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7th International Foster Care Network Meeting
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**Foster care in Europe:
what do we know about outcomes and evidence?**

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 7th International Foster Care Network meeting aims to share research and practice on different forms of foster care in Europe, highlighting why they work and their effectiveness. Participants are asked to present research findings and evidence from practice focussing on their outcomes and evidence. This Call is an invitation to submit presentations about concluded or current experiences in the domain of foster care. Selected papers will be discussed in parallel sessions. The working language of the meeting is English. Abstracts that cover the meeting's main area of interest should be submitted in English (Times New Roman, 12pt) following these headings:

- Author(s) and affiliation
- Key words (3-5)
- Aim
- Method (*how does it work?*)
- Results and outcomes (*why does it work?*)
- Conclusion (*what is effective?*)
- Main references

Maximum length of the abstract: **800 words**.

All abstracts will be reviewed by a **Scientific Committee** for outlining the programme of the 7th International Foster Care Network meeting. Abstracts should be submitted to the email: cinziacanalifondazionezancan.it (**deadline: April 30 2013**). Selected abstracts will be published in a seminar book. Registration fee is **80 Euros** (that includes materials, seminar book, certificate of participation, lunch buffet for the full day, coffee breaks).

The 7th International Foster Care Network meeting is planned right before a one-day conference on foster care. Participants who would like to attend this Conference will have a special price (**20 Euros** instead of 50 Euros) on the regular registration fee. In case of interest for participation in the main Conference, please let us know.

Scientific Committee: Jane Aldgate (UK), Cinzia Canali (IT), Colette McAuley (UK), Patricia McNamara (Australia), Carme Monserrat Boada (ES) Daniela Reimer (DE), Fabrizio Serra (IT), Robin Spath (Usa), Dirk Schäfer (DE), June Thoburn (UK), Tiziano Vecchiato (IT), Klaus Wolf (DE)

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Preliminary Programme	7th International Foster Care Network Meeting			One-day conference
	Monday 9/9	Tuesday 10/9	Wednesday 11/9	Thursday 12/9
Morning		Parallel 1-2	Plenary session	Key speakers
Afternoon	Plenary session	Parallel 3-4		Experiences

Some information about Padua

The city of Padua has a rich history. Home to Italy 's second oldest university that was founded in 1222, which attracted the likes of Dante, Petrarch, and Galileo Galilei. The huge Basilica di Sant' Antonio, crowned by Byzantine domes and minaret style towers is only second to the Basilica of St. Marks for its Asian inspired beauty. Piazza dei Signori, is the sight of the daily market which runs from the early morning hours until midday. The square is dominated by the 15 th century building that served as the council chamber for the leading families of the city. Its crude brick form is quite a stark contrast from the magnificence of the nearby Basilica of Sant'Antonio, but its line of architecture make the building stand in its own right.

The star attraction of the city of Padova is the Scrovegni Chapel which was erected in the 13 th century. Giotto (one of the founding figures in the Renaissance movement) decorated the interior of the building and created a magnificent cycle of frescoes illustrating the lives of Mary and Jesus. As you can see, there are many things to do in Padua!

Suggested visits:

Palazzo della Ragione, Scrovegni Chapel, Eremitani Church, St. Anthony Basilica, Bo Palace, Prato della Valle, St. Justine Basilica, Botanical Garden, Battistero del Duomo

How to reach Padua



By plane

The nearest airport is the "Marco Polo" airport in Venice, 20 kilometers (12 miles) east of Padova, conveniently linked with all major European airports (www.veniceairport.it). The best way to go to Padova from Venezia airport is by bus. You have to take a SITA company bus. Exit the Arrivals Hall and turn right. You can also take a bus to Mestre and there take a train to Padova. From Venice Marco Polo Airport you can also reach Padova by a shuttle service (reserve a seat at least 24 hours in advance): AIRSERVICE: airservice@taxipadova.it

By train

Direct railway connections with the national network: Milan, Bologna, Florence and Venice. You can find timetables and more detailed information at www.trenitalia.com

By car

Padova is linked by highways with Venezia (A4), Milano (A4) and Bologna (A13); follow the green highway ("Autostrade") signs. If you arrive from Venice you have to leave at the exit called "Padova Est", from Milan you have to leave at "Padova Ovest" and if coming from Bologna or Rome, at "Padova Sud".

Some hotel in Padua

Our initiative will be held in the centre of Padua. These are the hotels that we normally use for our activities and at walking distance for the centre (even if you may find many more on the web):

Hotel M14 (www.hotelm14.it) (closed to Prato della Valle)

Hotel Casa del Pellegrino (www.casadelpellegrino.com) (closed to St. Anthony's Basilica)

Hotel Verdi (<http://www.albergoverdipadova.it>) (in the heart of the historical centre)

Hotel Europa (<http://www.hoteleuropapd.it>) (closed to Scrovegni Chapel)