

Report of
Training and Information Seminar on Modern Assistive Technologies
for Persons with Disabilities
Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, 7-8 December 2015

The Training and Information Seminar on Modern Assistive Technologies for Persons with Disabilities, organized by Institute of Electronics and Telecommunications (IET) under Kyrgyz State Technical University (KSTU) named after Iskhak Razzakov jointly with International Telecommunication Union and UNESCO IITE, was held in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, from 7 to 8 December 2015. The Seminar was held in the new Information and Training Centre *Iygilik*, created within the framework of the implementation of the CIS regional initiative CIS2: Ensuring access to telecommunications/ICT services for persons with disabilities.

The Seminar was attended by 35 persons, including representatives of public organizations and educational institutions working with persons with disabilities from Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Kazakhstan, and Russia.

At the opening, greetings were delivered by Mr. Orozobek Kaiykov, Head, ITU Area Office for CIS; Mr. Murataly Zhamabayev, Rector, KSTU; Mr. Natalia Amelina, Head, Unit for ICT in Pre-scholar, Schooling and Inclusive Education, UNESCO IITE; and Mr. Bayish Nurmatov, Director, IET.



On the first day of the Seminar, Mr. Anatoly Popko, trainer of UNESCO IITE, provided an overview of modern trends in the sphere of high-technology assistive solutions for visually impaired persons. In particular, Mr. Popko presented different hardware and software, enabling and facilitating access to ICT for the blind and visually impaired persons. Also, Mr. Popko provided an analyses of best practices in the field of inclusive education of, employment assistance to, and rehabilitation of visually impaired persons.

The second day trainer, Mr. Ian Bean, expert from the UK, presented assistive technologies for motor impaired persons. The training was conducted in 3 sessions: overview of common assistive technology provision for persons with physical impairments; head tracking systems – meeting needs and moving forward; Eye gaze systems – getting it right.

Upon completion of the training, the participants obtained certificates.

