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28th, 29th & 30th
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Dubai**

A Unique Autism Conference For Parents & Professionals

A special opportunity for parents to connect with medical professionals dealing with Autism and speak to them on one to one basis

**International Conference
For Autism and
Neurodevelopmental
Disorders**



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Author, Speaker and Autism Rights Activist



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About ICAN

International Conference for Autism and Neurodevelopment Disorders is a unique conference for parents and professionals. It is a special opportunity to connect with medical professionals dealing with autism and speak to them on one to one basis. ICAN is intended to facilitate exchange of ideas and clinical results between parents and professionals to better the care for the people on the Autism Spectrum. At ICAN the newest and the latest development research happening all over the world and all the newer treatments for Autism will be discussed. This Conference will provide a unique platform for scientific and medical discussion and the final beneficiaries will be the children on the Autism Spectrum.

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John Payne
USA



Chairman and CEO of PURELIFE Health Sciences Group

Topic : **How Metabolic & Gut Flora Issues Affect Children On The Spectrum**



Dr. Zuzana Matousova
South Africa



Autism & Intellectual Disability family coach

Topic : **Health Coaching & Neurodivergent World**



Nahid Barnett
Dubai



Founder and the Managing Director of My Maximus

Topic : **Vocational Training as Alternative Pathway to Conventional Education**



Sandra Ugalde
Dubai



Head Teacher at Rashid Center

Topic : **Sensory Integration and How Rashid Centre helps the Children on Autism Spectrum**



Tom Iland
USA



Award-winning Author with Autism

Topic : **Law Enforcement Interactions and People With Autism**



Dr. Alok Sharma
India



Neurosurgeon

Topic : **Role of Regenerative Medicine in Autism Spectrum Disorder**



Pooja Panesar
Kenya



Behavioural Analyst

Topic : **Your child is acting out... Now what?**



Lynne
USA



Founder of AwesomismMom, TeamAwesomism Virtual Academy

Topic : **Adults with Autism**



Dr. Milind Sonawane
Ireland



Sr. SLT, ASD Team

Topic : **Technology an emerging frontier in Speech Therapy for children with Autism**



Jaishri Patricia Nair Falcetta
Australia



Author, Keynote Speaker, Neurodiversity Advocate, Entrepreneur, Consultant and Facilitator. ADHDer

Topic : **Mindset Shifts**



Reine Bou Issa Ghafary
Dubai



Speech and Language Therapist and
Neuropsychologist at Talking
Brains centre

Topic : **Natural Therapy for ASD**



Prof. (Dr.) Sujata Bhan
India



Head of Department of Special Education
SNDT Women's University, Mumbai, India

Topic : **Special Education for Children with Autism**



Alisha Laljee
India



Psychotherapist, Special /
Remedial Educator

Topic : **Undiagnosed Adult Autism**



Dawn Kuhn
USA



BA & MBA in Business Administration

Topic : **Neurofeedback and Neurodiversity**



Amal Tolba
Dubai



Founder of Hope AMC

Topic : **Her Daughter's Journey**



Dr. Nandini Gokulchandran
India



Deputy Director and Head of Medical
Services & Consultant of Regenerative
Medicine

Topic : **Understanding Neurobiology of
Autism using Functional Neuroimaging**



Dr. Hemangi Sane
India



Consultant Physician

Topic : **Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy in Autism**



Chitra Mathi Thadathil
India



Founder & Director #dccdglobal
OSMI course creator, Influential
International Speaker

Topic : **Sensory Processing for Language Learning**



Martin
Spain



CEO of bugaddy.com

Topic : **Digital Assistive**



Karen Kehdy
Dubai



Autism Mom & Mental Health and
Neurodiversity Advocate

Topic : **Neurodiversity**



Dr. Terita Gusby
USA



Special Educator & Founder of
Education Prescriptions a virtual
Education company

Topic : **The Incorporation of Visual and Tactile Skills
Taught to Students with Autism through Virtual
Learning. -Curriculum Vita**



Dr. Agnes C. Kaufman
USA



Neurofeedback Clinician and
Chiropractor

Topic : **Neurofeedback and Neurodiversity**



Donna Van Vuuren

Dubai

Clinic Manager at Inspire Therapy

Topic : **Our Incredible Journey From Childhood To Adulthood and Beyond**



Zainab Millwala

India

Lead Speech Language Pathologist

Topic : **Need For Early Identification & Intervention of Feeding Issues in Autism**



