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ADawarE – Dementia Awareness Education

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Univerzitet u Sarajevu – Medicinski fakultet sa velikim zadovoljstvom najavljuje sesiju predavanja na temu „**Dementia Awareness Education – ADawarE**“, koje će se održavati u okviru Erasmus+ projekta.

Predavanja će se održati **11. 06. 2026. godine** u terminu od **10:00 do 12:30 sati** u Amfiteatru „Akademik Seid Huković“.

Predavači su renomirani stručnjaci iz oblasti demencije iz zemalja partnera u projektu: Austrije, Grčke, Norveške i Hrvatske.

Sesija predavanja je namijenjena studentima, nastavnicima i saradnicima Univerziteta u Sarajevu – Medicinskog fakulteta.

Agenda je dostupna na: (ubaciti link)

Ljubazno Vas molimo da se odazovete pozivu te da svoje nastavne obaveze prilagodite ovom predavanju.

U nastavku predstavljamo predavače i njihove biografije.

Professor Stefanie Auer

Topic: Awareness building initiatives in Austria- current development”

Bio: Stefanie Auer (Ph.D.) is a Professor of Dementia Studies at the University for continuing Education Krems in Austria where she also served as Dean of the Medical Faculty until 2025 and as head of the Department for Dementia Research and Care Science until today. She is a

Clinical -and Health Psychologist, and from 1991 to 2001 she worked as research Assistant Professor at the New York University Medical Center on the development of test measures and on nonpharmacological treatment methods for Persons with dementia. In Austria, she and her team developed the Dementia Service Centre Model starting in 2001. Since then, Stefanie Auer developed several awareness building initiatives (for example an E- learning program for the Austrian Police taskforce and for community workers) and the concept for a “Healthy Museum” for Dementia prevention.

Dr Marianna Tsatali

Topic: Greek Alzheimer Association: Dementia Raising Awareness Activities, Non pharmacological Interventions and Prevention

Bio: Marianna Tsatali received her Bachelor’s degree from the Department of Psychology at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and an MSc in the Management of Chronic Pain from the Medical School of the University of Ioannina. In addition, she obtained her PhD from the Department of Psychology at the University of Sheffield, UK. She works at the Greek Alzheimer Association and Related Disorders and is a postdoctoral researcher at the Department of Psychology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Network Aging Research group at the University of Heidelberg. She has contributed to numerous interdisciplinary conferences as both an oral and poster presenter and is the author of more than 45 published papers. She is also a core member of the Greek team participating in the global FINGERS study, which focuses on dementia prevention.

Professor Ingelin Testad

Topic: Awareness of dementia in community settings

Bio: Ph.D, RN, and Professor in dementia and health care sciences at the University of Exeter Medical School, and director at Centre for Age-Related Medicine – SESAM, at Stavanger University Hospital. Testad has extensive expertise as PI and has led numerous major research and clinical trial programmes in Norway and internationally. Testad is PI for EU Funded SHAPE trial, “Self-management and HeAlth Promotion in early-stage dementia with E-learning for carers – a randomized controlled trial” adapted for online delivery due to Covid-19. With longstanding experience in telecare and e-health interventions she currently leads the studies “Platform for Research Online to investigate Genetics and Cognition in Ageing, PROTECT Norge” and “Digital meeting place for people living in nursing homes and their care partners (RoboCare)”. Testad coordinated the large UK care home study, Improving Wellbeing and Health for People with Dementia (WHELD), now adapted into the digital intervention e-WHELD.

Anne Torsvik Henriksen:

Topic: WiseAge - user involvement and engagement in society and research.

Bio: MSc - RN, senior advisor at SESAM with longstanding experience as a user representative in national and international research projects. She was the overall user representative in the EU-funded eSHAPE project, which involved four sites across three countries. Anne has contributed to the planning and development of the Dementia School and has taught both in-person and digital groups. She has also been involved in the analysis of focus group data for scientific publications.

Topic: Loops of Awareness: How Knitting Helps Us Talk About Dementia

- **A creative approach to public engagement and social inclusion**
- **Knitting as a catalyst for empathy and conversation**
- **Connecting communities through yarn, stories and shared experience**

Prof. Ninoslav Mimica, MD, MSc, DSc, Primarius, IDFAPA is a full tenured professor of Psychiatry at School of Medicine, University of Zagreb. Currently he is a Head of Department for Biological Psychiatry and Psychogeriatrics and Lead of Referral Centre of Ministry of Health of Republic of Croatia for Alzheimer's Disease and Old Age Psychiatry. He has three subspecialties - in biological psychiatry, social psychiatry and forensic psychiatry. He is a president of Croatian Association for Alzheimer's Disease and Old Age Psychiatry, CroMA, former President and current Vice-President of Alzheimer Croatia. On his initiative, the Croatian Alzheimer Alliance was established, and now has 35 members societies/NGOs. He is an international distinguish fellow of American Psychiatric Association, member and ambassador of European Psychiatric Association, and Croatian representative in Alzheimer's Disease International, Alzheimer Europe and Mediterranean Alzheimer Alliance. He is a court expert in the field of Psychiatry, with experience of working for ICTY, Hague, Netherlands. He was involved in translations of ICD-10 Classification of Mental and Behavioural Disorders, DSM-IV and DSM-5 into Croatian language. His expertise on various scientific fields such as biological psychiatry, adult psychiatry, old age psychiatry, psychopharmacotherapy including clinical trials is supported by more than 1000 abstracts, articles, chapters and books that he has authored or co-authored, providing extended knowledge on matters of that scientific areas. For his scientific and professional work he was rewarded several times.

Sandra Kerovec, univ.mag.rehab.educ.

Educational rehabilitation specialist with more than twenty years of professional experience at the NGO OZANA, working with children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Founder and coordinator of **Štrikeraj Café**, an inclusive community programme that brings together people with and without disabilities through shared knitting and crochet activities, promoting social inclusion, creativity, and meaningful participation.

Recently joined the University Psychiatric Hospital Vrapče, contributing to diagnostic and therapeutic work within a multidisciplinary team. Current focus includes exploring ways to introduce structured knitting and crochet activities as non-pharmacological supportive interventions in clinical and rehabilitative practice, building on long-standing experience with community-based creative programmes.