



## **REHA FOR THE BLIND IN POLAND**

**World meeting of the blind, partially sighted,  
their families and friends**

**The world of touch, sound and magnigraphics**

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18<sup>th</sup> edition of the conference

*under the slogan*

***Education and activity  
as your chance***

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Copernicus Science Center  
(Wybrzeże Kościuszkowskie 20 in Warsaw)

The Palace of Culture and Science  
(Plac Defilad 1 in Warsaw)

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### Event Partner:

- Self-government of Mazovian Voivodeship

### Co-organizers:

- Welfare & Social Projects Department of the Capital City of Warsaw
- The Center for the Blind in Israel
- The Challenge Europe Foundation

### In cooperation with:

- World Blind Union
- International Mobility Conference
- The Group for Special Education at the Committee of Educational Sciences of Polish Academy of Sciences.

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Małgorzata Wypych – The Constitutional Tribunal, Founder of Parliamentary Group for People with visual disabilities

Anna Woźniak-Szymańska – President of Main Board of Polish Association of the Blind

Dr Maciej Kłopotowski – academic teacher, Director of University Archive and Białystok Technological University History Center, Patronage Council of Chance for the Blind Foundation

Marcin Bajerowicz – President of Disabled Persons Help Foundation „Filantrop”, Editor in Chief of „Filantrop Naszych Czasów” monthly

Andrey Tikhonov – Doctoral candidate at Wrocław University, Member of Patronage Council of Chance for the Blind Foundation

Jacek Kwapisz – Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Member of Patronage Council of Chance for the Blind Foundation

### **Organizing Committee**

Marek Kalbarczyk – Chairman of the Committee

Janusz Mirowski – Chairman of Patronage Council of Chance for the Blind Foundation

Kamila Roguska – Manager of Chance for the Blind Foundation

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Igor Busłowicz – Member of Patronage Council of Chance for the Blind Foundation

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Maciej Motyka – Manager of REHA FOR THE BLIND IN POLAND exhibition

Tomasz Jankowski – Chance for the Blind Foundation

## **PROGRAM OF THE CONFERENCE**

### **Important!**

- a. In era of Covid-19 epidemic there are 3 possible forms of participation in the event:
  - As organized beneficiaries groups of the project „The great meeting of the blind, partially sighted and people with all disabilities - REHA FOR THE BLIND® IN POLAND 2020” (4 days stay in Warsaw with night’s logging in Mazovian hotels with full board package),
  - As non-organized participants,
  - Via Internet (online). REHA is international event. Blind, partially sighted and their relatives all over the world will take part in it via Internet. We are inviting to Internet transmission from 14:00 through about 20:00 CET, and on Saturday from 10:00 through about 14:00 CET. More information at <http://online.szansadlaniewidomych.org>
- b. The above mentioned participation forms can be chosen by visitors, lecturers, special guests, representatives of organisations and firms (exhibitors). Lecturers and presenters may be present in halls of Copernicus Science Center and Palace of Culture and Science, connect with us on-line or send recordings of their speeches to be played.
- c. Papers, presentations and discussion panels will be translated into nine languages: English, Russian, German, French, Spanish, Romanian, Lithuanian, Arabic and Hebrew.
- d. Persons interested in the exhibition entitled "World of Touch and Sound" which are not members of beneficiary groups are invited to the Copernicus Science Center on Sunday from 12:00 to 18:00. Admission is free, and number of participants is unlimited.
- e. We are inviting to Holy Mass in the Temple Of Divine Providence in Wilanów (on Sunday at 9:00).

