## BUBBLE CANE

Precane techniques used in early childhood

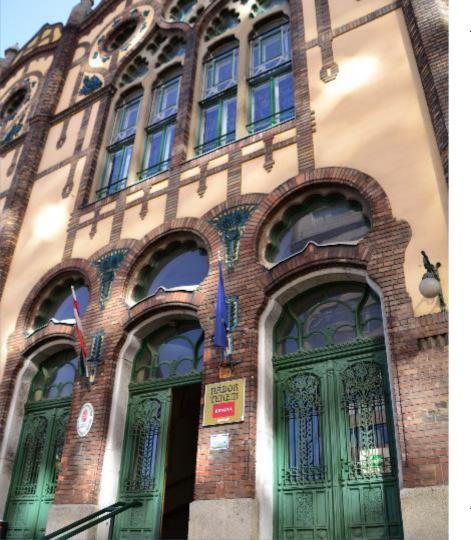
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### **PRESENTATION TOPIC**

- O&M in early childhood –our story
- Methodology of teaching O&M to young children in kindergarten
- Innovative solutions in pre-cane O&M teaching







## O&M HISTORY

The past and present of O&M education for young children in Hungary

### **O&M HISTORY**

- Lack of O&M instructors until 1995
- Group sessions in the 1st grade from 1995
- One-to-one sessions in kindergarten and 1st grade based on the Warsaw method since 2005
- One-to-one O&M lessons from the age of 3





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## O&M Methodology

Methodology of teaching O&M to young children in kindergarten

### **O&M METHODOLOGY**

- Education based on the Janus Preis method
- Adaptation of the "Warsaw method" in precane teaching
- Extension of pre-cane O&M



### **O&M METHODOLOGY**

- Involvement of multiply impaired children
- Expansion of the pre-cane repertoire
- Cooperation with other colleagues and family members



### **O&M METHODOLOGY**

- The limits of the hulahoop
- Using a modified hulahoop
- Development and testing of new types of precanes
- The birth of the Bubble Cane



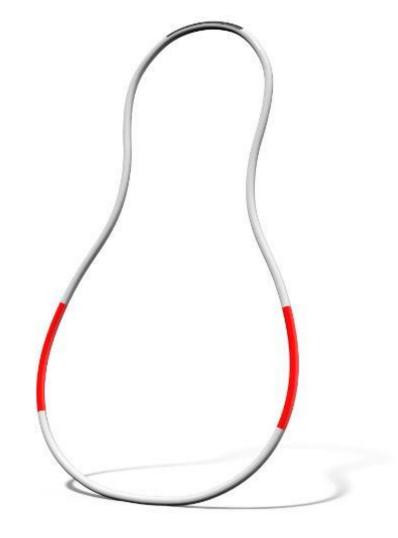


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# M&O INNOVATION

Innovative solutions in pre-cane teaching

- A Bubble Cane, as a new mobility device
  - o Lighter, more informative
  - White color
  - o "Slim fit" shape
  - o Modern, clear design



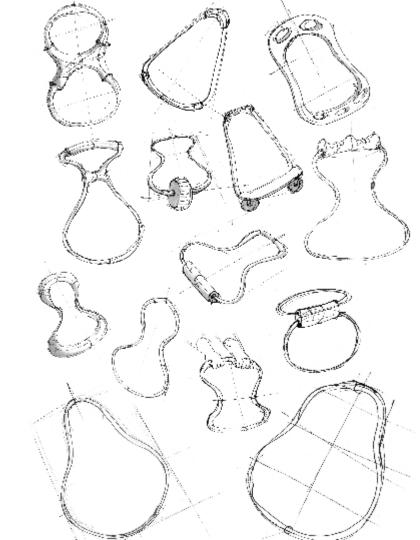
- The advantages of the Bubble Cane technique
  - o One or two-handed guiding
  - Adapted to body size
  - High Sensitvity
  - Easy to lift
  - o It can also be equipped with accessories



- Bubble cane 2.0
  - o Before the introduction of white cane
  - o In case of imbalance
  - o Easy to put on or take off
  - o Can be adjusted on any size of canes
  - o It can be produced with any diameter



- New pre-cane designs
- Bubble cane adapters
  - o Rolling tips
  - o Grips
  - o Communicator adjustment



### **Summary**

- The pre-cane enables early use of devices
- It mobilizes the beginner user
- It provides a sense of safety
- The Bubble Cane device-family makes mobility comfortable
- Optimal space and surface detection

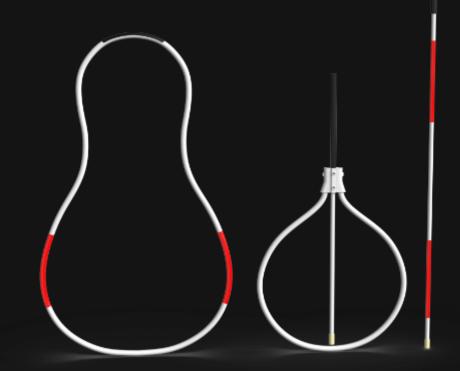


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