

CHANCE FOR THE BLIND FOUNDATION



REHA FOR THE BLIND IN POLAND

**THE GREAT MEETING OF THE BLIND PARTIALLY
SIGHTED THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS**

THE WORLD OF TOUCH, SOUND AND MAGNIGRAPHICS

17th edition of the conference on 20th
anniversary of its inauguration

under the slogan

***Modern education and
ophthalmology, giving back hope
for the future***

21-23 October 2019

Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in
Warsaw

Copernicus Science Centre



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THE CENTER FOR THE BLIND IN ISRAEL



The co-organizers of the conference:

Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw

Welfare & Social Projects Department of the Capital City of Warsaw

The Marshal of Mazovian Voivodeship

The Center for the Blind in Israel

The Challenge Europe Foundation

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Marek Kalbarczyk – Chairman of the Committee - President of Chance for the Blind Foundation

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THE PROGRAM OF THE CONFERENCE

Day 1 (Monday) 21st October

14:00 Opening ceremony (Copernicus Science Centre)

- Welcoming all guests:
 - Marek Kalbarczyk - President of the Chance for the Blind Foundation
 - Rev. Stanisław Dziekoński, Associate Professor, His Magnificence Rector of UKSW
 - Tomasz Pactwa - Director of Welfare & Social Projects Department of Warsaw
- Reading the letters addressed to the participants
- Speeches by special guests
- Awarding statuettes and diplomas to the winners of the IDOL Competition organized by Chance for the Blind Foundation

15:00 The Substantive Session

1. *20 years of REHA FOR THE BLIND IN POLAND (15 minutes)* - Marek Kalbarczyk (President of Chance for the Blind Foundation)
2. *Human dignity in the context of difficult life situations (15 minutes)* - Rev. Stanisław Dziekoński, Associate Professor, His Magnificence Rector of UKSW
3. *Modern medicine in the service of vision recovery and forecasts of its possibilities for the nearest and further future (15 minutes)* – Professor Marek Rękas, MD, Ph.D. Agnieszka Kamińska, Ph. D
4. *Real-life education - schools and universities well prepared for the education of the blind and visually impaired, both in inclusive and specialised education (15 minutes)* - professor, Ph. D Marzenna Zaorska
5. *City accessible for disabled citizens (15 minutes)* - Tomasz Krzyżański (President of Challenge Europe Foundation)
6. *Support for innovation in the field of vision reduction (20 minutes)* - Nati Bialistok-Cohen (Center for the Blind in Israel)

16:40 - 19:00 exhibitions organized within the conference(Copernicus Science Centre)

- a. *Exhibition of modern technologies*
- b. *Exhibition devoted to the activities of NGO institutions and organizations*
- c. *"World of Touch and Sound" exhibition*

17:30 Catering

18:30 "We are together" concert

Day 2 (Tuesday) 22nd October

9:00 - 13:00 *Panels and lectures (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University):*

1. Room A: *Modern medicine in the field of vision recovery*
 - Professor Marek Rękas, MD, Ph. D.
 - Agnieszka Kaminska, Ph. D.
2. Room B: *Education, training and rehabilitation of blind and partially sighted people*
 - *Social education of Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński and his relationships with blind people* – Rev. dr hab. Stanisław Chrobak, prof. UKSW
 - *The views of Mother Elżbieta Róży Czacka on the issues of blind people and the demands placed on educators and teachers and the current expectations* - Professor Jadwiga Kuczyńska-Kwapisz, Ph. D
 - *Rehabilitation of vision in education of visually impaired persons* - Dr Hab. Marzena Dycht, Professor at UKSW
 - *Cerebral impairment of vision in children and its functional consequences* - Małgorzata Walkiewicz-Krutak Ph. D (Maria Grzegorzewska University)
 - *Experience in teaching Braille* - Małgorzata Paplińska, PHD. (Maria Grzegorzewska University)
 - *Reading among blind people* - Emilia Śmiechowska-Petrovskij, Ph. D (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw)
 - *The use of echolocation in teaching orientation and mobility skills to people with visual impairment* - Kamila Miler-Zdanowska, Ph. D (Maria Grzegorzewska university)
 - *Rehabilitation and inclusive aspects of family life and motherhood of women with visual impairment* - Magdalena Wałachowska, Ph. D
3. Room C: *Support for innovation in the field of visual impairment reduction*
 - *The latest trends in access technology* - Tobias Winnes (Vispero)
 - *Modern rehabilitation of blind people in Israel* - Nati Bialistok-Cohen (Center for the Blind in Israel)
 - *Listen and touch instead of looking* - Adam Kalbarczyk (Altix Sp. z o.o.)
 - *Accessibility audits: methodology and practice* - Henryk Rzepka (Altix Sp. z o.o.)
 - *Modern museum open to everyone* - Marek Sobczak (Altix Sp. z o.o.)
4. Room D: *Contemporary requirements for social institutions and organizations*
 - *Mission of International Mobility Conference* - Nurit Neustadt-Noy, PHD. (Consultation and Rehabilitation Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Persons)
 - *The idea of being together - works of the Parliamentary Group for Persons with visual impairments* – MP Małgorzata Wypych
 - *Local government for the disabled* - Artur Pozorek (Mazovian Centre for Social Policy)
 - *European model of social inclusion* - Tomasz Krzyżański (Challenge Europe Foundation)

