



Special Interest Research Group
Profound Intellectual and Multiple Disabilities

The Early Career Research Meeting 2018

17th of July, Athens

Dear researchers of the SIRG PIMD,

We are very pleased to welcome you to the 8th SIRG PIMD Early Career Research Meeting (ECRM). The ECR meeting will consist of a day full of workshops and presentations. In this document you can find the program of the day, information about the location of the ECR meeting and the contact information of all participants.

We have put together an interesting program for you. The ECRM will take place at the 17th of July, a day before the 5th IASSIDD Europe Congress in Athens, Greece. The ECR meeting will give you the opportunity to expand your network and build your future career in research. The workshops and presentations will give you the opportunity to share your research and experiences and discuss several topics that are relevant for researchers with interest in the group people with PIMD. The ECRM is sponsored by the SIRG-PIMD.

We will start at 09.00 am with coffee/tea at the Divani Caravel Hotel (the conference hotel). After an introduction round we will walk together to the Athens Conservatoire (walking distance: 5 minutes, for location details see page 5) that opens at 10.00 am.

During the day we will provide you with water, coffee and tea. During the one-hour break, we will provide you with a lunch.

Important note: In concept versions of the program, the social dinner was planned at the same day as the ECR meeting, in the evening of the 17th of July. However, as this coincides with the opening ceremony of the IASSIDD conference, we decided to change the day of the social dinner to Wednesday the 18th of July at 19.30. We realize that this may interfere with other plans you may have for this evening. Therefore, we have sent you an e-mail with a link. Please indicate by using this link whether you would like to attend the social dinner at the 18th of July. Please note that the social dinner is at your own cost. We advise to bring some cash money.

Kind regards,

The organization committee of 2018:

Sien Vandesande
Jacqueline van Tuyll van Serooskerken
Marleen Wessels

Program 17th of July

09:00 – 09:20 **Welcome with coffee and tea**

09:20 – 09:30 **Opening of the ECR meeting**

Sien Vandesande, Jacqueline van Tuyll van Serooskerken and Marleen Wessels

09:30 – 09:45 **Introduction SIRG PIMD**

Bea Maes

09:45 – 10:00 **Introduction round**

All participants

10:00 – 11:00 **Early career researchers: getting to know each other ('speed date session' about research topics)**

All PhD students

10:00 – 11:00 **Preparation time for seniors for observation workshop**

Senior researchers

11:00 – 12:00 **Workshop about publishing**

Juliet Goldbart

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch break

13:00 – 14:00 **Workshop about observation**

By senior researchers, for all participants

14:00 – 14:40 **Presentations of Early Career Researchers [Part one]**

14:00 - 14:20 **Research proposal: Assessment in people with PIMD: validity of the Behavior Assessment Scales**

Marleen Wessels

14:20 -14:40 **Coding (early) communicative behaviour in children with PIMD.**

Ann Dhondt

14:40 – 15:00 Coffee/ tea break

15:00- 15:40 Presentations of Early Career Researchers [Part two]

15:00 – 15:20 **Quality of research on persons with PIMD – The issue of sampling**

Ines van Keer

15:20 – 15:40 **Collect and share local data and information about PIMD in several countries thanks to an interactive data map**

Pierrick Ferjani

15:40 – 16:45 Participation of parents in research

15:40 – 16:30 Video: Interviews with parents

Jacqueline van Tuyl van Serooskerken

Tips and tricks

Jorien Luijkx

16.30 – 16.45 Presentation about a research project: Increasing the well-being of families with a child with PIMD

Annette van der Putten

16.45- 17:00 End

19.00 Start Opening Ceremony IASSIDD Congress at National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, The Rectorate Building (30 Panepistimiou st.)

Program 18th of July

19:30 Start social dinner

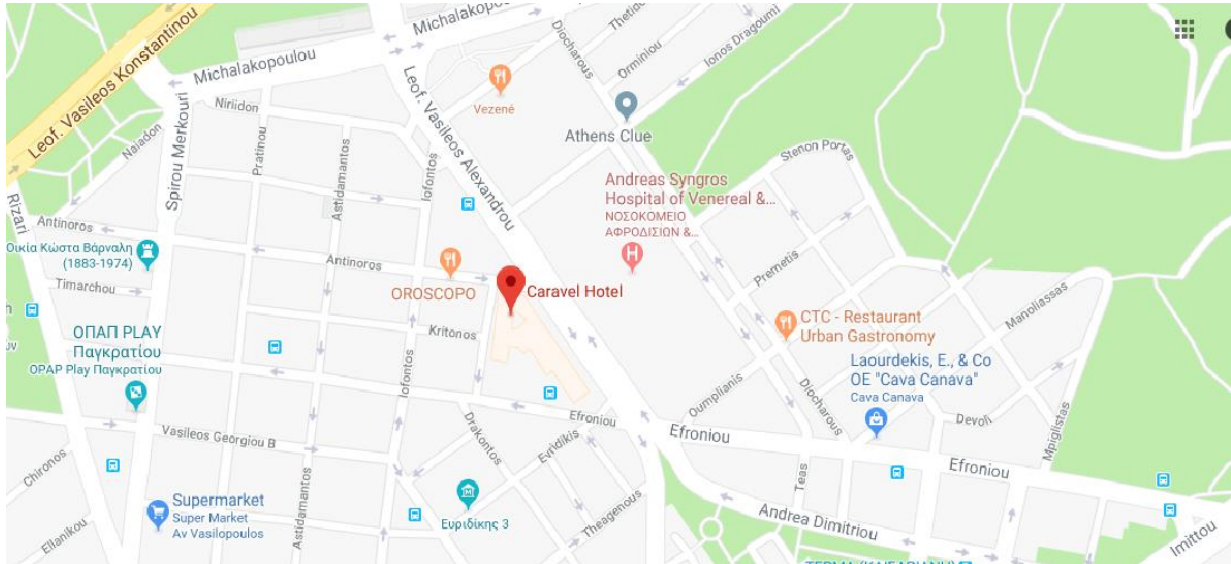
Please indicate if you would like to attend this dinner the 18th of July by filling in the link we have sent by e-mail. Location details of the social dinner will be provided during the ECR meeting.

