



Biography of Krisztina Kovács, Hungary

Education Background

- PhD School of Education, ELTE University, 2012
- Master degree in Special Education, 2003 (ELTE University, Budapest)
- Computer and software management 1997 (School for the Blind, Budapest)
- Early Intervention Course for Visually Impaired Children, 1992 (Leadership Program of Hilton/Perkins, Perkins School for the Blind, Boston, USA)
- Bachelor degree in Teaching English as a Foreign Language, 1990 (ELTE University, Budapest)
- Bachelor degree in Special Education: teacher for the visually impaired and teacher for the mentally retarded, 1985 (Bárczi College for Special Education, Budapest)

Work Experience

- Senior lecturer, ELTE University, Bárczi Faculty of Special Education, Department of Vision Impairment (Budapest, Hungary) since 1991;
- disability coordinator at Bárczi Faculty of Special Education since 2004;
- disability coordinator of ELTE University since 2010
- Advisor on “Disabled Students in Higher Education” at the Ministry of Culture and Education since 2007
- Rehabilitation trainer (part time), View Foundation – 2006 - present
- Itinerant teacher (part time), School for Low Vision Children, Budapest 1997- 2006
- Early intervention teacher and low vision therapist (part time), Early Intervention Centre at the National Assessment Board for Visually Impaired Children, Budapest 1991-1995
- Itinerant teacher, School for Low Vision Children, Budapest 1985-1991
- Head teacher, School for Low Vision Children, Budapest 1986-1991
- Teacher of English, School for Low Vision Children, Budapest 1986-1991

Publications

- Number of publications: 24 (in Hungarian Journal of Special Education; Hungarian Opticians Magazine; British Journal of Visual Impairment; Hungarian Journal of Higher Education; headings and chapters in different professional books)

Awards

- Plaquette for the Hungarian Higher Education - 2010

Media Mentions

- Hungarian Television: Equal Opportunities – TV show in 2009; Duna TV: Without Barriers – TV program in 2012; News TV: in the evening news 2012;

Organizations/ Associations

- Hungarian Association of Special Teachers; ICEVI Europe

I have accepted to be nominated in ICEVI European Board because I would like to know more about the innovations, programs and projects in the field of visual impairment in order to adopt and implement the good practices in my own country. In the same time I think I have some useful knowledge and competencies in this field, especially working in an international, multi-cultural team. My aim is to link the Central-European countries, to provide them with information; to exchange ideas; and to strengthen the professional competencies in our sub-region.