## **Day 1 – Friday 11.09.2020 (Palace of Culture and Science)**

**14:00 Opening ceremony of the conference** – Presenter: Maciej Iwański (Polish Television)

Welcoming guests

- **Malwina Wysocka-Dziuba** – President of Chance for the Blind Foundation,
- **Marek Kalbarczyk** – Honorary President of Chance for the Blind Foundation, Chairman of REHA 2020 Organizing Committee
- **Adam Struzik** – Marshal of Mazovian Voivodeship
- **Tomasz Pactwa** – Director of Welfare & Social Projects Department of the Capital City of Warsaw

**14:05** Persons with disabilities support system in Poland – Minister Paweł Wdówik

**14:15** Is the XXI century like XX or like XXII? – blind and partially sighted want to see and know as much as possible – Marek Kalbarczyk

**14:25** The technology of XXI century – Tobias Winnes (Vispero)

**14:35** Mission of Chance for the Blind Foundation – Joanna Szafrńska

**14:45** The blind in Poland, Europe and in the world – Janusz Mirowski

**14:55** Reading out letters and speeches by special guests

**15:05** Announcing results of IDOL Competition organized by Chance for the Blind foundation

**15:15** Introducing Special IDOLs 2020

**15:35** Catering break

### **Substantive session**

**15:45** Education and activity as your chance – Andrey Tikhonov

**16:00** Schools and universities accessible for all desiring to learn – Professor Marzenna Zaorska

**16:15** Modelling retinal disorders with stem cells: therapeutic perspectives – Professor Leonora Bużańska

**16:25** Mission of NGOs – Stefan Dunin-Wąsowicz (member of Blind Care Society in Laski near Warsaw)

**16:35** Utilizing low system to exercise one's rights – Nati Bialistok-Kohen

**16:50** Tourism for development of modern rehabilitation of people with visual disabilities – Jan Bloem (Vispero Netherlands)

**17:00** Audio description as chance for full access to culture and art – Dr Anna Jankowska (Jagiellonian University, Warsaw University)

**17:10** Catering break

**17:30 „We are together” – concert by disabled and able-bodied artists (City Hall Hall)**

- Naira Ayvazyan
- Patryk Matwiejczuk kwartet
- Sarsa
- Zakopower

## **Day 2 – Saturday 12.09.2020 (Copernicus Science Center, Palace of Culture and Science)**

**10:00 – 14:00** Discussion panels and presentations of solutions compensating results of visual disabilities

### **A. Education and activity as your chance, hosted by Tomasz Jankowski (Palace of Culture and Science, Skłodowska Hall)**

**10:00** Opening of the panel – Tomasz Jankowski

**10:10** European Blind Union facing the crisis resulting from COVID-19 pandemic – Rodolfo Cattani

**10:20** Presentation of Union of the Blind – Yamin Ohnmar Ohnmar (Mjanma)

**10:50** Presentation of Nepalese Union of the Blind – Nar Bahadur Limbu (Nepal)

**11:20** Presentation of South Sudan Union of the Blind – Mauot Anyang

**11:40** Teaching science among blind persons – Zaki Ali (Egypt)

**12:10** Key issues of special education for the blind and related field – monography presentation – Professor Jadwiga Kuczyńska-Kwapisz

**12:40** Difficulties in learning foreign languages experienced by blind persons – Esra Emhemmed Elghli (Libya)

**13:00** Presentation of the ChildVision School – Geraldine Neil (Ireland)

**13:30** World Blind Union – Dr Fredric K. Schroeder

### **B. Accessible public space hosted, by Izabela Bańska (Palace of Culture and Science, Starzyński Hall)**

**10:00** Opening of the panel – Izabela Bańska

**10:10** Tactile markings as a way of adapting public space – Sławomir Seidler

**10:50** Accessibility in culture – Anna Knapik (National Museum in Warsaw)

**11:10** Presentation of public library in Saudi Arabia which makes its collections available to the blind – Ishaq Mohammed Hersi (Saudi Arabia)

**11:40** Poland, country worth visiting – architect Maciej Kłopotowski

**12:10** Alfons Karny Sculpture Museum friendly to persons with visual disabilities – Cezary Szymaniuk (Alfons Karny Sculpture Museum)

**12:30** Space accessibility – law aspects in Poland and in the world – Adam Kalbarczyk

**13:10** Different – Restaurant in darkness – Anna Bocheńska

### **C. Technology equalizing life opportunities hosted by Joanna Szafrńska (Copernicus Science Center, First floor Conference Hall)**

**10:00** ElBraille Braille notetaker of the future – Henryk Rzepka

**10:20** Focus and other Braille Displays – are they still necessary? – Igor Busłowicz

**10:40** Presentation of "SHARKY" – new JAWS function – Jan Bloem (Vispero Holandia)

**11:20** Alphabet of colors: presentation of "The Scripor Alphabet" patented and currently implemented in Romania – Tudor Paul Scripor (Romania)

