

## International Conference

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education System Innovative Approach for Quality Education

### 02.06.2016 (Thursday)

9.30 – 11.00	<b>Registration</b>	Hotel Imperial, Hall
11.00 – 11.30	<b>Opening</b>	Ballroom North (9 <sup>th</sup> floor) <i>simultaneous translation</i>
11.30 – 12.30	<b>Panel 1: „21<sup>st</sup> century education system – challenges and necessary changes”</b> Diyan Stamatov, <i>Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education and Science</i> Dr. Lydia van Rietschote, <i>Director of World Education Forum</i> Maria Gaydarova, <i>President of World Education Forum Bulgaria</i> Stefan Stoyanov, <i>Deputy Mayor Plovdiv, Bulgaria</i>	Ballroom North (9 <sup>th</sup> floor) <i>simultaneous translation</i>
12.30 – 13.30	<b>Lunch</b>	Hotel Imperial
13.30 – 15.00	<b>Panel 2: „Innovative approach for quality education”</b> Presentations of Key-note speakers Dr Christopher Howard, <i>President of World Education Forum, UK</i> Prof. PhD Rositsa Penkova, <i>Qualification Department at Sofia University „St. Kl. Ohridski”</i> Vaska Atanasova, <i>Regional Educational Inspectorate Plovdiv</i> Dr Evgenia Peeva, <i>Executive Director „Together in Class” Foundation</i>	Ballroom North (9 <sup>th</sup> floor) <i>simultaneous translation</i>
15.00 – 15.30	<b>Coffee break</b>	Hotel Imperial, Lobby Bar
15.30 – 16.30	<b>Panel 3: Good Practices shared by participants in the conference</b> Headteachers from Bulgaria	Ballroom North (9 <sup>th</sup> floor) <i>simultaneous translation</i>
16.30 – 18.30	<b>Free time (Sightseeing of interesting places in Plovdiv)</b>	
20.00	<b>Official dinner</b>	Hotel Imperial

### 03.06.2016 (Friday)

9.30 – 11.00	<b>Panel 4: „Professional Cooperation and Partnership”</b> Prof. PhD Galin Tsokov, <i>Executive Dean of the Pedagogical department at Plovdiv University „Paisiy Hilendarski”</i> Howard Smith, <i>PhD, Bank Street College, NY, USA – by distance</i> Julian Petrov, <i>Chairman of the Teachers Union „Podkrepa”</i> Margarita Bozova, <i>Headteacher, Plovdiv</i> Brian Clarke, <i>Worcester, UK</i>	Ballroom North (9 <sup>th</sup> floor) <i>simultaneous translation</i>
11.00 – 11.30	<b>Coffee break</b>	Hotel Imperial, Lobby Bar
11.30 – 12.30	<b>Panel 5: Exchange workshops:</b> <b>Block A:</b> „How to develop 21 <sup>st</sup> century skills in the classroom” Dr Neli Koleva, <i>Institutional Partnership Director of „Together in Class” Foundation</i> <b>Block B:</b> „The latest developments on innovation in the education in The Netherlands”, Dr. Lydia van Rietschote, <i>Director of World Education Forum</i>	Ballroom South (9 <sup>th</sup> floor)  Ballroom North (9 <sup>th</sup> floor) <i>simultaneous translation</i>
12.30 – 13.30	<b>Lunch</b>	Hotel Imperial
13.30 – 14.30	<b>Panel 6: Exchange workshops:</b> <b>Block A:</b> „The latest developments on innovation in the education in The Netherlands”, Dr Lydia van Rietschote, <i>Director of World Education Forum</i> <b>Block B:</b> „How to develop 21 <sup>st</sup> century skills in the classroom”, Dr Neli Koleva, <i>Institutional Partnership Director of „Together in Class” Foundation</i>	Ballroom North (9 <sup>th</sup> floor) <i>simultaneous translation</i>  Ballroom South (9 <sup>th</sup> floor)
14.30 – 16.00	<b>Visits in schools in Plovdiv – good practices</b>	
16.00 – 16.30	<b>Closure of the conference</b>	receiving certificates

## ◇ LIST OF SPEAKERS ◇

### Panel 1

#### **Diyan Stamatov,**

*Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education and Science*

Diyan Stamatov has graduated Sofia University „Saint Kliment Ohridski“ with MA in Biology, Education Management and Education Advisor. He is fluent in English and Russian. He has worked as a teacher in biology, including as a basic teacher. He has been at managing positions in several schools in Sofia. Since 2005 he has been a headteacher in 119th primary school „Academic Mihail Arnaudov“ in Sofia. At the moment he is deputy minister in the Ministry of education and science.

