RED PARA CRECER: Spreading information about autism and understanding the autistic condition

This community came up in April 2011, with the aim to promote activities in order to develop opportunities for people with autistic condition. One of the main objectives of this community is to raise the social awareness of the importance of the diversity of autism spectrum and the necessity of their social inclusion, regardless of any philosophical, legal or regulatory framework.

RedParaCrecer promotes the principle of learning about the Autism condition in order to develop a more equal society.

The common and the different aspects in the autism-spectrum
February 27th 2013

SPEAKERS
- Francisco Javier Paredes, Universidad Nacional, Colombia
  The common and the different in the autism spectrum
- José Gregorio Silva, Universidad Central, Venezuela
  Autistic Spectrum Disorders

Autism: Early diagnosis and lifelong condition
May 29th 2013

SPEAKERS
- Alicia Marco, Psicotrade, Spain
  Early detection of autism.
- Daniel Comin, Autismo Diario, Spain
  Autism: A long life condition?
- Mario Vázquez, Instituto de Educación de Aguascalientes, Mexico
  Autism, early detection and intervention.

What we learned about Asperger Syndrome
September 25th 2013.

SPEAKERS
- Nestor López Durán, University of Michigan, USA
  A review of the Autism and Asperger’s in the DSM V
- Ernesto Reaño, EITA, Peru
  What do people with Asperger find difficult
- Isabelle Ibacache, AMASPERGER, Chile
  Paying attention to the development of people with Asperger’s

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http://www.redclara.net/indico/evento/DV_autismo2
http://www.redclara.net/indico/evento/DVsindromeasperger
The series of "Virtual Days with Autism" is an international effort having a format of academic forums or highly interactive conversations about the autistic condition among experts and the main public. The simultaneity and interactivity are two characteristics of the Autism Virtual Days that provide special value to the conferences increasing the quality and relevance of the topics promoted by this community.

On the three Virtual Days given until today, we count more than 40 virtual rooms connected to the videoconference and an attendance of over 200 participants.

These numbers can trust the intention of the RedParaCrecer community to assist in building communication platforms for professionals and academic staff working in Autism in different Latin American countries, facilitate contact with Spanish speakers in Autism advancing knowledge and encouraging linkages and exchange between area institutions.

The conferences has involved presentations of eight active North and Latin American and Europe actors in the field as Dr. José Gregorio Silva, Founder of RedParaCrecer, the audiologist Francisco Javier Paredes, Coordinator of the Evaluation Diagnosis Team of the Colombian League of Autism, Dr. Alicia Marco and Dr. Daniel Comin, both Executive Directors of two important Autism Organizations in Valencia, Spain (Psicotrade and Autismo Diario), and Professor Nestor Lopez from the University of Michigan, among others.

Even if the three virtual days organized by RedParaCrecer (1. The common and the different aspects in the autism-spectrum, 2. Autism: Early diagnosis and lifelong condition, 3. What we learned about Asperger Syndrome) have had different approaches to the autism condition, these activities are underpinned by the guiding principle of think over about what is Autism, how should we understand it, is it for life and what is the basic information that everyone in society should know about this condition. Also, through these videoconferences RedParaCrecer has encouraged and spread the understanding of people with autistic condition are not sick, instead they are members of a social group that shares a condition of multifactorial origins and they can be helped to reach a good quality of life.

Red Para Crecer Virtual Day as testimony of best practice