**12:00** Presentation of technology by ViewPlus

**12:20** Presentation of technology by InView Medical

**13:00** Presentation of technology by Dolphin – Steve Bennett

**13:20** Presentation of start-up for the blind – Izidor Gershkovich (We go Vision, Israel)

**D. Digital accessibility and accessibility of information hosted by Krzysztof Kiepusa (Copernicus Science Center, Ground floor Auditorium Hall)**

**10:00** Opening of the panel – Krzysztof Kiepusa

**10:05** Presentation of activity of the Kołobajki foundation

**10:20** Innovative products by Altix: Talking Chess, Interactive globe and talking world map – Janusz Mirowski

**10:40** Accessible websites – What does WCAG 2.1 require – Henryk Rzepka

**11:20** Students with visual disabilities and remote learning – Karolina Jankowska (Coordinator for digital accessibility at Wrocław University of Technology), Marek Tankielun (Manager of Typhlo computer scientific laboratory)

**11:40** Reading by blind in Poland – The Department of Collections for the Blind of the Main Labor and Social Insurance Library

**12:20** Mountain tourism by the disabled – Bogumił Kanik (President of the Borderland without barriers Foundation)

**12:40** Your Way – innovative in-door navigation system – Sławomir Seidler

**10:00 – 18:30** Exhibitions accompanying the conference:

- a. Exhibition of technological solutions
- b. Exhibition presenting activities of nongovernmental organizations
- c. Exhibition entitled "World of Touch and Sound"

**11:00 – 18:30** Sport competitions and games

- a. Laser shooting
- b. Ping-pong
- c. Showdown
- d. City version of Ludo
- e. Non-visual stacking Rubik's cube
- f. Bicycles for two
- g. Braille and talking chess

**Day 3 – Sunday 13.09.2020**

**09:00** Holy Mass in intention of the Blind, partially sighted, their families and friends – in the Temple of Divine Providence in Wilanów (Primate August Hlond Str. 1, 02-972 Warsaw)

**12:00** Visits in Warsaw and Mazovian museums

- King's Jan III Palace Museum in Wilanów
- Royal Łazienki Museum

- Fryderyk Chopin birth home and park in Żelazowa Wola
- The national Museum
- Warsaw Uprising Museum
- Katyń Museum
- X Pavilion of Warsaw Citadel Museum
- Museum of the History of Polish JEWS POLIN
- Maria Curie-Skłodowska Museum
- Warsaw Museum
- Copernicus Science Center
- Warsaw Praga Museum

- Preparing museum for receiving guests with disabilities,
- Lectures: Educational mission of museum, offer for sightseers
- Rehabilitation activities: orientation in space, independent moving using latest navigation technology (both in-door and out-door)

**12:00 – 18:00** Exhibition of technological solutions and "World of Touch and sound" (Copernicus Science Center)

**16:00** Sightseeing Warsaw and surroundings

#### **Day 4 – Monday 14.09.2020**

**10:00** Annual manifestation of community of visually disabled people under slogan: „We can see nothing, and you – can you see us?”

**11:30** Warsaw and Mazovian universities:

- Preparing university for receiving students with disabilities
- Lectures concerning the character of university, its educational mission
- Rehabilitation activities: Orientation in the University area, possibility of independent moving in-door and out-door

#### **IDOL Competition chapter**

- Marek Kalbarczyk – Chapter chairman
- Igor Busłowicz
- Sylwester Peryt
- Ilona Nawankiewicz
- Ewa Bąk
- Agata Domańska

#### **Notes!**

1. REHA meeting will be accomplished in accordance to regulations of authorities, concerning in particular Covid-19 epidemic cautions. Therefore presented program may be changed due to news about the epidemic.
2. If you wish to make comments concerning the conference, please contact REHA 2020 Organizing Committee. You are invited to send comments to [reha\\_in\\_poland@szansadlaniewidomych.org](mailto:reha_in_poland@szansadlaniewidomych.org).



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