



CALL FOR PAPERS AND NOMINATIONS

International Seminar on CBR for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

**Jointly organized by Byrraju Foundation and National Institute for
the Orthopaedically Handicapped, Kolkata**

27th- 28th April 2009, Hyderabad

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**Mission for Elimination of Poverty in Municipal
Areas (MEPMA), Hyderabad**

The major change in strategy in rehabilitation and empowerment for the persons with disabilities over the past 25 years has been the expansion of services into the community. This has slowly gathered momentum and has developed into a differentiated programme called Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR).

To improve the quality of community services and to upgrade professional skills, there is a need of sharing knowledge at the level of professionals, grass root level workers and various NGOs and implementing agencies of CBR. There is also a need to disseminate best practices for public policy modulation, Therefore, an International on CBR has been planned which will be organized jointly by Byrraju Foundation and National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped at Hyderabad on 27th and 28th April, 2009.

Byrraju Foundation

Byrraju Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing about a tangible improvement in the quality of lives of the rural underprivileged, with a mission to create a world-class platform for holistic sustainable rural transformation. BF is currently working in 199 villages across six districts of Andhra Pradesh impacting a million people. Its programmes include Healthcare, Disability Rehabilitation and Mental Health, Education and Adult Literacy, Water, Environment and Sanitation, Agri advisory services and Livelihood Skills. It embraced Six Sigma as the tool for designing new processes and making breakthrough improvements in the existing processes.

Byrraju Comprehensive Access, Rehabilitation & Empowerment of the Persons with disabilities (ByCARE) has a vision of 100% coverage through sustainable community programs for all disabilities and all ages, with the principles of gender just, informed client, inclusion and convergence and not transaction but transformation. The mission further envisages public private partnership, self-help groups, use of technology, knowledge sharing and capability building in the community. The module of ByCARE has three major programs viz., Full Life Cycle Needs (FLCN), Holistic Development (HD) and Access to Enabling and Empowering Environment (A2E).

NIOH

National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped is an apex organization in the area of locomotor disability (Orthopaedically Handicapped) which came into the nation's service since 1978 as an autonomous body under the ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. It is located in the city Kolkata and expanding its services whole countrywide.

Services of NIOH include Human Resource Development (manpower) for providing services to the Orthopaedically Handicapped population. It runs nine long term training programs and many short term training programs. Long term training programs are in Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Orthotic & Prosthetic, Rehabilitation & Management, Multipurpose Rehabilitation Work, CAD-CAM etc. It conducts and sponsors research in all aspects related to the rehabilitation of the orthopaedically handicapped. It provides services in the area of rehabilitation, restorative surgery, aids & appliances and vocation training to the persons with disability. It also standardizes aids and appliances and promotes their manufacturing and distribution.

The projects on 'Community Based Rehabilitation' services were undertaken by NIOH under Department of Socioeconomic Rehabilitation in a rural & urban slum area. Over a lakh persons were covered and provided basic rehabilitation services along with medical services using community resources.

COSPONSORING ORGANISATIONS

NIMH : National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped was established in the year 1984 by the Ministry of Welfare (now Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment) the Institute is headquartered at Secunderabad and has three regional centres in Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata. It is in existence for the past 24 years, progressing towards building capacities to empower persons with mental retardation.

NIEPMD: National Institute for empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities, is being established at Muttukadu, Kancheepuram district, Tamil Nadu, to fulfill the

objective of serving as a national resource center for empowerment of persons with Multiple Disabilities.

IPH: Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Institute for the Physically Handicapped is an autonomous organisation under the administrative and financial control of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India. The Institute aims to serve the physically disabled of all age groups.

RCI: The Rehabilitation Council of India has been set up as a Statutory Body under an Act of Parliament and its specific role is to develop, standardize and regulate training programmes/ courses at various levels in the field of Rehabilitation and Special Education.

IKP: Indira Kranti Patham (IKP) is a statewide poverty reduction project to enable the rural poor to improve their livelihoods and quality of life through their own organizations. It aims to cover all the rural poor households in the state with a special focus on the 30 lakh poorest of the poor households. It is the single largest poverty reduction project in South Asia.

MEPMA: MEPMA (Mission for Elimination of Poverty in Municipal Areas), Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, runs the disability rehabilitation programmes for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in all towns of Andhra Pradesh.

CORDAID: Cordaid has more than 90 years' experience and expertise in emergency aid and structural poverty eradication. They are one of the biggest international development organisations with a network of almost a thousand partner organisations in 36 countries in Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe and Latin America.

Objectives:

- To create a platform for confluence of best practices and share the knowledge.
- To provide a forum to discover new issues involved in CBR.
- To discover new strategies in CBR.
- To give direction to capacity building in CBR.
- To come out with recommendations for adaptation in public policy.

