



PROCHILD
PROTECTION AND SUPPORT OF ABUSED
CHILDREN THROUGH MULTIDISCIPLINARY INTERVENTION



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Participation of the Department of Mental Health and social welfare of Insitute of Child health to the ISPCAN INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS, in Oman.

The director of the Department of Mental Health and Social Welfare and project leader of the Prochild project, Dr George Nikolaidis participated in the ISPCAN International congress that took place in Muscat, Oman, between 15 – 17 September 2019.

ICH and PROCHILD team participated to the congress with a poster referred to the PROCHILD project and ICH's contribution until September 2019. ISPCAN (<https://www.ispcan.org/>) is the oldest and most widely - globally- recognised international scientific association for the study and prevention of child abuse and neglect. Originally initiated by the American Pediatrician Henry Kempe (<https://www.ispcan.org/who-we-are/>) who was the first to raise the issue of child maltreatment as a topic of scientific inquiry and humanitarian action. ISPCAN apart from its more than 40 years of existence is also issuing the Journal Child Abuse and Neglect (<https://www.journals.elsevier.com/child-abuse-and-neglect/news/find-out-more-about-ispcan>) which is recognised as the most rigorous resource for child protection related evidence. Moreover, ISPCAN is recognised by all relevant international bodies as the most prominent stakeholder in child protection from violence (see i.e. WHO: <https://www.who.int/violenceprevention/about/participants/ispcan/en/> or PAHO: https://www.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=14955:paho-co-sponsored-the-international-society-of-child-abuse-and-neglect-ispcan-ii-caribbean-regional-conference-jamaica&Itemid=42281&lang=en or the EC: https://ec.europa.eu/knowledge4policy/organisation/ispcan-international-society-prevention-child-abuse-neglect_en etc.).

Therefore, the context was the most relevant possible to promote the issues of child abuse and neglect and tackle the problem of underreporting and fragmentation of services and implement a joint approach based on complementary competences and the child's best interest. In its International congresses ISPCAN attracts a vast variety of participants from academics and professionals of various related disciplines (medicine, law, social work, psychology, social sciences) to activists and humanitarians. Therefore the audience was again the most appropriate for communicating our efforts. The poster sessions as usually in international congress of scientific associations cover a wide range of topics and thymes.