#### **Drs. Lydia van Rietschote,**

*Director of World Education Forum*

Lydia van Rietschote graduated from the Free University of Amsterdam with MA in Linguistics, English Language & Literature and MA in Spanish Language & Latin American Culture and Literature. Lydia van Rietschote is presently Director of the World Education Forum (WEF). This Dutch based foundation was launched in Toronto, Canada in August 2011 and consists of two separate parts: WEF Global and WEF /Nederland. WEF aims to set standards for educational investments and school admittance for all children in all countries.

She is a partner of PIT, Partners in Innovatief Toezicht, (Innovative Governors on Boards) and Member of the Programme Committee of De Nieuw Commissaris. Until 2006, she was Director of Innovation of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science of the Netherlands. Before that she was a personal adviser to Loek Hermans, Education Minister in 1999-2002. Prior to joining the Ministry, Lydia van Rietschote had enjoyed an extensive career in education, particularly foreign language teaching and linguistics. From 1992 to 1996, she was Head of the Department of Foreign Languages at Hogeschool Holland. After several appointments at the embassies and consulates of Ecuador and Argentina in the Netherlands, she joined the teaching profession in 1977, moving into teacher training.

She holds MA in linguistics, Spanish language & literature and English language & literature. Graduated from Free University, Amsterdam. She has served on the committees of several professional organisations and has been a school Governor. She is presently President of the Board of Governors of Montessori Scholengemeenschap in Amsterdam

#### **Maria Gaydarova,**

*President World Education Forum Bulgaria*

Maria Gaydarova has graduated Sofia University „Saint Kliment Ohridski“ with a degree in mathematics and a second degree in Organizational Management from the Public Administration Department of the same university; as well as the University of Worcester, England – MA in Education. She has a first degree in professional teaching and has completed two specialization courses in France for training headmasters and for assessment in the education system. She has worked as a teacher, as an assistant at Plovdiv University „Paisiy Hilendarski“ and currently is a school headmaster.

She has more than 20 publications and appearances in national and international media; a co-author of the book „Assessing the educational establishment“; she has published supplementary books in mathematics for 5th and 6th grade students. She presents reports at conferences organized by the Bulgarian Ministry

of Education, The Bulgarian Teachers' Union, The Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, The Danube Municipalities Association, ICT Media, Balkan Society for Pedagogy and Education and other NGOs. She has been an executive chairman of the Employers Union for the Bulgarian Education System, Plovdiv – from 2010 to 2013. A member of ESHA (European School Heads Association). A member of task groups with the Bulgarian Ministry of Education and Plovdiv Municipality concerning education issues in Bulgaria, drafting official legislative bills and development strategies.

She has been awarded an Honorary Symbol of the City of Plovdiv in 2007 for a significant contribution to the development of education. An ambassador of the World Education Forum since 2012. Headmaster of the year for 2014 awarded at a national contest in Bulgaria by the Bulgarian Teachers Union. She has received an Honorary Award „Neofit Rilski“ in 2008 for a long-lasting highly professional career presented by the Bulgarian Minister of Education and in 2014 for outstanding professional achievement. Since December 2014 she has been President of World Education Forum Bulgaria.

