



Work For All!

8th International Conference of ISF on inclusion of people with disabilities into the labour market

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### **8TH INTERNATIONAL SOFT ASSEMBLY ON WORK AND SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

**Debrecen, Hungary, 16 - 18 February 2012**

#### ***FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT***

***Mentioned websites, registration information etc. are to be  
completed***

#### ***Welcome/Introduction***

*It is with great pleasure to announce the 8<sup>th</sup> International SOFT Assembly, International conference of the International SOFT Federation on Inclusion and Work of people with disabilities. Following the United Nations Convention on the Rights for People with Disabilities this conference will enlighten the position of people with disabilities who should have a chance to enter employment with support.*

*The conference will celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International SOFT Federation together with the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SOFT Tulip, on of the founding members.*

*Willem de Gooyer*

*President ISF*

## **Provisional program**

**Thursday, 16 February**, Kölcsey Convention Centre

15:00-16:00 **ISF Assembly** – Annual General Meeting ISF (members only)

16:00-17:00 **Registration**, coffee and sandwiches

17:00 **Opening ceremony** and celebration of SOFT Tulip, SOFT Hungary, ISF and ISF Educational Centre anniversaries

**Welcome addresses** by the Mayor of Debrecen; President of ISF and Director of Educational Centre

**Key note lectures**

**Ildikó Bernát** (Ministerial trustee for employment of people with disabilities, Hungary): Work in the open market

**Hans Kröber** (Vilans, The Netherlands): Success factors for work and inclusion

18:30 **Reception** in Kölcsey Convention Centre with musical performance of the Swing Singers, Debrecen

**Friday, 17 February** (Kölcsey Convention Centre)

9.00 – 9.30. am. Registration, coffee

9.30-10.15 am **#1 Plenary Topic:**

**The potential employee: assessment of working abilities, preparation and follow-up**

Keynote speakers: **Gábor Pósfay** NRSZH- ERGOSZ system (Hung.)  
Representative of European Social Network (TBC)

10.15-10.30 am: coffee break

10.30 – 12.00 **Three parallel workshops**

**Disability Studies and employment**

**Preparation of people with disability for work**

**Functioning in a workplace / follow-up**

12.00am-1.00 pm. Lunch brake started with the performance of a group of children with disabilities

1.00-1.30 am **# 2. Plenary Topic:**

**Experiences with the Private sector (attitude, approach, new forms of employment)**

**Keynotes: DG Employment EU (TBC)**  
**European Centre for Workers' Questions EZA (TBC)**

1.30-1.45 pm. *break*

1.45 – 3.15 pm **Three parallel workshops**

***Experiences in Ukraine***

***Motivation and interest of employees***

***Sensitizing private sector***

3.15 – 3.30 pm *coffee break*

3.30 – 4.00 pm **#3 Plenary Topic: breaking down environmental barriers**

***Keynote: Eurofound (TBC)***

4.00-5.30 pm **Three parallel workshops**

***Supported employment program***

***Field of info communication***

***Working environment***

19:30 ***Gala Dinner at Hotel Divinus\*\*\*\* (optional)***

**Saturday, 18 February** (Debrecen University Medical and Health Science Centre)

08:30-09:00 *Registration and coffee*

09:00 ***Welcome address by György Paragh, President of the Medical and Health Science Centre of the University of Debrecen***

09:10-9:40 ***Keynote speaker: Ádám Kósa, EP: Future perspectives in employment and inclusion of people with disabilities***

9.40-11.00 ***Roundtable discussion on the experiences of the Friday workshops***

11.-00-11.20 ***Coffee break***

11.20-12.00 ***Presentation of the ‘Debrecen Declaration on Work and Inclusion’***

12:00-12:30 ***Hand out of certificates***

12:30-14:00 ***Final lunch buffet***  
*Possibility to join to the “Open Day” of the DU MHSC*

*The organizers reserve the right to make changes as seems appropriate.*

***Attendance certificate and CME (Continuing Medical Education) credits***

*Attendance Certificates will be issued by the Congress Secretariat upon registration.*

*The Meeting will be credited by ISF EC, ISPRM and the Debrecen University Health and Science Centre*

## **Venues**

16-17 February 2012

Kölcsey Convention Center (KCC)

H-4026 Debrecen, Hunyadi u. 1-3.

Web: [www.kolcseykozpont.hu](http://www.kolcseykozpont.hu)

18 February 2012 - associated with the 'Day of Partnership'

Debrecen University Medical and Health Science Centre (DU MHSC)

H-4032 Debrecen, Nagyerdei krt. 98.

Web: [www.deoec.hu](http://www.deoec.hu)

## **Congress website**

[www.kmcongress.com/isf2012](http://www.kmcongress.com/isf2012)

## **Official languages**

The official languages will be English and Hungarian with simultaneous translation to both languages and to Russian.

