

Vocational Rehabilitation: 3 June 2008
Brugge/ Bruges –Belgium
Ergonomics meets Rehabilitation
(focus on musculoskeletal diseases)
Pre-Congress symposium –www.ecprm2008.org

Morning session

Chairs :G.Lankhorst (Amsterdam,The Netherlands)
K.Van Wonterghem (Sijsele,Belgium)

09.00 -09.35 The EU position -Dimitri Corpakis (Greece)

This is a position statement, looking at Europe's main problems with respect to employment of both those with disabilities from childhood and those who have acquired them, both at work and as a result of disease. Would they survey these and indicate the areas that need to change. Would they look at work retention as well as at getting disabled people back to work?

Policies, strategies and goals at the European level that relate to the employment of people with disabilities are what we would like them to talk about. Can they tell us what are Europe's most pressing problems not only for the older European member states but for the new ones. Can they suggest the areas they are likely to require research answers.

09.35-10.00 European Trade Union: their view of the problems from the field
Roland Gauthy (France)

What are the main problems they see with respect to chronically disabled and newly disabled people (not just those disabled from the workplace)?
What are their priorities for solution of the problems?
What do they feel is the contribution they need from Clinicians and from Ergonomists?

10.00-10.25 Where does Ergonomics meet Rehabilitation?

Christophe Maes (Belgium)

This lecture will illustrate the link between prevention, occupational medicine and rehabilitation. Strategies and methods to optimise the cooperation between ergonomics and rehabilitation will be explored.

10.25-10.50 A clinical view of risk factors for unemployment in those with disability (mainly musculoskeletal)
Jan Ekholm (Sweden)

10.50-11.20 Coffee

11.20-11.45 Functional Assessment of the disabled person
Michel Oliveri (Italy)

This lecture will survey the main systems that are available and discuss the difficulties in interpreting the results in the workplace and the situations where they are of most use

The problems of their use and what to do if there is little money for such systems for instance in a rehabilitation hospital in a small town

11.45-12.10 The economics of disabled people not working

What are the costs are to the state in terms of direct costs of not working ,of the carer not working ,of disability itself

This is in an EU context and needs, if possible, to span the needs of those disabled from birth, what is needed at transition ,a bit about the minority groups ,such as those with Cerebral Palsy who tire at midlife .The major problems are musculo-skeletal and mental but the audience is not expert in the latter

12.10-12.35 Proposals for Future EU research on VR
EU Bilbao Agency

12.35 Introduction to the afternoon workshops
Goals of the workshops and procedures.
G.Vanderstraeten,C.Maes

1300 Lunch

Afternoon session 14:00-15:30

Workshop 1 Pros and cons of different social security systems related to vocational rehabilitation

Chairs: P.Rookmaaker -president FEES
A.Delarque -President of the UEMS Physical and Rehabilitation
Medicine section

- 1 . Tina Schuldt
- 2 . Michel Busnel
3. M.W .Morger
- 4 A .Frank
5. Fabio Strambi

Discussion and conclusion by A.Delarque

Workshop 2 - The meeting of ergonomics and rehabilitation medicine specialists

Chairs: Raf Duyvejonck (Belgium)
C.Van Wonterghem (Belgium)

This workshop will discuss the existing situation of the ergonomics in rehabilitation practice.,how to realize a better integration of ergonomics in the rehabilitation goals .and how to set up a strategic collaboration between ergonomics and rehab in developing European research programmes.

- Securex
- The Netherlands
- Finland - Louhevaara
- UK

Discussion and conclusion by the chair

Workshop 3

Successful projects in vocational rehabilitation leading to return to work. This session's talks will illustrate features which lead to successful interdisciplinary research

Planning research together ?

Chairs: Crt Marincek (Slovenia)
S.Poriau (Belgium)

Aim of the session: Concrete successful projects on vocational rehabilitation will be presented. Different methodologies are involved in specific pathologies and are part of a strategic model. The successful parameters throughout these models could be used in further projects to develop.

1. The Torneo –project : vocational rehabilitation for acquired brain injuries considering the long term effect
W.Brusselmans, E.Lannoo , (Belgium)

2. The introduction of Information Technology and Communication in vocational rehabilitation (locomotor, neurological and visual impairment): a successful European collaborative project .
GOCl, Aarschot , (Belgium)

3. A successful vocational rehabilitation system for those with traumatic brain injury
A.Tyerman, (UK)

4. Discussion and conclusion by the chairs : summary of items responsible for good results. Possibilities for future research

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16.00 -16.30 Report back to plenary session by the chairpersons.
A.Delarque- K.Van Wontergem - Crt Marincek

16.30-16.45 Conclusion and guidelines for the future
Anne Chamberlain , Veronica Fialka Moser

17.00 End of the pre-congress.

18.00 Official opening of the 16th European Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine www.ecprm2008.org