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Date of birth : 9th of August 1945 in Bordeaux -France

### **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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#### **Education and Training**

Social Worker- Specialised Support Worker June 1970

Diploma in Management of Social- Health Centers for Children (1972-1974)

Advanced Diploma in Social Work – 1985

Additional training :

- social-health worker,
- training in Education of people with Visual Impairment
- Evaluation of Complex Organisations
- Groupe Diagnosis Analysis
- Management of teamwork
- Financial and social economical management
- Management and Coaching
- Training in Social Marketing
- Others.....

#### **Work experience:**

ITEP (Institut Th rapeutique, Educatif et P dagogique):1970 – 1975, «Ch teau Breillan», Bordeaux-Blanquefort, Specialised Educator for adolescents with challenging behaviors and social difficulties.

Alfred Peyrelongue Center of Specialised Education for Youth with Visual Impairment (Centre de Soins et d'Education Sp cialis e pour D ficients Visuels) in Ambares, Bordeaux

Regional Institution for People with Hearing or Visual Impairment, Bordeaux branch (Institution R gionale pour les personnes Sourdes ou Aveugles (IRSA )

Social worker : 1975 -2005

1 – Manager of Educational Service : 1975 -1985

2 – Manager of Services : 1985 – 2000 :

1-primary sector

2-professional development

3-youth with visual impairment and associated behavioral problems

3.Assistant Manager in charge of Mission: 2000-2005

Regional Institute of Social Workers in Aquitaine (Institut R gional des Travailleurs Sociaux d'Aquitaine (IRTS) and University in Bordeaux and School of Nurses (Bordeaux): 1974 – 2005

Trainer:

- Applied pedagogy
- Sociologie (analysis of complex organizations)
- Law, organizations and their functionality in France for people with disabilities, people with sensory impairments, people with visual impairment

As part of FISAF and GPEAA : 1982-2002 – Development of Research Group in Specialised Education for People with Visual Impairment and organisation of an Annual meeting on a specific subject.

Member of committees to evaluate publications and dissertations : 1974 -2005

Specialised Educators

Special Needs Support Worker

Higher Diploma in Social Work (DSTS)

Ministry of Social Affaires – Paris 2005 -2009

Member in the Evaluation Committee of the Law for people with Disabilities (2005):

1- Committee Education

2- Committee Professional Development

## **Member of Professional Associations**

1. Groupe of Specialists and Educators of People with Visual Impairment (Groupement des Professeurs et des Educateurs d' Aveugles et d'Amblyopes GPEAA)

Member of the Administrative Council: 1976 -1988

President of the Administrative Council : 1988 - 2004

Honorary President–member of the Administrative Council – since 2004

2.Groupe of Intellectuals with Visual Impairment (Groupement des Intellectuels Aveugles ou Amblyopes, GIAA)(supporting students with visual impairment in studies, sports and leisure):

Active member and in Administrative Council :1988 -2004

Member: since 2004

3.Member of ICEVI Europe (International Council of Education and Rehabilitation of People with Visual Impairment, representing FRENCH speaking countries):

Member of the Board:1988-2005

Member of the Board: 2010-present

4.Association for Research and Information Basse Vision (ARIBa):

Active member since 1999

5. Federation for Inclusion of People with Hearing or Visual Impairment in France (Fédération pour l'Insertion des personnes sourdes ou Aveugles en France, FISAF) :

Member and Trainer: 1978 – 2005

Active member

6. The Right to Know (Droit au Savoir , DAS) 2002 -2013: consortium of associations of people with disabilities to support education of people with disabilities in schools, universities, colleges and the professional development and inclusion.

7.Regional Institute for People with Hearing or Visual Impairment (IRSA, Institution Régionale Pour les personnes Sourdes ou Aveugles, IRSA) Bordeaux, member of the Administration Council since May 2014.

## **Participation to conferences and Publications:**

Numerous participations to national and international conferences (i.e. Brazil, Thailand, Finland, Poland, Hungary, Germany, Italy, Spain, Cyprus, Greece, Canada, Morocco, Denmark, United Kingdom, with paper presentations and interventions on the following topics: and proceedings and minutes.

-development and management of educational services (laws and regulations) in France with people with disabilities, in particular people with sensory impairment, such as visual impairment ;

- the importance of inclusion in mainstream schools

- class management and teamwork

- the use of electronic devices by children with visual impairment in regular schools

- best practice and know- how in the field of visual impairment

- delegate to the Annual Congress of ARIB – FISAF- GPEAA – ALFPHV

## **World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva, Switzerland, 2009-2013**

-delegate for France

-representing the French Confederation for Social Promotion of People with Visual Impairment (Confédération Française pour la Promotion Sociale des Aveugles et des Amblyopes, CFPSAA) at the European Commission

- participation to WIPO to establish a treaty on exceptions and limitations of intellectual property of authors in favor of people with visual disability or impairment in reading. The treaty was adopted in Morocco in June 2013.

## **Publications:**

- « Les Aveugles au travail –Quelles perspectives ?» (4 editions under the coordination of GIAA (Groupement des Intellectuels Aveugles ou Amblyopes), « L'Harmattan », 1997

- Many papers in minutes and proceedings

## **National Awards:**

Nominated by the President of France in May 2001 for the title of « Knight of the National Order of Merit" at the proposal of the Minister of Social Affairs and Health in France

## **Awards:**

-Medal of Labour- « Grand Gold »

-Medal of Honour of the City of Paris

-Medal of Honour of the City of Clermont-Ferrand

-Medal of Honour of the City of Angers

- Medal of Honour of the City of Strasbourg
- Medal of the General Council of Gironde