Location of the ECR meeting

We will start the meeting at the Divani Caravel Hotel (Conference hotel) at 09.00 am.

The address is: Vassileos Alexandrou 2, 16121 Athens.

If you stay in a different hotel, you can travel there by metro. You can stop at Evangelismos Metro Station (blue line).



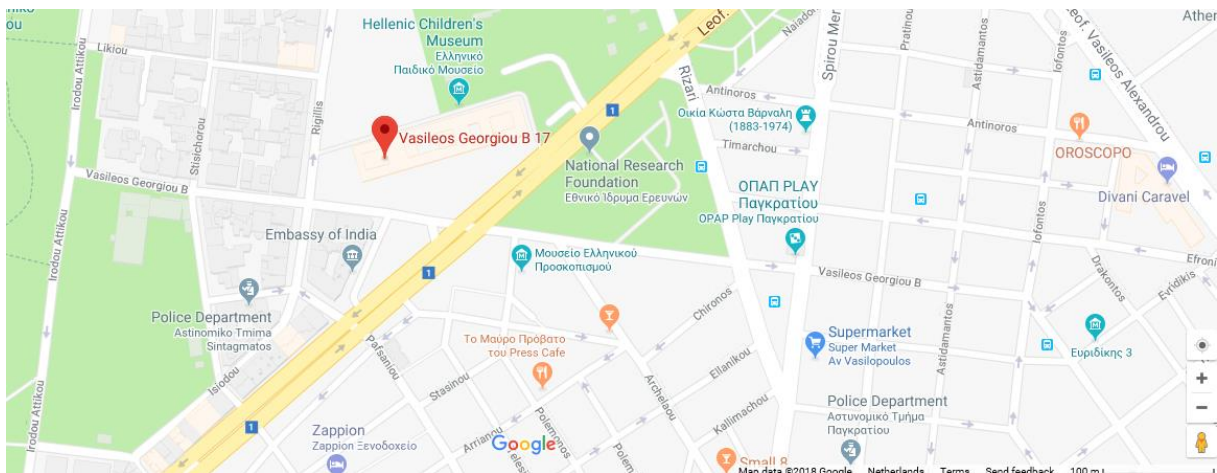
The Athens Conservatoire

At 10.00 am we will walk to the Athens Conservatoire. We can walk there together, but location details can also be found below:

Address: Rigillis & Vasileos Georgiou B'17-19, Athens.

Website: <https://www.athensconservatoire.gr/%cf%89%ce%b4%ce%b5%ce%b9%ce%bf%ce%bd-%ce%b1%ce%b8%ce%b7%ce%bd%cf%89%ce%bd/get-know-athens-conservatoire/>

You can travel there by metro: Then please stop at Evangelismos Metro Station (blue line), and get out from the Exit: Vas. Sofias/Rizari



On the right of this map you can find the Divani Caravel hotel, on the left the address of the Conservatoire is shown.

About the observation workshop and the workshop about participation of parents in research

In addition to the interesting presentations of Early Career Researchers there will be three workshops. A short description of two of these workshops is provided below.

1. Observation workshop

This workshop will be guided by all senior researchers who attend the meeting. There will be time to prepare for senior researchers during the meeting, when the early career researchers have the 'speeddate with PhD's' planned, from 10.00 am till 11.00 am. In this workshop, we will focus on questions such as:

- How to achieve a high inter-rater reliability, given the idiosyncratic and subtle behaviors of persons with PIMD? What are standards for evaluating inter-rater reliability?
- How to discern intentional behavior from non-intentional behavior?
- How to make good use of existing behavioral coding schemes? What are good practices to adapt those schemes?
- What are advantages and disadvantages of micro- vs macrocoding in our target group?
- How to handle noise in home-based observation? How to maximize the comparability of situation across observations?

2. Participation of parents in research

In this workshop we will focus on how to work together with parents in research. First, we will show you some short interviews with parents about:

- Their reasons to participate in (future) research (or why not);
- What they expect from researchers before, during and after a study;
- What they want their participation to yield themselves.

Second, some tips and tricks about including parents in research will be discussed. During both parts there will be room for questions.

The last part of the workshop is a presentation about a new research project on increasing the well-being of families with a child with PIMD. Parents are actively involved in every phase of this research project.

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