

## Magdi Birtha - the first recipient of the international Carla Vlaskamp early career award.

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The Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions and the Centre for Disability Law & Policy at the National University of Ireland (Galway) congratulate Magdi Birtha on becoming the first ever recipient of the international Carla Vlaskamp early career award. The award is given in recognition of the lifetime achievements of Professor Vlaskamp (University of Groningen) in placing a focus on the voice and rights of persons with profound intellectual disabilities. It enables a young researcher to present at the World Conference of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IASSIDD).



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Magdi is a Marie Skłodowska-Curie PhD Research Fellow at the Centre on its [DREAM](#) [3] project which is a collaborative network shared with six other European universities and institutes. Magdi's PhD research focuses on the conditions necessary to ensure effective participation of persons with disabilities and their representative organisations in policy-making processes and national monitoring processes under the UN disability treaty. She has a special focus on the most marginalized parts of the disability movement including persons with profound intellectual and multiple disabilities.

Commenting on her award, the Director of the Centre – Professor Gerard Quinn said: *“Considering the outstanding achievements of Professor Vlaskamp this is a high honour indeed for Magdi. Magdi is a great ambassador for the DREAM Marie Skłodowska-Curie network and for the thinking behind the EU Marie Skłodowska-Curie programme which excels at giving young researchers a chance not merely to*

*learn but also to put that learning to good use."*

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow - Magdi Birtha

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