The seminar committee invites you to contribute to the 2009 seminar to be held at Byrraju Foundation, Hyderabad. You are invited to submit abstracts outlining oral and/or poster presentations for peer review by the scientific committee.

Themes:

The theme of the seminar will be on comprehensive access, rehabilitation and empowerment of persons with disabilities through CBR approach. Policies and best practices are vital for promotion of CBR. Similarly access to environment (A2E), empowerment in practice is critical to the inclusion and independent living of the PWDs. These are prerequisites to effectiveness of services based on full life-cycle needs (FLCN) and holistic development (HD) that are centered around individuals. Papers and proceedings are, therefore, designed to cover topics, issues and concerns under the broad categories of public policy (PP), access to environment (A2E), full life-cycle needs (FLCN) and holistic development (HD).

There will be one plenary session in each broad theme. There will also be concurrent sessions (two or more) depending upon the number of papers considered for presentation.

1.0 Public policies (PP) and models

Plenary Session: Current public policy and programs to promote CBR with DPO in the driving seat – Adequacy and New Discoveries.

Concurrent Session I	Concurrent Session II
1.1 International and national policies	1.5 CBR – women with disabilities
1.2 Best practices and models	1.6 CBR – stake holders
1.3 Government program- Reach and effectiveness	1.7 CBR – professionals
1.4 HR & Research	1.8 CBR – CBOs/ NGOs
	1.9 Public private partnership

2.0 Access to environment (A2E)

Plenary Session: Attitudes, Participation and support of community – Gap analysis and road map.

Concurrent Session I	Concurrent Session II
2.1 Awareness and advocacy 2.2 Barrier-free environment	2.3 Capacity Building 2.4 Disabled Persons' Organizations (DPOs) 2.5 Empowerment- gaps between concepts, understanding and practices.

3.0 Full life-cycle needs (FLCN)

Plenary Session: Capacity building in community.

Concurrent Session I	Concurrent Session II
3.1 Prevention 3.2 Identification and assessment of disability 3.3 Early intervention 3.4 Education	3.5 Vocational training 3.6 Livelihood programs 3.7 Independent living

4.0 Holistic development

Plenary Session: Leveraging the Technology towards holistic sustainable transformation.

Concurrent Session I	Concurrent Session II
4.1 Therapeutic services 4.2 Counseling and Guidance interventions	4.3 Assistive devices 4.4 Information and communication technology 4.5 Development cooperation programs– HIV/AIDS, prevention of child labour, women empowerment, old age care, Environment, Energy, Education etc. – Engagement of PWDs

Poster Session:

Poster Session is an alternative approach for the presentation of projects/new work which will be available for seminar participants. Posters are strongly invited as they allow extended informal discussions, active participation of co-authors, and are displayed throughout the seminar. All the works submitted to the poster session should be based on the seminar themes.

Abstract specifications:

- The abstract should be written in English, typed in Arial font and single spaced.
- The title of paper should be concise in bold capital letters, size 12 and centered.
- The author(s) name should begin with full first name and family name (the name of the presenting author should be bolded), size 12, normal and centered. Ensure that the author(s) have an affiliated organization listed (aligned left)
- Presenters contact information - name, address, phone number, email.
- Text of the abstract should be in font size 12, normal and justified. The body of the text should cover the purpose of introduction, method, results and conclusions (200-250 words).
- An indication if the abstract is submitted for poster or podium presentation
- Please indicate the theme you would like to have the abstract included in Key Words - Capitalize the KEY WORDS and include no more than five.
- Presentations should be 20 minutes long, with 5 minutes allotted for questions afterward. PowerPoint visual support is preferred

Delegates:

All rehabilitation professionals, member of DPOs, CBR workers, CBR managers and administrators, persons with disability, parents, leaders/ social workers working for the empowerment of the PWDs are most welcome to participate in the seminar.

Takeaways:

- An opportunity to access to learning, communicating, branding and alliance building.
- A platform to influence the policy and practice.
- A publication of abstracts of research articles on CBR during the past 5 years.
- A publication of best practices containing select readings.
- A publication of abstracts and full papers of the seminar.
- A publication of Seminar proceedings.

Accommodation and Transport

We will facilitate in providing the information about hotels. Details of the hotels will be provided at our website soon. The organization will not be able to provide accommodation and transport.

Registration Fees:

Nature of Registration	Last Date	Indian Delegates		Foreign Delegates	
		Professionals	Students	Professionals	Students
Early Bird Registrations	5th Feb, 2009	Rs 2000	Rs 500	US\$ 150	US\$ 60
Standard Registration	10th Mar, 2009	Rs 2200	Rs 600	US\$ 170	US\$ 70
Late Registrations	10th April, 2009	Rs 2500	Rs 700	US\$ 190	US\$ 80

As the ultimate capacity of nominations is not unlimited, **we appreciate registration within the schedule for efficient services.**

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