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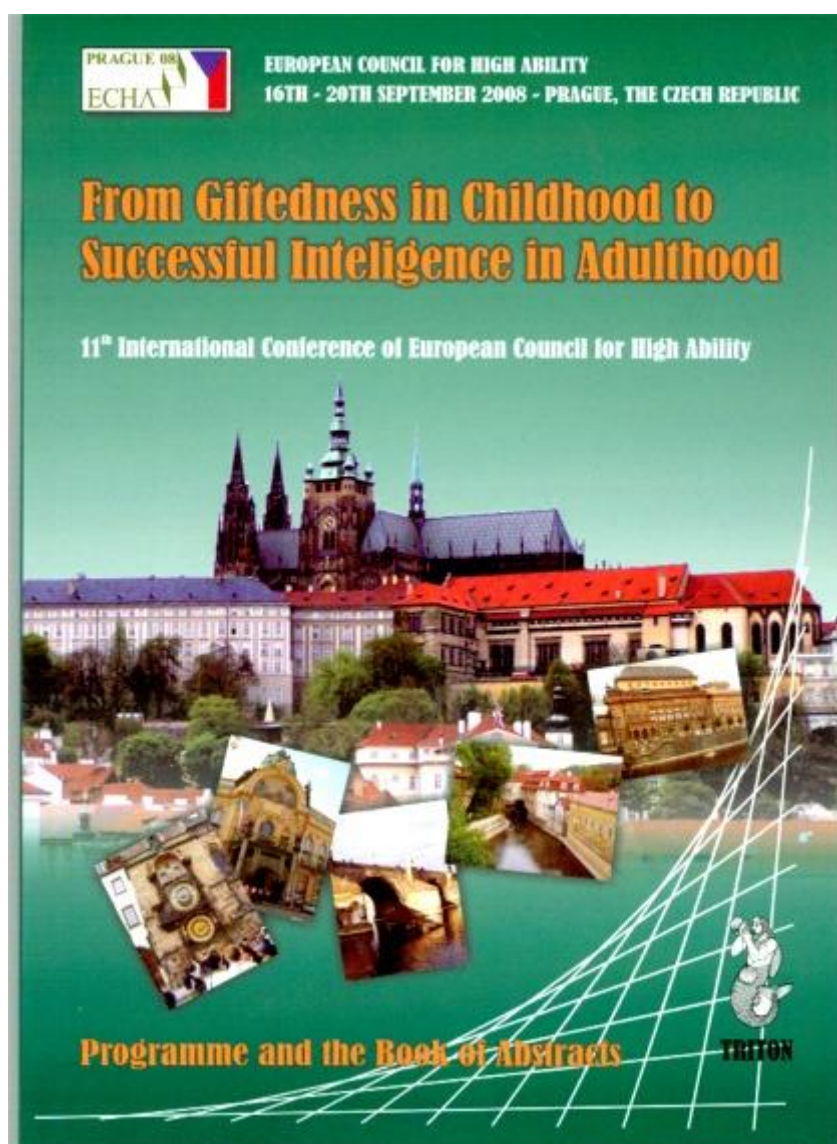
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From Giftedness in Childhood to Successful Intelligence in Adulthood



Abstract Talenta "Careers"

Swiss Talenta: 10 Years after - Careers of Pioneering Kids from a Pioneer School

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[The topic 2008 "Careers" stands for a reduced research element within Talenta, in order to organize a partial follow up of the careers of the first pupils, now entering university. Although our means (time & money!) are strictly limited (key business is our school!), the only 4 careers show the enormous, yes: astonishing diversity of motives and outcomes ...many experts know...]

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Contribution of Talenta / Abstract

Swiss Talenta: 10 Years after – Careers of Pioneering Kids from a Pioneer School

Founded in 1998, Talenta school has provided an adequate provision for over 150 highly gifted children between 4 and 12 years of age, covering 2 years of Kindergarten and 6 years of primary school. All children have an (externally assessed) I.Q. of 130 plus. Most of them joined Talenta after serious problems in their mainstream classes. Afterwards, well over 80% of them went on to the Gymnasium (the highest of 4 Swiss secondary tracks) frequently one or two years early.

The discussion focusses on a few, carefully selected, typical careers of Talenta kids and presents the views of a) the Talenta kids, b) their parents, and c) the Talenta staff: How did the children go through their start at Talenta? What was different at Talenta? What was helpful for their career? What was missing? How did they make friends? What changed for the parents? How did the kids go on at the Gymnasium? What are their current career perspectives? Can there be drawn general conclusions?

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