

**European Guide Dog Federation**

**2019 Conference**

**Tallink Spa & Conference Hotel**

**Tallinn, Estonia**

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| **Wednesday, 27th March** | | |
| **12:30** | | Registration in Galaxy Conference Room, 2nd floor |
| **13:30** | | Opening of conference  Introduction and welcome -- *David Adams, EGDF President*  Welcome to Tallinn – *Christel Sogenbits, NPO Challenge Your Senses*  Introduction of volunteers and delegates |
| **14:00** | | Annual General Meeting, including election of Board Members – *David Adams* |
| **15:00** | | Coffee break |
| **15:30** | | Case study of an access refusal in Marseilles – *Pauline Arnould, FFAC, France* |
| **15:45** | | Discussion: EGDF in a post Brexit Europe – *facilitated by Dr Simon Adderley, Oxford Brookes University* |
| **17:30** | | Close of 1st day |
| **18:30** | | Dinner in hotel |
| **Thursday, 28th March** | | |
| **8:30** | | Welcome – *Judith Jones*  Introduction of delegates |
| **9:00** | | Welcome Address – *Peter Roose, Chief Executive, Tallink Hotels* |
| **9:25** | | The importance of disability rights within Estonia -- *TBA, Human Rights Centre of Estonia* |
| **9:45** | | European Standard for Assistance Dogs – Progress Report – presentations by convenors of the working groups:  Marijan Sesar  Karl Weissenbacher  Peter Gorbing  Judith Jones |
| **10:30** | | Coffee Break |
| **11:00** | | European Standard for Assistance Dogs ---Interactive discussion |
| **12:15** | | Making Lifts and Escalators Accessible for Disabled People – Merilyn Rikkinen, KONE Corporation, Estonia |
| **12:45** | | Lunch and dog relief |
| **14:15** | | Achievements of the Center for Access to Football in Europe – *Christel Sogenbits* |
| **14:30** | | Liisa Ly Pakosta, Estonian Commissioner for Gender Equality and Social Inclusion. |
| **15:00** | | Work Ability reform: Success and Challenges – *Pille Liimal, Estonian Unemployment Office* |
| **15:30** | | Coffee break |
| **16:00** | | Workshop of Guide Dog User Employment – *facilitated by Simon Adderley, Oxford Brookes University* Workshop continues |
| **17:30** | | Close of 2nd day |
| **19:00 – 23:00** | | Gala Dinner at Café NR99 |
| **Friday, 29th March** | | |
| **8:45** | Rene Tammist, Estonian Minister for Enterprise and Information Technology – Opportunities for self-employment for disabled people in Estonia | |
| **9:15** | Technological Innovations in our Evolving World, *moderated by Sean Dilley, EGDF Trustee, Romania*  *Hans Jørgen Wiberg, founder of Be My Eyes app, Denmark*  *Fernando Albertorio, co-founder of Sunu Band, with Mariana Morales and Ines Michel, Mexico*  *Roberto Castiglioni, Chairman of Heathrow Access Advisory Group, UK*  *Amanda Heyhurst – Integrating Guide Dogs with the Bionic Eye System, Second Sight Medical Products, UK* | |
| **10:30** | Coffee Break | |
| **11:00** | Technological Innovations – continued | |
| **12:20** | How disabled people can influence change in the European Union – *Tunne Kelam, MEP, Estonia* | |
| **12:45** | Lunch and Dog Relief | |
| **14:00** | Guide Dog Training and Control in Estonia – *Raimo Saadi, Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia* | |
| **14:30** | German Government Project for Access for Assistance Dogs, *Rosie Warda, Pfotenpiloten, Germany* | |
| **14:50** | ONCE’s Project to Support Guide Dog Users into Self-Employment -- *Maria J Verela, Director, ONCE Guide Dog Foundation, Spain* | |
| **15:10** | Hidden Health Benefits to Disabled Guide Dog Handlers – *Francesca Johansen, Bristol University* | |
| **15:30** | Coffee break | |
| **16:00** | Updated census of guide dogs in Europe – *Francesca Johansen and Judith Jones* | |
| **16:30** | Workshop of Guide Dog User Self -Employment *– facilitated by Simon Adderley, Oxford Brookes University* | |
| **17:15** | Conference conclusions | |
| **17:30** | Conference ends | |
| **18:30** | Dinner in hotel | |
| **Saturday, 30th March** | | |
| **8:30 -11:00** | | Meeting of EGDF Board; Free time for other delegates |
| **13:00 – 17:30** | | Sightseeing tour (optional extra) |