



Call for Applications: ISSBD Regional Workshop 2018

Social competencies and interpersonal relationships: from the individual to the context

5-7 February 2018, Milan, Italy

To be hosted by

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Faculty of Education - Department of Psychology

Deadline for submission: 20 September 2017

The Regional Workshop of the *International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD)* will take place on 5-6-7 February 2018 in Milan, Italy.

ORGANIZERS

Professor **Antonella Marchetti** (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy)

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WORKSHOP AIMS

The interplay between cognitive and socio-emotional factors in determining developmental outcomes is a hot topic in developmental literature. A growing body of data shows how cognitive processes and personal achievements observed and assessed in various contexts are influenced by the number and quality of social and affective relationships over the life-span; conversely, it is also increasingly recognized that social competencies are based on cognitive abilities, which do not flourish in a social *vacuum*. The focus on this interplay requires a complex, non-linear conception of causality as well as the use of appropriate methodologies. Individual differences are conceived as emerging within the frame of relationships which are specific in terms of structure, socio-emotional features, and contextual aspects, all factors that can be investigated through research programs open to a multifaceted view of development. In this perspective, laboratory studies, qualitative measures, training interventions and neuroscientific researches can cooperate to build multi-method programs apt to better grasp this complexity.

The Workshop will address studies on:

- the role of mind-mindedness in predicting children's development;
- the developmental steps of the capacity to consider other people as trustworthy sources of knowledge;
- the role of the relationship with the teachers for learning and for the acquisition of skills not directly related to learning;
- the cognitive errors across the life-span;
- the neural bases of social competencies and interpersonal relationships.

SPEAKERS

1. Professor **Elisabeth Meins** (University of York, UK)
2. Professor **Paul L. Harris** (Harvard University, USA)
3. Professor **Robert Pianta** (University of Virginia, USA)
4. Professor **Daniel Bernstein** (Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Canada)
5. Professor **Beatrice de Gelder** (Maastricht University, Netherland)

PROGRAMME

The Regional Workshop will be structured as follows:

1. Main lectures;
2. Poster sessions (the participants will have the possibility to present their researches);
3. "Meet the researchers sessions" (the participants will have the opportunity to discuss their research interests and projects with the main speakers).

WHO CAN APPLY

Participation is open to **40 early career scholars** (within 10 years after Ph.D dissertation), particularly to students from South-European countries. However, applications from early career scholars from other countries will also be considered. The participants' research interests should mainly concern the study of social competencies and interpersonal relationships across the life-span.

The Regional Workshop will be held in English.

HOW TO APPLY

People who intend to apply have to be already ISSBD members or to become members before applying. It is possible to become a member by the following link: <https://issbd.org/ContentDisplay.aspx?src=memberDetails>

Required documents to be submitted in order to apply to the 2018 Workshop:

1. Application form (download from the workshop website)
2. Two-pages curriculum vitae
3. Reference letter from a senior scientist
4. Abstract submission form for the poster sessions (download from the workshop website)

The application must contain the 4 documents as **a single PDF file**. If this is not possible, it is required to use Word Office and label each document starting with the participant's surname.

Example:

Surname-Application-ISSBD-RW-Milan.doc

Surname-CV.doc

Surname-Reference-Letter.doc

Surname-Abstract-ISSBD-RW-Milan.doc

The application will be evaluated by the scientific local committee that will select the 40 participants.

FINANCIAL ISSUES

The selected participants will NOT be requested to pay a registration fee for attendance to the Workshop. Accommodations and meals will be borne by the organizers.

Additionally, ISSBD will contribute to reimburse travel expenses as follows:

- up to 250 euros for participants who come from: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey;
- up to 150 euros for participants who come from: Andorra, Croatia, Gibraltar, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Slovenia, Spain, Vatican City.

The contribution for those who come from countries out of Europe will be evaluated case by case.

Refund request will be collected between 30th January and 28th February 2018.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 1) Submissions deadline: 15th October 2017
- 2) Admissions notifications: 31th October 2017
- 3) Registration online (only for admitted people): by 20th November 2017
- 4) Travel expenses refund requests: by 28th February 2018

The application form and the required documents have to be sent by e-mail to:

Dr. Federico Manzi

E-mail: issbd2018-mi@unicatt.it

Conference Website: <http://www.unicatt.it/meetings/issbd-home>

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Organizing Committee

Information regarding registration, accommodation, administration and financial issues

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