## **Important deadline**

Early registration fee 16 January 2012

## **Congress secretariat**

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# WORK FOR ALL

## 8TH INTERNATIONAL SOFT ASSEMBLY ON WORK AND SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

*The International SOFT Federation (ISF) organizes in co-operation with the Health and Science Centre of the University of Debrecen and the SOFT Tulip Foundation an international conference on work and social inclusion of persons with a disability.*

*This conference takes place within the framework of the 8<sup>th</sup> international assembly (ISA) of ISF, the latter being an umbrella NGO of Dutch, Finnish, Hungarian, Moldavian, Romanian and Ukrainian NGOs working in behalf of persons with a disability, irrespective of the kind of disability, age, gender, religion or ethnicity. SOFT Tulip is a member-organization of ISF. Previous ISA's have been held in Hungary, Republic of Moldavia, Romania and Ukraine.*

### **Aims**

In order to emerge stronger from the present economic and financial crisis, the European Union's long term strategy\* is the achievement of a sustainable future and inclusive growth. The latter means empowering people through high levels of employment, investing in skills, fighting poverty and modernising labour markets, training and social protection systems so as to help people anticipate and manage change and build a cohesive society. It is about ensuring access and opportunities for all throughout the lifecycle. Europe needs to make full use of its labour potential to face the challenges of an ageing population and rising global competition. In view of this, the European Commission (EC) will work to design and implement programmes to promote social innovation for the most vulnerable, particular by providing innovative education, training, and employment opportunities for, and fighting discrimination of, among others, people with a disability. In the EC's view, the effectuation of the strategy presupposes a partnership approach that should extend also to social partners and stakeholders and civil society so that everyone is involved in delivering on the vision.

The 8<sup>th</sup> ISA also aims to further the development of innovative educational and training programmes and their implementation in co-operation by the participants of the conference, mobilising expertise on international level.

### **Backgrounds**

ISF came into being after the successful completion of a Dutch-Hungarian-Romanian project that has been implemented with the financial support of the European Union. In 2001 twenty-eight NGOs from Hungary, the Netherlands, Romania and Ukraine issued a Declaration of Intent envisaging the establishment of a federation of NGOs working for or with disabled children and young adults. In the course of time its target groups became persons with a disability and its mission is furthering the quality of life of people with a disability in accordance with the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. ISF works under Hungarian law and has an international board. ISF celebrated in 2010 its 10th anniversary.

The Health and Science Centre of the University of Debrecen: Short description to be added

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\*Europe 2020. A strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. European Commission, Brussels, 3.3.2010.

SOFT Tulip is a member-organization of ISF. It has been established in 1991 and is rooted in basic values characteristic of Dutch culture like freedom, equality and solidarity. Since its establishment it has developed into a network organization of care providers in the Netherlands that aims at furthering abroad the quality of life – comprising social inclusion – of persons with a disability in accordance with the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Doing so, it assists its partners abroad to further in their own country the quality of life of persons with a disability, drawing upon insight, knowledge and experience that have been accumulated within a strong and vibrant civil society encompassing the development of helping networks, the advocacy of the interests of persons with disabilities as well as the fostering of policy changes necessary to develop an inclusive society. It draws also upon insight, knowledge and experience gathered within its unique network of care providing organizations in the Netherlands. The Dutch care providers co-operating within the framework of SOFT Tulip employ altogether about thirty thousand people, while their total annual budget amounts to more than € 1.400 million. The network represents an expertise tank that enables the Foundation to strive effectively at fulfilling its mission. SOFT Tulip celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2010.

***International organizing board***

*Willem de Gooyer (The Netherlands)*

*Zsuzsanna Vekerdy-Nagy (Hungary)*

*Eric Bloemkolk (The Netherlands)*

*Irina Roschkovych (Ukraine)*

***Scientific committee***

*Willem de Gooyer, ISF*

*Ákos Pordán, Hand in Hand Foundation*

*Gábor Pósfay, National Rehabilitation and Social Office*

*Csilla Szauer Public Foundation for Equal Opportunities of Persons with Disabilities*

*Andrea Gombkötő, Public Foundation for Equal Opportunities of Persons with Disabilities*

*Katalin Végh, Salva Vita Foundation*

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***Local organizing committee***

*János Kollár, ISF EC*

*Betti Dézsi, ISF*

*Istvánné Bodnár, SOFT Foundation*

*Anita Miglódi, SOFT Foundation*

*Gergely Lakatos, SOFT Foundation*

*Szilvia Baksa and Balázs Ádám Debrecen University Medical and Health Science Centre*

*Adél Bakó student, Debrecen University Medical and Health Science Centre*

## **Registration fees**

	<i>before 16 January 2012</i>	<i>after 16 January 2012</i>
<i>ISF official delegates</i>	<i>free</i>	<i>50.00 EUR</i>
<i>Non-delegates</i>	<i>50.00 EUR</i>	<i>75.00 EUR</i>
<i>University students</i>	<i>10.00 EUR</i>	<i>12.00 EUR</i>
<i>Gala Dinner on 17 February</i>	<i>30.00 EUR</i>	