Tarana Khatri

Dubai

Dance Movement Psychotherapist,
Co-Founder Synchrony and Founding
Member IADMT

Topic : **Use of Non Directive Play in Developing Social Connection and Social Skills**



Adam Griffin

Dubai

Head of Occupational Therapy at
Camali Clinic Dubai

Topic : **The Benefits of Sport and Martial Arts for Those on the Autism Spectrum**



Rana Akkad Atassi

Dubai

Founder & Managing Director at
Jad's Inclusions Dubai

Topic : **Parent's Mental Health**



Dr. Valeria Risoli

Dubai

Clinical Psychologist at Dubai
Physiotherapy & Family Medicine Clinic

Topic : **Delayed or Missed Diagnosis of High Functioning Autism**



Danielle Terrell

USA

Autism Advocate & Young Professional

Topic : **A Growing Community: Supporting Autistic Individuals Across their Lifespan**



Vikram Kumar

Dubai

Nonspeaking individual on the
Autism Spectrum

Topic : **I Might Not Be Able To Speak But I Have A Lot To Say**



Dr. Shriharsh Jahagirdar

India

Assistant Professor (OT)

Topic : **Occupational Therapy with Adults with Autism : what's the difference and What works?**



Hala Hamdan

Palestine

Music Therapist

Topic : **The effect of Music Therapy intervention on Parent Child communication and bonding, through a Dyadic session.**



Ayesha Rashid Alshamsi

Dubai

Special Educational teacher -
GEMS School in Dubai

Topic : **Teaching Students with Autism Spectrum In UAE Based Rehabilitation Centers**



Hannah Ahmed

Dubai

PhD researcher in law at the University
of Bristol, member of the Bristol Autism
Research Group and a Autism Mom

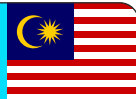
Topic : **What should inclusive education look like for autistic children?**





Hong Chun Tan

Malaysia



Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), and Qualified Behavior Analyst (QBA)

Topic : **Beyond The Clinical Setting: The Importance of Parent Training in ABA interventions**



Husna Syed

Dubai



Head of Operations at Merint Determination Centre, Dubai

Topic : **Sleep & Bedtime problem behaviour for children with ASD**



Martin Schwarz

Slovakia



Clinical geneticist at the Department of Biology and Medical Genetics

Topic : **Analysis of facial distances - do autism spectrum disorder children faces differ from non-autism children?**



Dr Caroline Traa

United Kingdom



Occupational Therapist

Topic : **Autism Astronauts - Empowering Parents of Young Autistic Kids to Skyrocket their own Skills to Help Their Child**



Ms. Neelima Achwal

Dubai



BCaBA, Assistant Head of Applied Behavior Analysis Department, Al Noor Rehabilitation and Welfare Association for People of Determination

Topic : **THE PACT IMPACT (Lasting Outcomes of Parent-Training for children with Autism)**



Jitendra Solanki

India



Founder of Plan Special Needs

Topic : **How To Create An Ecosystem For The Future Care of The Special Needs Dependent**



Uzma Akser

Dubai



Autism Mum
Founder and CEO of Uzma Akser Coaching and Consulting - Autism Specialists
Neuroinclusion Advocate

Topic : **Motherhood on the Spectrum - From Challenges to Success**



Qurratulain Akhtar

Dubai



Autism Mum

Topic : **As an Autism Parent, I Don't Have the Power to Make Life Fair, But I Have the Power to Make Life Joyful**



Elizabeth Vosseller

USA



Director at Growing Kids Therapy Center USA

Topic : **Executive Director of the International Association for Spelling to Communicate (I-ASC)**



Ms. Supriya Datta

Dubai



Head of Learning Services and Integration Manager at Merint Determination Centre, Dubai

Topic : **Teacher + Parent Wellbeing - The overlooked resource**



Y. A. Rahim

Sharjah



Sharjah Indian Association President

Topic : **Children with disability in the UAE & the services they receive**



Dr. Sylvia Mochabo Akinsiku

South Africa



Founder at Andy Speaks 4 Special Needs Persons Africa, Board Director at the National Council for Persons with Disabilities & chair of its Finance & Procurement committee.

