

*Dear members,  
we are happy to present you our fourth newsflash from the Interest Group on Person Centered Technology (PCT). In this edition we want to inform our members about the 3 day events which will take place in Bologna 26-28 November 2014, with a special focus on the Training Seminar, offered by the EASPD Interest Group on PCT.*

*We hope you enjoy the reading!*

*The editorial board*

## Building Better Services: Getting the best from technology

The digital divide is a fact. People with disabilities still experience difficulties fully engaging with technology, and this knowledge gap has to be reduced to ensure everyone enjoys the same opportunities. The Digital Divide includes access to computer systems, connectivity and internet as wider access to broader assistive technology solutions (mainstream and specialist). To achieve this, it is essential that service providers have a comprehensive understanding of how technology, and specifically person-centred technology (PCT), can contribute to our sector.

Therefore, together with AIAS Bologna, EASPD would like to offer you a unique opportunity to take part in a set of activities, including a **one-day training seminar on Person Centred Technologies (PCT)** that comes under the title:

**“Bridging the Gap between Technology and Care: the opportunities of offered by Person Centred Technologies in supporting clients with disabilities.**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November** in Bologna, Italy

The training seminar will be largely interactive within the AT Centre and smart homes of Corte Roncati.

At the end of the training seminar the participants will have a good overview of the technological solutions available on the market, and will show how the outcomes of their organisations can use PCT to help them achieve their goals and aspirations. They will be introduced in factors that contribute to their successful deployment and effective use. Finally they will have had the opportunity to discuss with experts and to express interests in further developing their skills in this field.

### **‘(Assistive) technology as a Human Rights Enabler’**

The training seminar is part of the wider event **‘(Assistive) technology as a Human Rights Enabler’** hosted by AIAS Bologna onlus and partners. This 4 day thematic event (26-29<sup>th</sup> November 2014) will provide an opportunity to gain a wider knowledge of the importance of technology in the social sector, complementing and enhancing the information provided by the PCT seminar.

The programme will start with the first international ENTELIS seminar (Wednesday afternoon and Thursday), followed by the EASPD PCT group training event (Friday).

The ENTELIS project aims to reduce the digital divide by fostering an exchange of information and good practice through the establishment of a network of relevant stakeholders, and by contributing to policy development. This event will particularly focus on person-centred factors (in-line with the PCT event), exploring actions and measures aimed at individual empowerment; the emphasis will be on how the development of digital skills can improve participation and freedom of choice in society.



**(Assistive) Technology as a Human Rights Enabler  
Full Programme Overview:  
26–28 November 2014  
Bologna**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> (afternoon): ENTELIS Pre-Seminar event.** Targeted at the public, including policy-makers, journalists, NGOs, self-advocacy groups.

>> *Participation is free of charge. Registration is encouraged.*



**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>: ENTELIS Seminar.** Targeted at service providers, education & rehabilitation professionals, researchers, and experts in both information and assistive technology. It will include keynote speeches, selected contributions from participants and parallel working groups; it will be organised to promote the maximum amount of information exchange, reciprocal learning and networking.

>> *Free of charge for ENTELIS partners & for members of EASPD, AAATE and EVBB. Fee of € 150 for non-members. Registration is required*

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>: EASPD PCT Interest Group Training Seminar: “Bridging the Gap between Technology and Care when Implementing Person Centred Technologies/Assistive Technologies and Information and Communication Technologies in Services”**



09.00 – 11.00: Study visit to ‘smart homes’ in Bologna

11.30 – 12.30: Training event – ‘Smart Home Technology’ by Steve Barnard

13.30 – 14.00: ‘Service delivery & impact on social costs (personalised support & needs assessment’) by Evert-Jan Hoogerwerf

14.00 – 14.30: ‘How to develop consultancy & training’ by Klaus Miesenberger

14.30 – 14.50: A policy framework by Luk Zelderloo

14.50 – 15.30: Assessment of the expectations/wishes of the audience by Jim Crowe

>> *Fee: € 40. Registration is required*

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>: Visit to Handimatica.** Handimatica is a national exhibition & conference dedicated to the presentation of innovations in information & communication technologies used for the benefit of people with disabilities. It is aimed at all types of disabilities: visual, auditory, motor, mental, cognitive.

>> *Free of charge*

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