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Denis Masgutov, MA (September 10, 1983 – June 11, 2016)

was the co-Founder and Director of the International Dr. Svetlana Masgutova Institute of Poland and also served as an International Specialist of the Masgutova Method®. He graduated in Special Education and Psychology in Russia, received his Post-Graduate degree in Psychology at the Moscow State Sholokhov University. He also studied at Psychology Faculty at the University of Warsaw in Poland (completed 5 years). In addition, he accomplished the Post-Graduate Polish language studies at Krakow University (Poland), and was certified in Massage Therapy (Russia). He knew 5 languages.

Denis Masgutov had substantial experience in working with adults and children with neurodevelopmental challenges and learning difficulties such as: cerebral palsy, motor development deficits, ADHD, ADD, autism and Asperger's syndrome, FAS, intellectual delay, aggressive behavior, dyslexia, and PTSD.

Since 2009, Denis Masgutov had been organizing the International Camps for children and adults with neurodeficits and learning difficulties and led the continuing education program for PT, SP, OT, and other specialists in MNRI® programs through lectures, workshops, camps, conferences, and clinics in Poland. He taught MNRI® programs including Dynamic and Postural Reflex Pattern Integration, Lifelong Reflex Integration, Neuro-Tactile Integration, Oral-Facial Reflex Integration, Neuro-Structural Reflex Integration, and Dysfunctional and Pathological Reflex Repatterning. He was also a co-researcher at conferences and workshops in Poland using modern technologies/equipment (REMG, BTS). He traveled extensively and taught together with his mother, Dr. Svetlana Masgutova, in the United States, Canada, Singapore, Australia, Israel, and Indonesia.

Denis is the co-author of over 30 articles and manuals. Just prior to his death, he created an incredible series of workshop videos on new MNRI techniques (March-June 2016) focusing his primary interest on reflex pattern correction and integration for support of sensory-motor developmental milestones. His interpretation of the psychological and neurodevelopmental aspects of reflex integration was oriented toward support of sensory-motor, emotional, behavioral, and cognitive functions. He supported his concepts using EMG/BTS technologies to obtain objective data on the correlation of reflex integration (ATNR, Crawling, Leg Cross Flexion-Extension, Automatic Gait) with neurostructural and milestone changes (sitting, standing, walking, and etc.) in over 300 children with CP and

autism. Through this research he developed both a deeper understanding of and developed many new practical techniques for working with sensory, motor deficits and stress, the withdrawal response, and the blocking of breathing reflex patterns.

Children and their parents loved and continue to love Denis for his empathy, understanding, support, unique and caring personality, and great enthusiasm. Professionals appreciated the depth of his knowledge, lecturing ability, and his skill in facilitating development within a holistic context of neurodevelopment.

Denis started his first workshops on Reflex Integration when he was only 10 years of age, showing a unique early enthusiasm for the study of reflexes and body-mind integrative methods.

He was a very loving father, great colleague and friend, and highly supportive personality. He was always enthusiastic, smiling, always had a positive attitude, and loved nature, life, and all its activities.

Education:

- Secondary school in Russia (1990-2000) and in Warsaw, Poland (2000-2001); graduation certificate.
- Massage Therapy School at the Academy of Social Sciences of Russian Federation – School of Business (graduated October 14, 1997, Diploma N 03-255).
- Polish Language Study at Jagilonski University in Krakow, Poland (2001-2002, Completion Certificate).
- BA in Psychology and Special Education at Moscow State Sholokhov University (June, 2013); (attended 2011-2016).
- MA level in Psychology and Special Education – (June 2016 – completed all coursework. Document about completion; diploma was withheld because his death was 2 days before the official completion date of study).
- Post-Graduate in Psychology at Moscow State Sholokhov University (January, 2016 (Diploma N 01-027-16).
- Psychology degree incomplete (completed almost 5 levels) at Warsaw University (2015; a document with his hours of study and supervised training).

Job and Work Experience: – at the International Dr. Svetlana Masgutova Institute:

- 2002-2004 – Reflex Integration Program Assistant at the International NeuroKinesiology Institute of Movement Development and Reflex Integration of Warsaw, Poland
- 2004-2015 – MNRI® Instructor-Lecturer and Core Specialist,
- 2008 -2015 – Organizer of National and International MNRI Family Conferences and Camps
- 2009-2016 – General Director of the International Dr. Svetlana Masgutova Institute.

Volunteer and Social Work:

- 2001-2005 – work in Israel with specialists and children during time of conflict (in Israel) including soldiers with PTSD.
- 2002 – created the Project for Reflex Integration Rehabilitation Therapeutic Camps (another form in the USA – MNRI Family Conferences).
- 2009-2010 – Orphanage in Bydgoszy City of Poland.
- 2009 - Support of children from orphanages and victims of physical/criminal abuse in Poland creating an opportunity for them to participate at Camps for free (11 Families = work estimates for 66.000,00 zl. done for free). Received a gratitude placket from the orphanage.
- 2009-2015 – Leader for clinical work with children and adults with neurodevelopmental challenges – cerebral palsy, autism and autistic spectrum, dyslexia, genetic disorders, FAS. Created Programs on Reflex Integration for professionals, parents and clients (internal and external publications).
- 2004-2006 – work at the International Camps for Children with neurodevelopmental challenges – cerebral palsy, autism and autistic spectrum, dyslexia, genetic disorders, FAS – in Poland and USA (helped 720 children mainly with severe challenges).
- 2009-2015 - Leader of over 70 rehabilitation camps (abroad and in Poland), carrying out practical and research work (EMG, BTS equipment). Six gratitude plackets and appreciation letters from professionals and parents, orphantage, SMEI and ISMI LLCs for leadership over the Rehabilitation Therapeutic Camps and success in work with children and adults in Poland and abroad.

Interests:

- Chess classes (junior champion at school)
- Sports – athletics and swimming, parachute sports (at school), Marshal arts
- Hiking and nature
- Languages (knew 5 languages, could fluently speak on four of them)
- Sailing school – certificates as yacht skipper and motorboat helmsman (certificate, license)
- History, architecture, and geography, movie history,
- Reading (history, psychology, neuropsychology, philosophy, language development)
- Driving motorcycle.

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