



REPORT ABOUT THE TIMSIS WORKSHOP

HOPE workshop 19

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TIMSIS is the abbreviation for 'Teacher in-service training material concerning pupils with serious and chronic illnesses in both regular and hospital attached schools'. It started 2004 as an EU funded COMENIUS 2.1 project, in which a group of teacher training institutions as well as hospital schools from six countries (Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Norway and Russia) developed web based information material focusing on the re-integration of severely or chronically ill pupils into their home schools. It is the aim to facilitate the ill pupils' way back to normalcy.

Following an agreement between HOPE and Ludwigsburg University of Education (Germany), which was the coordinating institution of the Comenius project in 2007, HOPE is now hosting the TIMSIS material.

The material addresses itself to teachers and parents as well as ill pupils and their classmates. So far two sets of material (a short and an extended version) have been developed which focus on seven of the most common diseases in childhood and adolescence: ADHD, Asthma, Childhood Cancer, Cystic Fibrosis, Diabetes, Eating Disorders, Epilepsy and a chapter on General Information.

At the HOPE congress in Tampere, Finland (2008), TIMSIS became a HOPE Workshop ([Workshop 19](#)) and since then information in five new languages and two new diseases were added so that there are information in twelve languages (English, German, Finish, Hungarian, Norwegian, Czech, Russian, Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese, Slovenian) and about nine diseases (allergies, ADHD, asthma, cancer, diabetes, CF, eating disorders, epilepsy, immune disorders).

At the HOPE congress in Munich, Germany (2010), the workshop 19 TIMSIS met, looked back, evaluated its work, elected two new workshop leaders and made future plans. Soon there will be guidelines available on the webpage for translators and authors of new diseases.

Use it or lose it!

If you are a committed teacher who works (also) with chronically or severely ill children you can profit from the precious information and send the link to your colleagues, patients and their parents. We know that information is a crucial point for the inclusion of our patients!

If you can offer translation for free or you are able to start a new disease (always in English first), please do not hesitate and contact the workshop coordinators. If you find something which is not correct or should be updated, please help us with more suitable or new information.

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