

Public Lecture on Recent Research Findings in Early Childhood Development

Budapest Business School (BGF), Markó utca 29-31, Budapest 1051, Aula (ground floor)
Saturday, May 7, 2011, 18.00 -19.30

This Public Lecture, organized by UNICEF, the International Step by Step Association, the Open Society Foundations and the Roma Education Fund, will present some of the latest scientific findings in brain development and early childhood, taking stock of the recent advances that have been made in the understanding of brain plasticity and self-regulation.



The Public Lecture will be led by **Dr. Stuart Shanker**, Distinguished Research Professor of Philosophy and Psychology at York University, Canada. Professor Shanker serves as the Director of the state-of-the-art the Milton and Ethel Harris Research Initiative (MEHRI), at York University in Canada. He is currently Director of the Council for Human Development and Past President of the Council of Early Childhood Development. He is also Director of the Cuba-Mexico-Canada Research Initiative, an international multi-disciplinary investigation into preventive mental health (funded by IDRC Canada).

The Public Lecture is organized within the framework of the EU-UNICEF partnership for the Project the **Roma Good Start Initiative** (RGSi). Funded by the European Union, the project aims to address measures to promote Early Childhood Development (ECD) as an entry point to fostering the social inclusion of Roma children. It is being implemented in six countries: Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Spain and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Students, university lecturers, researchers, as well as members of professional associations and of parents' associations are invited to attend. Participation in the Public Lecture is free of charge. Simultaneous translation will be provided.