#### **Stefan Stoyanov,**

*Deputy Mayor Plovdiv, Bulgaria*

Stefan Stoyanov has graduated Sofia University „Saint Kliment Ohridski“ with MA in Bulgarian philology, and before this 91th German Language School in Sofia. He has worked as a journalist and later as an editor in TV Europe. From 2005 to 2011 he is an owner and managing director of a private company, responsible for international customers in the sphere of media monitoring and analysis, open business processes, on-line marketing, etc. Since 2011 he has been a deputy mayor of Plovdiv municipality. He is the leader of the team, preparing the candidacy of Plovdiv for European capital of culture in 2019 and has become President of Plovdiv foundation 2019 board of directors, and since 2016 he has been a deputy president of its managing council.

### Panel 2

#### **Dr Christopher Howard,**

*President World Education Forum, UK*

Dr. Chris Howard, OBE, BA (Cantab), Ph.D. spent 25 years in secondary school leadership, beginning as a curriculum Deputy Headteacher before serving as Headteacher of Lewis School Pengam in Caerphilly County Borough (Wales) in 1993-2012. He has also led school leadership organisations as President of NAHT Wales in 2002-2003 and UK National President of NAHT in 2009-2010. He chaired the South Wales Headteachers' Assessment Centre in 2010-2012 and led an innovative project which developed a unified 14-19 curriculum entitlement for all learners in Caerphilly. Chris Howard returned to NAHT Wales as Director in 2013-2015 and contributes now as an independent consultant, most recently assisting the University of Wales Trinity Saint David in developing its „clinical practice“ model for teacher education and training. He was awarded the OBE for services to education in 2012.

#### **Prof. PhD Rositsa Penkova,**

*Qualification Department at Sofia University „Saint Kliment Ohridski“*

Prof. dr. Rositsa Penkova is a lecturer of Bulgarian language teaching method in Sofia University „Saint Kliment Ohridski“ – Information and improvement of teachers department.

She is a leader of qualification programs for teachers, as well as courses for preparing teachers in Bulgarian and literature for acquiring of professional qualification degrees (from fifth to first). At the moment she is the director of the Information and improvement department. Her scientific interests are in the field of didactic linguistics, stylistics, text linguistics, social linguistics. She is experienced in the theory and practice of evaluation in education, as well as in the teaching of bilingual students.

She has taught according a method in the Bulgarian language in the University of Budapest (Hungary) and in the Pedagogical University in Berdyansk (Ukraine). She is an author of more than 120 publications – treatise, studio, articles and scientific announcements regarding language education; has published books with tests for Bulgarian language and teaching handbooks in Bulgaria and abroad. She works in national and international projects in the educational sphere. Participates with scientific reports in national and international conferences (in Hungary, Turkey, Ukraine, Greece, Great Britain, Norway, Denmark, Germany, etc.).

Rositsa Penkova is a member of the Board of the international organization BASOPED (Balkan society for pedagogy and education), as well as the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria, section Pedagogy and psychology, and its management. She is President of BASOPED – BG since its foundation (2010). She is a member of the editor team of „Strategy“ magazine (MOE), as well as of „Continuing education“ magazine.

#### **Vaska Atanasova,**

*Regional Educational Inspectorate Plovdiv*

Vaska Atanasova graduated Primary school teaching and specialized Education and Project Management. She has a 2nd degree professional qualification. She has held various positions in Bulgarian schools – educator, teacher, teacher trainer for Plovdiv University „Paisiy Hilendarski“, deputy headmaster, headmaster. She has published several supplementary teaching books and student book sets. She participates in teams with the Bulgarian Ministry of Education for drafting documents regulating various aspects of the school education system, as well as related documents for the curricula content in compulsory and selective-compulsory courses in primary school subjects. She performs trainings for headmasters and teachers in relevant topics for the Bulgarian schools. She has a keen interest in the ideas of humanistic teaching and its implications in the contemporary education – enacting personality-based education process, formative assessment of primary school students. She is a member of an expert council with the National Center for „Humanistic pedagogy“.

#### **Dr Evgenia Peeva,**

*Executive Director „Together in Class“ Foundation*

Evgenia Peeva has graduated Harvard University with specialty „Economics, Politics and Sociology“. Her diploma work studied the factors for success in the changes of University education in Central and East Europe after 1989. While a student, Evgenia established the Foundation „Step for Bulgaria“, which assures trainings in independent life and professional preparation of orphans. Her efforts have attracted financing and a lot of volunteers in the training programs of the foundation for the four years of its existence. Since 2007 the programs of „Step for Bulgaria“ have contributed for the development of more than 150 children without

family care with the participation of more than 80 volunteers from different countries.