Topic : **Parental Empowerment & Engagement in Nurturing Potential of Children with Autism"**



Dr. Irina Schurov
Switzerland



Nutritional Neuroscientist
and Therapist

Topic : **The Gut-Brain Axis is an
Important Factor in Autism**



Natalie Pelto
Canada



Nutritional Therapist

Topic : **A success story of lifestyle medicine,
changing severe non verbal outcomes**



Asmahan Saleh Khalil
Dubai



Behavior Analyst (BCBA)

Topic : **Sexual Health Education
for Adolescents with Autism**



Komali Reddy
India



Speech Language Pathologist

Topic : **Early Identification and
Intervention for Autism**



Dr. Rabab Kothari
Dubai



Occupational Therapist

Topic : **Aquatic Therapy for Neurological &
Developmental Disorders**



Dr. Sonali Kataria
India



MBBS, MD (AIIMS), DNB, MNAMS
CERTIFIED AUTISM SPECIALIST (IBCCES)

Topic : **Autism & Happiness -
What really makes them happy**



Rukhsana Shah
Pakistan



Retired Federal Secretary of the Government of
Pakistan, Autism Mom and has been working for
the rights of persons with disabilities in
Pakistan since 2001.

Topic : **Intuitive and Innovative Learning in Autism**

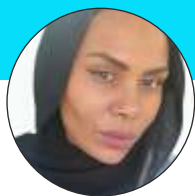


Sasha Mcleod
Dubai



Neurologic Music Therapist

Topic : **The impact of improvisation in music therapy
on joint attention behaviors in children with Autism.**



Ms Teju Sonuga
Dubai



Director | Head of Center at
The Bridge Learning

Topic : **Bridging the gap : Blending clinical
services with mainstream education.**



Dr. Richard G. Boles
USA



Genetics fellowship at Yale University of Arizona -
Biochemistry major UCLA Medical School Harbor-
UCLA Medical Center - Pediatrics Yale University -
Medical Genetics and Metabolic Disease

Topic : **Application of Genetic Testing and Dietary
Supplementation Strategies to Improve Clinical
Outcomes, Including the Temple Grandin Genome**



Ajit Moorkoth

Dubai

Consultant Rehabilitation Practitioner,
Special Educator & Psychologist

Topic : **What Constitutes A Good, High Quality Education for Students with ASD in UAE Schools?**



Carrie Green

Dubai

M.S., BCBA, IBA Educational Director
& Co-Founder at Thriving Souls.

Topic : **Using ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) to Teach Social Skills**



Dr. Arif Khan

Dubai

Consultant Pediatric Neurologist
Founder/CEO and Medical Director at NEUROPEdia
Children's neuroscience center Dubai

Topic : **Beyond the core of Autism**



Vijay Anand

India

B.H.M.S, M.D (Hom), M.Sc,
M Phl (Psychology)

Topic : **Role of Homoeopathy in Autism**



Nighat Haroon

Dubai

ICF parenting coach for Neurodivergent
children and trainer

Topic : **Labeling Child**



Minal Potnis

India

Face Yoga Therapist

Topic : **Autism & the Ecosystem**



Shruti Kamath

India

Occupational Therapist

Topic : **Learning Through Social Partnership**



Gaurav Chadha

India

Physical Therapist Director at Centre For
Hope INTERVENTION CENTRE FOR
PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Topic : **Sexuality Training for Special Needs**



Zahra Al Jasmi

Dubai

Managing Director at Georgetown
Early Intervention Center, Dubai

Topic : **A Brief Introduction about my journey with ASD**




Dr. Raquel Neves

Dubai

Director at DPRC (Dubai
Physiotherapy & Rehabilitation Center)


Topic : **The impact of rehabilitation in the quality of life**



Dr. Harini Atturu
India

Psychiatrist

Topic : **AI based interventions for autism – current concepts and future perspectives**



Udaya Kumar Dintyala
India

Chairman of CognitiveBotics,
Technology Expert & Autism Dad

Topic : **Connecting the dots - Parents of autism persons + Technologists perspectives of immense potential to help a person with autism life cycle**



Dr. Noraldin Al-Deri
UAE

Scientist specialized in Autism and Developmental Disorders

Topic : **The most accurate screening tools for autism and intellectual disabilities powered by artificial intelligence starting from 4 months old.**



Dr: Alya Mohammed ALBusaidi
Oman

Family medicine resident, Oman
medical specialty board (OMSB)

