

**European Guide Dog Federation**

**2022 Conference**

**Ramada Athens Attica Riviera Hotel**

**Nea Makri, Attica, Greece**

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| **Thursday, 22nd September** |
| **14:30** | Registration opens in Lounge Area |
| **15:45** | Introduction and welcome -- *David Adams, EGDF President*Introduction of volunteers and delegates |
| **16:00** | Annual General Meeting, including election of Board Members – *David Adams* |
| **17:30** | Close of 1st day |
|  | Evening at leisure |

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| **Friday, 23rd September** |
| **8:30** | Registration for new arrivals |
| **9:00** | Welcome and opening of conference – *David Adams*Introductions – *Jane Richards, EGDF Executive Director*  EGDF Board Conference delegates Greek hosts |
| **9:30** | Panel: Recent Activity reports of EGDF and Associated Organisations – *Chair: Jane Richards* Assistance Dogs Europe *- Marijan Sesar, ADEu Board Member, Croatia*European Blind Union *– Rodrigo Santos, EBU Board Member, Portugal*European Disability Forum – *David Adams, EGDF* |
| **10:05** | Panel: How We Are Making Europe Accessible – *Chair: Andrew Lamb, EGDF Board Member, France* Lobbying European Civil Aviation Conference - *David Adams, EGDF*Aegean Airlines, *TBA,*Current Campaigns*, National Federation of the Blind UK*Case Studies of Reasonable Adjustment - *Sangeeta Uppaladinni, Supporter, UK* Professional AwarenessTraining for Service Providers - *Jane Richards, EGDF– Rodrigo*  |
| **11.00** | Coffee break |
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| **11:45** | A Study of Cost Comparisons of Guide Dog Training across Europe -- *Agnė Šimaitienė, supporter, Lithuania* |
| **12:00** | The Evolution of Canadian National Institute of the Blind Guide Dog Programme– *Ben Francis, Manager of Guide Dog Training, CNIB Guide Dogs*  |
| **13:00** | Lunch and dog relief |
| **14:30** | Latest Developments in European Standard for Assistance Dogs *– Marijan Sesar, Chair, CEN/TC452, Croatia*  |
| **15:30** | Coffee break  |
| **16:00** | Panel: Innovations by our Members, Supporters and Associates – *Chair: Darinka Lecnik-Urbancl, EGDF Board Member, Slovenia*Positive Reinforcement Training - *Paris Diamantidis, GDMI Lara Guid Dogs*The work of the Finnish Federation of guide dog users *- Marianne Tenhami, Board Member, Opaskoirayhdistys ry, Finnish Federation of Guide Dog users*Why we trained our own guide dogs - *Cátia Lima, AICA, Italy and Ana Bacelo, Supporter, Portugal*Assistance Dog Assessment Association – *ADAA Board Member* |
| **17:00** | Close of meeting |
| **19:15**  | Meet in reception for short walk to ‘dinner by the beach’ at Argyra Akti  |

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| **Saturday, 24th September** |
| **8:15** | Registration for new arrivals |
| **8:30** | Welcome -- David AdamsWelcome to Greece - *George Stamatis, Secretary General for Social Solidarity and Fight Against Poverty* |
| **8:40** | Panel: An Overview of Guide Dog Training in Greece -- *Chair: Ioanna-Maria Gertsou, EGDF Board Member, Greece*The story of Lara Guide Dog School: a new era for disability services in Greece.– I*oanna-Maria Gertsou, President Lara Guide Dog School*The Value of Orientation and Mobility Training for a Guide Dog Handler in Greece - *Angeliki Verykokaki , O&M Instructor of the Panhellenic Association of the Blind and Aimilia Kleftogianni, GDMI, Greek Guide Dogs Centre*The Challenge of Mobility and Orientation Training – *Hara Bourgani, Communication and Fundraising manager, Lara Guide Dog School*Guide Dog Training in Greece - *Mary Matha. GDMI, Greek Guide Dogs Centre*The Value of a Guide Dog in the Personal and Professional Life of a Handler - *Julianna Boussi , Educator, Assistant PR and Communications**Thanassis Sideris Accessibility Support Instructor* |
| **10:15** | Guide Dog Legislation in Greece – *Marsa Dimopoulou, Secretary General for Pet Animals, Greek Government* |
| **10:25** | Coffee break  |
| **11:00** | Panel: Emotional Impact of Guide Dog Retirement – *Chair: Sean Dilley, EGDF Board, Romania*Community Support *- Sanjeeta Uppaladinni*Guide Dog Retirement - *Sean Dilley, EGDF Board, Romania*54321 – Mindfulness Exercise- I*oanna-Maria Gertsou, President Lara Guide Dog School* Recovery in Action *video produced by Guide Dogs UK* |
| **12:30** | Lunch and dog relief |
| **14:00** | European Assistance Dog Survey – *Jane Richards* |
| **14:20** | Panel: Technological Innovations – *Chair:* *Karine Garnier, EGDF Board Member, France*WelcoMe Developments *- Gavin Neate, founder and CEO, Neatebox, UK*Okeena, producer of user-controlled pedestrian traffic signals - *Sylvain Denoncin, CEO, France*Avery Dennison Smart Tract Dongle *- Fritz Mbumb-Kumb, Animal ID Development Manager, Avery Dennison Smartrac, Switzerland* |
| **15:15** | Coffee break |
| **15:45** | Conference Conclusions – *Judith Jones, Former EGDF Executive Director* |
| **17:30** | Conference ends |
| **18:30** | Gala Dinner in gardens of Ramada Hotel |
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| **Sunday,25th September** |
| **8:30 -- 10:00** | Meeting of EGDF Board; Free time for other delegates |
| **10:30 – 17:30** | Sightseeing tour to Vravrona Archaeological Site and Museum and Bird Sanctuary followed by lunch and time at the beach |