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Support Paradigm and Quality of Life:

***Results of the Italian Research Project on
the 10° ed. Model of American Association
on Intellectual and Developmental
Disabilities and Supports Intensity Scale***

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Overview

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What we have got at the end of the project and our strenghts now I

- 1. Italian Standardization of SIS has been completed**
- 2. This is really the Italian version of the original American version**
- 3. It is now available the Italian Version of SIS, with Italian normative data, for Professionals, Administrators, Families and Clients**
- 4. The Italian version may be actually used to assess the needs of supports for Italian people with ID**

What we have got at the end of the project and our strenghts now II

- 5. The needs of support of a significant sample of the Italian population with ID has been collected**
- 6. We are going to publish the most important study about the needs of support of the Italian population with ID; that has never done before at the national level**

What we have got at the end of the project and our strenghts now III

7. **A remarkable number of professionals, more than 150,**
 - **have more skills to assess the needs of support of adult people with ID**
 - **show a deeper knowledge of constructs such as “need”, “need of support”, “individual functioning”, “quality of life”, at a cultural and technical level**

What we have got at the end of the project and our strenghts now IV

- 7. A remarkable number of professionals, more than 150,**
 - are able to initiate and integrate the evaluation of needs of support with other diagnostic instruments necessary to individual planning**

What we have got at the end of the project and our strenghts now V

- 8. The Italian standardization has followed the same procedures and criteria of the original American version**
- 9. Some other, more detailed procedures have been introduced to improve the data reliability in the Italian sample**

What we have got at the end of the project and our strenghts now VI

- 10. The Italian norms have been confronted with the European Network norms in order to begin to analyze similarities and differences at a cultural and technical levels**
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Limitations

- 1. Nevertheless the number of the subjects participating to the study has got the dimension to be statistically representative of the Italian adult population with ID, not all the centers and services invited to the study have sent their protocols by the proposed deadline (September, 30th, 2007)**
- 2. All these data will be collected beyond the normative sample**

National Perspectives I

- 1. Introduction of Support Model into all the services referring to ANFFAS organization 8 more than 8,000 clients) and beyond**
- 2. SIS/ICF/Support Model integration at operational and cultural level**
- 3. SIS/ICF integrated training model to be explored and implemented on theoretical and operational basis**

National Perspectives II

- 4. Building up an electronic data base of all SIS filled protocols, privacy protected, in order to supply national and regional public health authorities with the necessary information about support needs of the population they serve**
- 5. Contribute to provide administrative and political governance to Intellectual Disabilities System**

National Perspectives III

- 6. Diffusing SIS and Support Model beyond the ANFFAS borders**
- 7. Accrediting ANFFAS leadership in diffusing SIS/ICF/Model of Support theory, research and practice**

National Perspectives IV

8. **Establishing an ANFFAS National Laboratory devoted to:**
 - **Research in the field**
 - **Training and Technical assistance**
 - **Development of the Model**
 - **Operational implementation of SIS/ICF approach and technology into planning, service delivering and resource allocation for people with ID and their families according to the quality of life perspective**

International Perspectives I

8. **Collaboration and a beginning of partnership with AAIDD and American System has been set up about:**
 - **Practical implementation of SIS Model**
 - **Its clinical use**
 - **Its research potential at personal, group and managerial level**

International Perspectives II

9. **An European Network has been set up:**
 - **Operators and administrators coming from different European countries have the chance to collaborate, confront and plan for future development of the Support Model**

Conclusions I

at the end of the international meeting we can say:

- 1. We have an international instrument, usable in different countries**
- 2. We have a technology to assess the needs of support**
- 3. We have a common model and a frame of mind to approach people with ID**
- 4. We have a similar approach and a step by step process to elaborate the needs of support in order to set quality of life goals**

Conclusions II

at the end of the international meeting we can say:

5. **We have a network, facilitating communications, training and exchange of competence**
6. **We foresee future intriguing developments towards integration between SIS and ICF, towards SIS CY and ICF CY and many other directions**
7. **We see an interface with WHO families of international instruments**

Conclusions III

at the end of the international meeting we can say:

8. **We have powerful support and contribution to health and social politics**
9. **We have open collaboration with social, clients family and organizational institutions**
10. **We have international longitudinal and spread participation to the strategic targets**
11. **We are building up new partnership and leadership in the future**