- *Situation of social organizations in Poland* - Sylwester Peryt (Chance for the Blind Foundation)

11:00 Catering break

11:00 – 15:00 the exhibitions organized within the Conference (UKSW):

- a. Exhibition devoted to the activities of NGO institutions and organizations
- b. The "World of Touch and Sound" exhibition

14:00 Dinner

15:00 Arrival at Copernicus Science Centre

12:00 - 19:00 the exhibitions organized within the Conference (Copernicus Science Centre):

- a. Exhibition of modern technologies
- b. The "World of Touch and Sound" exhibition

15:00 - 17:00 Technology Panels (Copernicus Science Centre)

- Information resulting in mobility and ability - Janusz Mirowski (Altix Sp. z o.o.)
- Talking Glasses OrCam MyEye2 - Irie Meltzer (OrCam)
- Warsaw accessible to the blind and visually impaired - Donata Kończyk (the accessibility and disability expert)
- Accessibility Act - Jacek Zadrożny (Member of the Accessibility Council of the Ministry of Investment and economic Development)
- Printing technologies for tactile graphics - Rebecca Boman (ViewPlus)
- Senior-friendly computers - Steve Bennet (Dolphin Computer Access Ltd.)
- Audio navigation inside objects - Adam Jesionkiewicz (Ifinity Beacons)

18:00 Catering

Day 3 (Wednesday) 23rd October

9:00 - 13:00 Panels and workshops (UKSW):

1. Room A: orientation & mobility skills with the use of IT technology
 - *Orientation & mobility skills and independent moving around by blind and partially sighted people* - Jacek Kwapisz
 - *Audio navigation inside objects* - Adam Jesionkiewicz (Ifinity Beacons)
 - *Accessibility audits: methodology and practice* - Henryk Rzepka (Altix Sp. z o.o.)
 - *Intelligent home* - Jan Gawlik (TONO Praca Sp. z o.o.)
2. Room B: Rehabilitation of blind and partially sighted people
 - *Situation of people with disabilities in penitentiary isolation* - Anna FIDELUS, Associate Professor at UKSW, Vice-Rector
 - *Rehabilitation of Adult Blind Persons* - Marlena Kilian, PHD (UKSW)
 - *Students with visual impairments at the UKSW* - Agnieszka Regulska, PHD, Disability Student Plenipotentiary (UKSW)
3. Room C: Access to information - computers, smartphones, Internet, media
 - *Internet accessible to all* - Adam Pietrasiewicz (Ministry of Digital Affairs)
 - *Audiodescription of events* - Mariusz Trzeciakiewicz (Fundacja Katarynka)
 - *Modern public television* - Daria Złoto-Borowska (TVP)
4. Room D: Accessibility of public utilities, transport, tourism, culture and arts
 - *A sound painting painted by blind people* - Prof. Tomasz Wendland and Julia Kurek, PHD (Academy of Art in Szczecin)
 - *We're touring the world. Experiences from tactile inspection of architectural models and mock-ups* - Maciej Kłopotowski, PhD (Białystok University of Technology)
 - *Universal design* - Kamil Kowalski (Fundacja Integracja)
 - *Tactile graphics in practice* - Sławomir Seidler (Altix Sp. z o.o.)

11:00 Catering break

11:00 - 16:00 The Exhibitions organized within the Conference (UKSW):

- a. "World of Touch and Sound" exhibition
- b. Exhibition of modern technologies
- c. Exhibition devoted to the activities of NGO institutions and organizations

14:00 - 17:00 Integration Picnic (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University Campus):

- a. Cultural and intellectual competitions
- b. Integration concert - performance of a well-known rock band with the participation of our beneficiaries
- c. Demonstrations of non-visual sports disciplines:
 - Showdown
 - ping-pong
 - accessible urban heiner
 - chess, checkers, reversi.

- Speedcubing
 - Braille playing cards: bridge, hearts, remibranding
 - accessible sudoku and tic-tac-toe.
- d. Catering - our beneficiaries as chefs and waiters
 - e. Film with audio description