



**Associazione
Italiana
di Psicologia**

Sezione di Psicologia dello sviluppo e dell'educazione

INTERNATIONAL WINTER TRAINING SCHOOL

**Promoting children's development:
Evidence based interventions in family and school contexts**

MARCH 6-9, PALERMO-ITALY

The Developmental and Educational Psychology Section of the Italian Association of Psychology (AIP) is pleased to announce the opening of an International Winter Training School for Ph.D. students and early career researchers, to be held next year in Palermo, March 6-9.

Child development scholars are increasingly interested in applied aspects of their research such as children's health and well-being enhancement and possible risks or maladaptive outcomes prevention - particularly advocating families, schools and communities. Understanding developmental processes provides several indications on the way to optimize positive development as well as on how to prevent or minimize problematic outcomes. Evidence based interventions-EBI has therefore become an area of increasing interest for both research and policy, with a special attention in implementing cooperation among researchers, policy makers and practitioners.

This area of investigation and applied studies will then represent a cutting edge theme of developmental disciplines in the next future.

Moving from these considerations, the aims of the International Winter Training School are:

- 1) To present cutting-edge conceptual and methodological issues related to evidence based interventions in developmental psychology, with particular attention to family and school contexts.
- 2) To promote constructive interactions, discussions and cooperation among participants.
- 3) To enhance commitment and future efforts in this important area of developmental applied psychology
- 4) To foster collaboration between Italian and European senior and early career researchers in this area.

Benefits and outcomes of the Training School

The Training School will benefit students and early career researchers by:

- Bringing together Italian and European expertise on evidence based interventions
- Enhancing capacities for designing and implementing EBI research studies
- Fostering analytical and critical skills in designing and promoting research in this area
- Promoting the diffusion of information and publications in international journals and in national and local media.

ORGANISATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL WINTER TRAINING SCHOOL

The Organising Committee and Faculty

The responsibility of the Organising Committee is to ensure that the Training School will achieve a high standard of delivery and quality contents. Its role is to decide teaching and learning approaches to the course, to accept the final program, to invite teachers/faculty, to select the trainees based on specific selection criteria, and to manage evaluation of the Training School.

The members of the Steering Committee are:

- Professor Alida Lo Coco, University of Palermo, Italy (Local organizer)
- Professor Lavinia Barone, University of Pavia, Italy
- Professor Ersilia Menesini, University of Florence, Italy
- Other Faculty members include:
 - Prof. Claudio Barbaranelli - University of Rome (Italy)
 - Prof. Maria José Rodrigo University of Tenerife La Laguna (Spain)
 - Prof. Christina Salmivalli – University of Turku (Finland)
 - Prof. Christiane Spiel – University of Vienna (Austria)

PARTICIPANTS:

Number of participants = 20. Applications will be accepted from Italy (75%) and from other European countries (25%).

HOW TO APPLY?

All candidates have to submit a completed application form in English by January the 12th, 2013.

Applicants will be notified by email of acceptance decision by January the 30th, 2013.

Application will include a CV and an abstract of about 500 words describing an on going or a future project on evidence based interventions in the developmental field and have to be sent to the following e-mail address: ebp@unipa.it

Acceptance criteria required:

- Ph. D. Student
- Early career researcher (i.e. maximum 6 years from Ph.D. completion)
- Practitioner in the area of developmental psychology
- Previous experience or research projects in the field of EBI.

The application form will be available online, downloading it from the School website
www.winterschoolebp.unipa.it

GENERAL INFORMATION

SCHOOL VENUE

The venue for the Training School is the University of Palermo, Complesso Polididattico, Ed. 19 - Viale delle Scienze, 90128 Palermo

REGISTRATION

Registration directions will be emailed to all participants as soon as acceptance will be notified

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the Training School is English.

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

Upon registration and end of training attendance, the participants will receive a certificate of attendance.

TRAINING SCHOOL COSTS:

Attendees will pay a fee of 200 €.

The fee allows training school attendance, accommodation (Palermo University Colleges) and noon meals.

Participants will be notified on payment procedures as soon as officially accepted to the School.

SMOKING POLICY

Participants are kindly required to refrain from smoking in all areas of the training.

On behalf of the steering committee

Prof. Alida Lo Coco



Palermo, 10st December 2013

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The topics of the course are as follows:

- Evidence based practice and policy: collaboration between researchers, politicians and practitioners
- Family intervention and support for parents
- School interventions against bullying and difficult behaviours in school setting
- Research Methods for evaluating evidence based intervention

Wednesday, 6th March, 2013 4 p.m.

Public opening event on:

Prevention science and translational research

Christiane Spiel

Evidence based interventions: the state of the art in Italy:

A. Lo Coco, L. Barone, E. Menesini

Thursday, 7th March, 2013

9 a.m. - 13 a.m 2:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

- Interventions in family contexts

Morning Lecturer: Maria José Rodrigo (University La Laguna). Thematic group discussion.

Afternoon students' poster workshop presentation and thematic group discussion (Tutoring: L. Barone)–

Friday, 8th March, 2013

9:00 a.m.-13:00 a.m 2:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

- Interventions in school contexts

Morning Lecturer: Christina Salmivalli (University of Turku). Thematic group discussion.

Afternoon students' poster workshop presentation and thematic group discussion (Tutoring: E. Menesini)

Saturday , 9th March, 2013

9:00 a.m.-13:00 a.m 2:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

- Methods of research and data analysis for evidence based interventions

Morning Lecturers: Claudio Barbaranelli (University of Rome) and Sonia Ingoglia (University of Palermo)

Afternoon students' thematic group discussion (Tutoring: S. Ingoglia)

All sessions will be organised in a morning session guided by leading researchers in the field and a practical session with training activities and supervision and discussion during the afternoon.

By February participants will receive information and reference suggestions for the School attendance.