She works as a business consultant in the international company McKinsey & Company, where she consults leading companies and organizations in different sectors – from technology and pharmacy to industrial electronics and non-profit activities. Her participation in „Together during a lesson“ gives her the unique possibility to help for the stable development of Bulgaria, working about long-term improvements of the national education system.

Evgenia Peeva has been chosen as Woman of the Year in section Society in 2012 and is present in

Many prestigious ratings, including the selection of „Forbs Bulgaria“ „30 under 30“ in 2013, the „Darik radio“ project „40 under 40“ in 2014 and various ratings of the most influential Bulgarian women. At the moment she is a member of the Board of the American college in Sofia.

### Panel 3

**Boyka Vladimirova Sofiyska,**  
*Headteacher, 129 „Wonder World“  
kindergarten, Sofia*

Boyka Vladimirova Sofiyska is a headteacher of 129 „Wonder World“ kindergarten in Sofia, Triaditsa region. She works actively in projects, develops innovative methods for training of kindergarten children, participates in working groups in the Ministry of Education. At the moment she is preparing her doctor degree in Sofia University „Saint Kliment Ohridski“.

**Zhoresa Manolova,**  
*Deputy headteacher, „Rayna Knyaginya“  
School, Plovdiv*

Zhoresa Manolova has graduated Bulgarian Philology at Plovdiv University „Paisiy Hilendarski“. She holds a 5th degree professional qualification. She has worked as a teacher in Bulgarian language and literature and as a deputy headmaster in charge of the educational activities at „Rayna Knyaginya“ Primary and Middle School, Plovdiv. Her fields of interests are: developing leadership competences at schools, boosting the education quality via innovative methods and increasing awareness of the existing good practices. She has been awarded an honorary badge by the City of Plovdiv and a Certificate from Plovdiv Municipality for outstanding professionalism and vocational dedication.

**Valentina Stoencheva-Georgieva,**  
*Headteacher, „Patriarh Evtimiy“ School, Plovdiv*

Valentina Stoencheva-Georgieva is MA in biology and chemistry in Plovdiv University „Paisiy Hilendarski“. She has second professional-qualification degree. She has been working in education for 31 years at different job positions – teacher, deputy headteacher, expert in biology and headteacher. She participates in the development and realization of various projects, connected with implementing innovations, as well as improving the material base and professional orientation of the students. She has participated in two-year project for acquiring specialization „Management of a school“ of Kulturtkontakt (Austria), Goethe Institute – Sofia and the Ministry of Education in 2005-2007. She is a finalist in the program „Academy for school leaders“ of America for Bulgaria Foundation and International Education Institute – New York,

has participated in a professional visit to New York per component „School Leaders Academy“ in 2015. In 2016 she has acquired international qualification from Microsoft.

**Lilyana Klaturova,**  
*Headteacher, „Hristo Botev“ School, Slavyanovo*

Lilyana Klaturova has graduated Veliko Turnovo University with specialty „History and Geography“. Since 1990 she has been working consequently as a teacher and headteacher of „Hristo Botev“ secondary school in the town of Slavyanovo. Since 1995 she is a member of „Open education centre“ in Sofia and a member of the management board of „Youth education centre“ in Pleven. She has participated in the fulfilment of many projects and programs for stable development, civil, health and ecology education, social skills and entrepreneurship. The school she is a headteacher of, has partnership relations with Burggymnasium in Keiserslautern, Germany. She works with American volunteers from the US Peace Corps in Bulgaria. She is one of the founders of the association „Cambridge Schools“ in Bulgaria. She has been awarded many times for her single-minded work by Pleven municipality.