*Fees include 20% VAT*

*The registration fee includes admission to the programs and the exhibition, information package, coffee and refreshment during the breaks, lunchbox with sandwiches and welcome party.*

### **Procedure of payment** *(bank charges must be paid by the Registrant)*

*1) online by bank card via secure bank line on [www.kmcongress.com/pcp2012.php](http://www.kmcongress.com/pcp2012.php)*

*2) via bank draft made payable to K&M Congress,*

*account no: IBAN HU90-1030-0002-5120-0040-2630-4885*

*Hungarian Foreign Trade Bank, Inc., H-1056 Budapest, Váci u. 38.*

*Swift code: MKKBHUHB*

*The organizers prefer registration and payment via the conference website [www.kmcongress.com/isf2012.php](http://www.kmcongress.com/isf2012.php). Those without internet access are requested to send the completed Registration Form to the Conference Secretariat. The applicable fee(s) must accompany the Registration.*

### **Cancellation and refund**

*In case of cancellation*      *until 16 January 2012:*      *80 percent refund of the fees paid;*

*after 16 January 2012:*      *no refund.*

*Written refund requests must be submitted to the Conference Secretariat before 16 January 2012.*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Weather

The weather in February is usually cold in Hungary, temperature ranges between 0-5 °C. Snow may occur

**Dress** is informal at all occasions.

### Visas

Entry visa is not required for the citizens of the European countries, Australia, Canada, Israel, Japan and USA. Citizens of other countries should apply for visa at a Hungarian diplomatic mission or consular post in the country of their permanent or habitual residence. Hungary is part of the Schengen area. Citizens of the EU member states, as well as those of Croatia and Switzerland may travel to Hungary with an identity card.

### Currency, exchange, bank cards

The official currency is the Hungarian Forint. Exchange facilities are available at the airport, in hotels, at the exchange desk of the banks. ATMs are available throughout the country. American Express, Visa, Diners, MasterCard, JCB cards are mostly accepted in hotels, restaurants and city stores, but you should ask before ordering a service or purchasing goods.

### Insurance

The Organizing Committee does not assume responsibility for injuries or losses occurring to persons or personal belongings during the conference. Participants are therefore advised to carry the proper travel and health insurance.

### Electricity supply and phone

In Hungary electricity is supplied at 230 V, 50 Hz like in most European countries. The 2-pin connecting plug is different from that used in some other countries (e.g. USA, UK, Japan etc.). Phone and mobile service background is according to European standards.

### Travel

By public transportation: Hungary lies at the crossroad of the main tourist traffic in Europe. More than 30 regular and low cost airlines operate flights to and from Budapest. From Budapest Debrecen is accessible by train or bus.

For timetables please visit the websites:

[www.bud.hu/english](http://www.bud.hu/english) Budapest Airport flight information

[www.volantbusz.hu/english](http://www.volantbusz.hu/english) bus timetable

<http://www.mav-start.hu/english/index.php> train timetable

By car: Toll must be paid on motorways M1, M3, M5, M6 and M7. Annual, monthly, four- or ten-day vignettes are available. The following websites can help you make your route plans: [www.viamichelin.com](http://www.viamichelin.com), [www.utvonalterv.hu](http://www.utvonalterv.hu)

### Hotels

On behalf of the conference K&M Congress Ltd. has reserved rooms in Debrecen in Hotel Lycium, the headquarters hotel of the meeting, and in Hotel Nagyerdő.

### **Reservation**

You can make your reservation via the congress website or by returning the Registration Form to K&M Congress Ltd. before 16 January 2012. For each room reservation 1 night deposit and credit card guarantee are required. Full payment is required at the congress registration desk. Deposits are not refundable for any cancellation after 16 January 2012.

#### **Hotel Lycium**

4026 Debrecen, Hunyadi u. 1-3

[www.hotellycium.hu](http://www.hotellycium.hu)

Single room with breakfast                      87.00 EUR

Double room with breakfast                      100.00 EUR

Room rates include buffet breakfast, use of the internet corner, sauna, pool, jakuzzi, fitness room and taxes.

#### **Hotel Nagyerdő**

4032 Debrecen, Pallagi út 5.

[www.hotelnagyerdo.hunguesthotels.hu](http://www.hotelnagyerdo.hunguesthotels.hu)

Single room with breakfast                      43.00 EUR

Double room with breakfast                      63.00 EUR

Room rates include buffet breakfast, use of the thermal pool, sauna, and taxes.

Overnight in Budapest

Hotel \*\*\* 80 € per single room per night or 90 € per double room per night

The conference is supported by (to be completed)

