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MESSAGES

1. APRIL 1 ABSTRACT DEADLINE FOR JUNE 16-19, 2003 NACC ICF MEETING IN ST. LOUIS, MO.

Only a few weeks remain to email your 300+ word abstract in for consideration at the June 16-19, 2003 North American Collaborating Center Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri. The December 2002 ICF Clearinghouse message has the abstract and release forms. The Chase Park Plaza is one of the most luxurious hotels in St. Louis and our rate of \$135 per night is deeply discounted. Besides the usual excellent scientific sessions, we have more special treats in the works: high level Federal disability office directors will discuss their research priorities; participation by the National Council on Disability; WHO ICD/ICF Collaborating Center Heads will give regional/country updates; a demo of the completed Code ICF web-based training; free distribution of four new ICF videos; a new ICF poster exhibit which you can borrow; and last but not least, a late afternoon excursion to Hannibal, Missouri, of Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn fame. Monday, June 16 begins in the evening with a welcome reception and early registration. Tuesday and Wednesday include the scientific sessions and the late afternoon Hannibal tour. June 19, Thursday morning includes more scientific sessions and a closing at noon. Note that the June 16-19 NACC meeting is "open" and anyone can attend, whether presenting or not. However, everyone must register in advance. You can contact Patricia Welch Saleeby welchp@gwbmail.wustl.edu to receive the registration/abstract forms. If you wish to discuss your participation before submitting an abstract, contact Paul Placek pjp2@cdc.gov or David Gray grayda@msnotes.wustl.edu.

International ICF experts will be at the NACC meeting in larger than usual numbers because the WHO Family of International Classifications Implementation Committee will also meet at the Chase Park Plaza in the afternoon of Thursday, June 19 and all day

on Friday, June 20 to develop a work plan for ICF implementation. Attendance/participation at this meeting is determined by permission from individual Heads of Collaborating Centers and WHO. For the North American Collaborating Center, this request should be submitted to Marjorie Greenberg msg1@cdc.gov.

2. CALLING ALL RESEARCHERS INTERESTED IN...

Travis Threats in St. Louis is interested in reliability studies done with the ICF. He does not wish to use the Beta-2 version studies. These studies can be in any field, not just speech pathology. Contact him directly: Travis T. Threats, PhD, department of Communication Disorders and Sciences, Saint Louis University, tel 314-977-3175 and threatst@slu.edu.

Sean Tweedy in Australia is interested in physical activity for people with disabilities, particularly disabilities related to acquired brain injury of neuromusculoskeletal (NMS) impairments. The health benefits of participating in physical activity are well established. Population level, survey-based research suggests that people with disabilities spend less time being physically active than people without disabilities. He is interested in designing community based, physical activity interventions that will increase physically active behaviour among people with NMS. He wants to design a study which evaluates the efficacy of a community-based walking programme for sedentary, community-dwelling adults with NMS impairments who walk as their primary means of locomotion. The gait of some people who fit this description will be virtually unaltered by their impairment, while the gait of others will be profoundly / obviously altered by their impairment. He wants to know how well people walk (e.g., with or without aids, with or without human assistance, community walker, maximum walking speed etc) because these factors will be influenced by factors other than NMS function (age, leg length, body mass, access to rehabilitation and adaptive devices, vision etc.). His instruments should be able to be easily administered in the field (i.e., shouldn't be dependent on expensive equipment) and should not take too long to administer (aim for 10-15min). He wants to look at the code b770 (Gait Pattern Functions), exclusions from this code (e.g., "...muscle power functions (b730), muscle tone functions (b735), and control of voluntary movement functions (b760). Contact: Sean Tweedy, CONROD Research Fellow, School of Human Movement Studies, University of Queensland, Brisbane Q 4072, Australia, Ph: 61 7 3365 6638, Fax: 61 7 3365 6877, seant@hms.uq.edu.au

3. TWO ICF MEETINGS IN MARCH (ROCKVILLE, MD AND BOSTON, MA)

On March 10, you are invited to attend an AHRQ-sponsored ICF Mini-Symposia entitled "The ICF: Potential Influence on Research and Data Collection in Federal Agencies." There will be four speakers followed by discussion: David Keer of NIDRR and Co-Chair of the Interagency Subcommittee on Disability Statistics will present " Federal Research on the

ICF"; Marjorie Greenberg, Head, WHO Collaborating Center for the Family of International Classifications for North America will present "How the ICF Contributes to Health Data Standards"; Paul Placek of the WHO/FIC North American Collaborating Center will discuss "ICF Dissemination Activities of the National Center for Health Statistics", and Gerry Hendershot, Consultant, will discuss "Needed ICF Research". The meeting is in Rockville, Maryland at 6010 Executive Blvd., 4th Floor, from 2:00-3:30pm. For more info, contact the coordinator, Arlene Bierman at Abierman@ahrq.gov.