Topic : **Quality of life and coping strategies used by parents of children with autism spectrum disorder in Oman**



Kamalini Jassem
Dubai

Speech Language Pathologist

Topic : **Journey with Spelling to Communicate**



Dr. Rihab Jebali Kamoun
Tunisia

PhD-Assistant Professor in
Special Education


Topic : **Music Therapy and Autism**



Dr. Uzma Javed
Dubai

Physiotherapist

Topic : **Exploring the Role of Physiotherapy in Children with Autism**



Faizan Masood
Pakistan

Physiotherapist, School Counsellor,
Mindfulness & Dance/Movement
Education Teacher

Topic : **Explore how Movement and Expressive Arts Therapy facilitate communication and learning in individuals on the Autism Spectrum Disorder.**

And Many More...

HANDS - ON WORKSHOP

Workshops are designed for smaller groups to have closer interaction with a specialist on a focus area of Autism treatment.

There would be opportunity for hands on participation on different techniques.

Each workshop would be for 2 hours.

On 28th April 2023, J W Marriott Marquis Hotel, Dubai



Workshop on:
**An overview on
Autism and Applied
Behavior Analysis**

By Mr. Bahij Khouzami



Workshop on:
**Music therapy for
children with ADHD**

**By Dr. Ghada
Abdelrehim Ali
Mohamed**



Workshop on:
**Planning for "What
after us"- Current
Scenario and The
Road Ahead**

By Neena Wagh



Workshop on:
**Face Yoga
Therapy**

By Minal Potnis



Workshop on:
**Multi Sensory
Approaches in Speech
and Language Therapy
for Autism**

By Sana Shareef



Workshop on:
**How to Optimise
Your School's Support
for Your Child**

By Catherine O Farrell



Workshop on:
Coaching, feedback and parental involvement: A behavioral perspective for a successful intervention.

By Dubi Najeeb



Workshop on:
AI-based e-Learning Application Framework to Augment Developmental Needs of Children with Autism

By Dr. Harini Atturu & Udaya Kumar Dintyala Mohamed



Workshop on:
How to create an ecosystem for the future care of the special needs dependent.

By Jitendra Solanki



Workshop on:
Inclusion through Recreation

By Neena Raina



Workshop on:
Making communication fun and easy: Empowering the family

By Dr. Krupa M



Workshop on:
Why everything you have tried to help your child with AUTISM has not worked effectively and how to fix it

By Dr. Irina Schurov & Olga Pavlova



Workshop on:
IBCCES Autism Training Program

By Frank Raubenheimer



Workshop on:
Neuroactivation Training for Autism to Improve Academic Performance

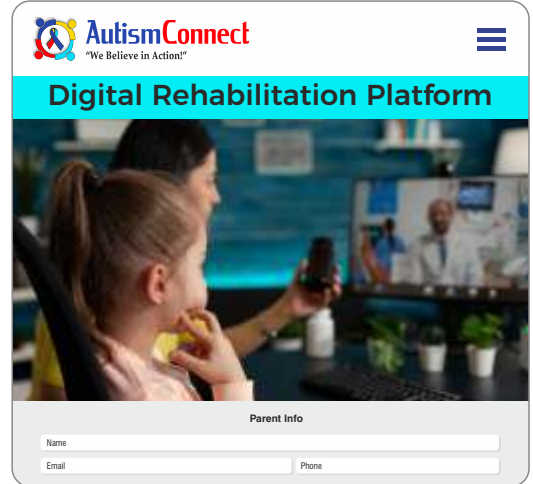
By Eleonora Palmieri



Inauguration of 3 Autism Connect's Initiatives

• Digital Rehabilitation for Autism

A path breaking Digital platform offering app based Rehabilitation services, which will enable children with autism to get rehabilitation services at the comfort of their homes with therapists from across the world.



• Autism Connect Book Launch in 4 Languages

Autism Connect has already published a book "Treatments for Autism" in English which was inaugurated by the Legendary Chef Sanjeev Kapoor. We are now launching the book in 4 different languages : Arabic, Turkish, German and French.



• Panda Mama Autism Connect Child Companion

PMAC child companion is a specially designed assistive device that will be equipped with artificial intelligence to respond to the different moods and behaviors of children with Autism. Using specialized voice modulated stories and teaching this child companion is intended to play a supplementary role in behavior modification and improving speech.



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