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INFORMATION LETTER

Scientific and practical conference "Belarus: development of the practice of alternative and additional communication in the context of world experience" 26-28 October, 2022

Dear colleagues, partners!

You are invited to take part in the work of **Scientific and Practical Conference "Belarus: Development of the Practice of Alternative and Additional Communication in the Context of World Experience"**, which will be held **on October 26-28, 2022 in Minsk (Republic of Belarus)**.

The purpose of the conference: to determine the directions, conditions and ways of developing the practice of using alternative and additional communication (hereinafter referred to as AAC) in Belarus, taking into account foreign experience. **The conference will bring together researchers, practitioners and users of the AAC**. It will be useful for researchers and faculties of higher education institutions providing training, advanced training and retraining of teachers working with the means of AAC; students, undergraduates and graduate students of institutions of higher education and scientific institutions of the Republic of Belarus; managers and employees of educational institutions, healthcare institutions and other organizations providing educational, medical and social services to people with impaired verbal communication skills; specialists of education, health and social protection authorities; parents and guardians raising children with special needs.

The main directions of the conference:

1. **Interrelation of the theory and practice of AAC.** Issues of selection and adaptation of AAC funds for a particular child; formation of the main dictionary; prospects for the development and implementation of unified/ uniformed approaches to the use of the AAC sign system; features of the formation

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of a universal communicative environment; regulatory and legislative support for the development of AAC.

2. **Practice of using AAC in the education of children with severe and multiple developmental disabilities** (hereinafter referred to **as** children with SMDD) **:** approaches to assessing communication skills; selection of AAC funds; problems of diagnosing the intellectual abilities of non-speaking children with SMDD; the use of AAC in the work of educational institutions; implementing educational programs of special education; inclusion of the use of the means of AAC in the practice of work of the Centers for Correctional and Educational Training and Rehabilitation in Belarus; the use of AAC in the context of inclusive education; issues of developing training aids for AAC users.

3. **Practice of using AAC in public healthcare**: the use of AAC and communicative support for non-verbal patients in the process of complex diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation.

4. **Practice of using AAC in residential institutions of education, health care and social sphere**: ways to create a favorable communication environment for using of AAC in residential institutions.

5. **Practice of using AAC in a family**: creating a communicative environment in a family; approaches to creating a supportive communication environment for AAC users from a family to society.

6. **The practice of using auxiliary technical means in AAC:** the use of different sign systems; ratio of low-tech and high-tech devices in AAC pra**ctice.**

7. **Training of AAC specialists for special and inclusive education**.

Forms of participation: offline, full-time participation, online.

1. Full-time participation in sections (report, message, speech, publication).
2. Absentee participation (only publication).

Conditions for participation in the conference:

The conference will be held in a mixed format. The link for registration and participation in the conference will be posted **on September 1, 2022** in the news section of the website of the Charitable Public Association "World Without Borders" https://wwb.by/news/ and in the news section of the website of the Institute of Inclusive Education of the Belarusian State Pedagogical University https://iio. bspu.by.

One participant can publish no more than one article or no more than two in co-authorship.

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1. **Not later than September 20, 2022, register** using the link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HBUGOZqDTZAdgSfMm3RoKlVuuM70Zt2haUSAoopugO0/edit .

2. **Not later than October 10 , 2022, send the edited text of the materials** to the email address aacbelarus@gmail.com , drawn up in accordance with the requirements (Appendix 1) in Word format . The surname of the first author is indicated as the file name. For example: "1. Petrov";

3. A scanned certificate of the results of the anti-plagiarism check (the acceptable level is at least 65% of originality).

Materials that do not correspond to the directions and issues of the problem field of the conference or the rules of registration, as well as materials submitted in violation of the established procedure, are not accepted for publication.

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Attachment 1

REQUIREMENTS FOR ARTICLE DESIGN

The working languages of the conference are Russian, Belarusian, English.

The volume of the article is 5000 - 10000 printed characters.

MS Word format with *. doc, *. docx.

Times New Roman font, font size - 14, line spacing - single. The size of all fields is 20 mm; paragraph indent - 1.25 cm, basic text alignment - by width, sheet orientation - portrait. The "hyphenation" mode is disabled. Graphs, pictures, charts, tables and formulas are not allowed.

Article structure:

title of the article (*in Russian and English*);

information about the author/authors: full name, academic degree and academic title, place of work, city (*in Russian and English*);

abstract (no more than 300 characters, *in Russian and English*);

keywords (no more than 5, *in Russian and English*);

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The title of the article is designed in capital letters (bold font, center alignment); through one line – initials and surname of the author / authors, academic degree and scientific title (bold italic font, right alignment); on the next line - the full and abbreviated name of the organization, city (italic font, right alignment); through one line - annotation (bold italic, justified), on the next line - keywords (bold italic, justified). **All author's data, abstract and keywords are given in Russian and English**. Through one line (width alignment) - the main text of the article. Through one line (bold font, center alignment) - the inscription "References". It is followed by a list of references in alphabetical order. References in the text to the relevant sources from the list of references are in square brackets. The use of automatic page links is not allowed.

The list of literary sources is drawn up in accordance with the “Samples for the design of a bibliographic description in the list of sources given in the dissertation and abstract” (order of the Higher Attestation Commission of the Republic of Belarus dated 06/25/2014 No. 159 as amended by the order of the Higher Attestation Commission of the Republic of Belarus dated 09/08/2016 No. 206) .

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STRATEGY FOR INCLUDING ALTERNATIVE AND ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION IN INTERACTION WITH CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS

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