### Panel 4

**Prof. PhD Galin Tsokov,**  
*Plovdiv University „Paisiy Hilendarski“*

Prof. PhD Galin Tsokov is a vice-dean of Pedagogics Department at Plovdiv University „Paisiy Hilendarski“. He is a lecturer in Education Management, School Management and Administration, Education Organizational Management, Cultural Management at Schools, and Pedagogics. He has participated as a leader, coordinator and a member in more than ten international, national and scientific and educational projects. An author of 86 scientific publications, published in Bulgaria and abroad.

He has specialized as a teacher trainer in „Inclusive Education“ at Pedagogy University in Zurich and UNICEF; Education Leadership in Bank Street College of Education, New York, „Organization of social-pedagogic work in terms of people with mental disabilities“ at the Catholic University of Belgium; Educational Management CEDEFOP Study Visit 326 „Role of the headmaster of school and education inspectorate“ in Spain; Educational Management with department of Organizational Management of Education in the University of Amsterdam, Netherlands, Remote Teaching at universities, Distance Learning National Centre, Management of Education in Higher Pedagogics Institute in Kiev, Ukraine.

A member of the Standing Committee of Pedagogic Sciences of NOOA (since 2007). A member of the Public Council of the Regional Education Inspectorate – Plovdiv (since 2014). Chief of Career Orientation and Development Centre at Plovdiv University „Paisiy Hilendarski“ (from 2006 to 2011).

**Howard Smith, PhD,**  
*Bank Street College, NY, USA – by distance*

Howard Smith is a doctor in education psychology in Columbia University. In his enormous professional experience he has been a school headteacher in Massachusetts, a professor in Fordham University, Tarrytown, NY, Bank Street College, NY and lecturer in Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts.

In 2014 he has been a consultant of

Bank Street College and Plovdiv University regarding a program for development of the academic society in Bulgaria. He is an author of numerous publications, including „Preparation for negotiations before signing a contract“ and „To be mobile“. He works actively for change by cooperation. He is a member of the Board of School Leaders Academy, has been President of the United political committee of primary education in New York, President of the Managing Board of State-wide Schools Cooperative Health Plan, as well as Association of Schools Management. One of the last challenges he has had is his participation in solving the financial crisis in ethnic and social various school region in New York as a leader of 74 million USD project for improving and renewing schools.

**Yulian Petrov,**  
*Chairman of the Teachers Union „Podkrepa“*

Yulian Petrov is MA in Music and Aesthetics, as well as IT. He has worked as a teacher for 21 years. He has been working as a teacher and headteacher of a school for 4 years. He has participated in developing norms in the Ministry of Education, in working groups for developing bilateral agreements and international programs for cooperation in education. Since 2011 he has been President of the „Education“ syndicate in „Podkrepa“. He has participated with his own presentations in national and international forums about the problems in education and syndicate activities. He has been awarded with the prize „Neofit Rilski“ for high professional achievements by the Ministry of Education. At the moment he is working on his doctor degree in Plovdiv University „Paisiy Hilendarski“.

**Margarita Bozova,**  
*Headteacher, Plovdiv*

Margarita Bozova is MA in chemistry. She has first qualification degree and at the moment she is working on her doctor degree in Plovdiv University „Paisiy Hilendarski“. She has worked as a teacher for 10 years and as a headteacher for 23 years. Her interests are in the field of management family – school in order to assure conditions and media for active training of the students, a field, in which school programs and publications are implemented.

### Panel 5 Block B and Panel 6 Block A

**Dr Neli Koleva,**  
*Institutional Partnership Director of  
„Together in Class“ Foundation*

Dr. Neli Koleva has been the „Public partnerships“ department manager since January 2016. She has had various job positions in the teaching team and support of teachers since the beginning of the work of the first class in May 2011. Before joining the team Dr. Koleva has been a lecturer in English and American literature, comparative literature knowledge, theory and practice of translation, English, French and German in Universite de Haute Bretagne in Renne, France and Rice University in Houston, USA. Her bachelor degree is for American literature and French language from Middlebury College, USA, and her doctor degree is for comparative literature knowledge from Rice University, USA.

**Drs. Lydia van Rietschote,**  
*Director of World Education Forum*