNICEF Office for Croatia, e-mail: mmarkovic@unicef.org

Venue

School will take place at the Hotel Lero, Iva Vojnovića 14, Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Course information

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Registration and course fee

This school is designed to bring together up to 50 paediatricians, ECD/ECI professionals and other professionals working with children with disabilities and their families.

To register for the school please fill in the registration form and send to: mare@dubrovniksati.com or zeljka@dubrovniksati.com

Course fee

Early registration until **1st of August 2011** > 200 EURO
Late registration until **15th of September 2011** > 250 EURO
On-site registration > 300 EURO

Single Day until **15th of September 2011** > 100 EURO
Single Day – **On-site** registration > 150 EURO

Due to limited participation, it is advisable to register in advance.

Course fee does not include accommodation costs, transportation costs, meals and personal expenses. Costs of coffee breaks and welcome party will be covered by the organisers.

Accommodation/Tourist Information

Attendees are responsible for arranging their own accommodation. All questions regarding accommodation or other tourist information, please address to SATI Travel Agency.

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Programme

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Thursday, 20th of October 2011

- 9.00 Welcome and Introductions
- 9.30 Richard Rieser: UNCRPD - What is it? What are the main messages?
- 10.15 Gerison Lansdown: UNCRC and UNCRPD Rights for Children with Disabilities
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.30 Group work: Scenarios of abuse of human rights of children with disabilities
- 12.45 Group discussion
- 13.30 Lunch break
- 15.00 Mila Jelavic: Ombudsperson for Children
Anka Slonjsak: Ombudsperson for Persons with Disabilities
- 16.30 Plenary discussion

Friday, 21st of October 2011

- 9.00 Richard Rieser: The Paradigm Shift from traditional views of people with disabilities through Individual/Medical approaches to a rights based approach underpinned by the Social Model
- 9.50 Richard Rieser: Identifying barriers to the rights of children with disabilities
- 10.30 Video examples of good practice
- 11.00 Coffee break

- 11.30 Gerison Lansdown: Working with families of children with disabilities
Empowering children with disabilities to claim their rights
- 13.30 Lunch break
- 15.00 Richard Rieser: Multidisciplinary teaming - How to be part of the solution rather than the problem
- 16.00 Lecture: Early Identification

Saturday, 22nd of October 2011

- 9.00 Presentation of papers and discussion
- 11.00 Break
- 11.30 Plenary: Future actions – Theory to Practice
- 12.30 Q&A
- 13.00 Conclusions

Keynote Speakers

Gerison Lansdown, now an international children's rights consultant, was the founder director, in 1992, of the Children's Rights Alliance for England, established to promote implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. She has published and lectured widely on the subject of children's rights, both nationally and internationally. Publications include: *The Evolving Capacities of the Child*, UNICEF, 2005, and *A Human Rights-Based Approach to Education for All*, UNESCO/UNICEF, 2008. Gerison is currently vice chair of UNICEF - UK, and co-director of CRED -PRO, an international initiative to develop child rights educational programmes for professionals working with children. She is the author of *See Me, Hear Me: A guide to using the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to promote the rights of children*, published by Save the Children.

Richard Rieser is the managing director of World of inclusion Ltd and

is an expert disabled international equality trainer, consultant and teacher. He was the founder and Director of Disability Equality in Education for 17 Years until it closed on 31 March 2009. He was UK Disabled People's Council representative at the Ad Hoc Committee meetings that formulated the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities. Richard developed all and wrote many of DEE's Resources, which include: *Disability Equality in the Classroom: A Human Rights Issue*, 1990/1992, ILEA/DEE., *Invisible Children: Children, Images and Disability*, 1995, Save the Children., *Making It Happen - Implementing the Duty to Promote Disability Equality in Primary Schools*, Course Book DEE, London 2007., *Implementing Inclusive Education: A Commonwealth Guide to Implementing Article 24 of the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities*, Commonwealth Secretariat, London, 2008. All his work is governed by principles of equality.

Anka Slonjsak is Croatian Ombudsperson for Persons with Disabilities. Since 1992 she has been actively participating in promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities and has led a number of related projects. In 2008, she was appointed the Ombudsperson for Persons with Disabilities, thus making Croatia the third European country with such an Office. As a Ombudsperson for Persons with Disabilities, Anka Slonjsak leads numerous activities aimed at eliminating prejudice and controlling the application of law, warning about the problems of persons with disabilities in rural regions, working with the media, promoting the use of new technologies in education, advocating for greater employment of persons with disabilities, as well as eliminating architectural barriers in cities.

Mila Jelavic is Croatian Ombudsperson for Children. She has devoted her career to the protection of children, family and persons not fit for work. From 2001 to the date of appointment to the Ombudsperson for Children Office in March 2006, she worked as a Head of Department for Protection of Children, Families and Guardianship of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare. Mila Jelavic participated in the work of the task force drafting the Initial Report on the Situation of Child Rights in the Republic of Croatia according to the UN Conven-