On March 28, you are invited to attend the first meeting of the Northeast Disability Research Consortium, sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Office on Health and Disability. The 9:30am-5:00pm Friday meeting will be held in Boston at One Ashburton Place, 21st floor conference room. Already, 28 persons are confirmed and up to 100 persons can be accommodated. An up-to-date agenda and more information can be obtained from Monika Mitra at tel 617-624-5557 or monika.mitra@state.ma.us. The three major panels with a dozen national experts will focus on: "Applying the ICF to Surveys", "ICF in Clinical Settings", and "Methodologies to Include People with Disabilities in Survey Research". A specific objective of the conference is to develop a plan to pilot the collection of ICF-based functional status information in a clinical setting.

4. TWO ICF MEETINGS JUST HELD (WASH, D.C. AND TORONTO, CANADA)

Rune Simeonsson held a meeting in mid-February in Washington, D.C. to discuss the piloting of the Child and Youth version of the ICF. As soon as we receive a summary of that meeting, we will include it in an ICF Clearinghouse message.

Diane Caulfeild, Classification Consultant at the Canadian Institute for Health Information, gave an ICF presentation in Toronto to the "Round Table of Ontario". She was invited to speak by Prevention, Wellness and Rehabilitation (PWR) Health Consultants Inc. PWR Health Consultants Inc. is a recognized leader in the design and implementation of programs that return individuals who are ill, injured or disabled to life

activity and to work in a safe and timely manner. Prevention, wellness, rehabilitation, diagnosis and treatment, and feedback loops are the foundation of PWR's approach to safe and timely return to function and return to work. These lead to enhanced individual functioning, more productive workplaces and healthier and safer communities. PWR facilitates the Round Table Project, a multi-stakeholder group working together to support persons with disabilities in a safe and timely return to life activities and to work. Participating stakeholder organizations were invited to the Round Table Project on the basis of their significant role in supporting persons with disabilities. They include persons with disabilities, their families, voluntary sector, Aboriginals, health care providers, insurers, health care providers, physicians, consumers, industry, employers, labour (unionized and non-unionized), academia/research, and the Federal and Provincial governments. The vision of the Round Table is: "To improve the systems that help people with illness, injury or disability from any cause, develop and secure their social, personal and economic self-sufficiency and to help stakeholders in the field identify and overcome barriers together." Diane presented to the Round Table stakeholders an overview of CIHI and ICF. The ICF component addressed the aims and foundation, the framework and the code structure, the various applications and coding examples / case scenarios. ICF will provide the stakeholders of the Round Table with standardized language for communication within teams and across all jurisdictions, codes to facilitate the collection of data to track trends, a reporting tool to increase accountability and improve policy and program coherence, a means to help to identify and overcome barriers in a systematic manner and to improve the 'dysfunctional system' - through data collection and analysis. ICF would clearly support the goals of the Round Table to equalize opportunity, prevent work place injury and endorse rehabilitation. For more information, contact: Diane Caulfeild, Consultant, Classification, CIHI, 377 Dalhousie St., Suite 200, Ottawa, ON, K1N 9N8, Tel: 613 241 7860 ext.4055, Fax: 613 2418120, dcaulfeild@cihi.ca.

5. CHECK OUT THAT AUSTRALIAN ICF USER GUIDE!

The Australian Collaborating Centre has just placed on its website an ICF Australian User Guide Version 0.5. The guide is designed as a complement to the ICF, to promote its use in Australia. This is a public draft for comment and discussion, and they welcome your comments and suggestions. The link is:

www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/9329 and the contact person is: Tim Beard, AIHW, timothy.beard@aihw.gov.au, Functioning and Disability Unit, Phone: (02) 6244 1270, Australian Institute of Health & Welfare, Fax: (02) 6244 1199. There are 12 Sections, each with a number of subsections, as follows:

1. Purpose and outline
2. Overview of the ICF
3. Benefits and uses of the ICF for Australia: overview
4. Getting started: general advice on use

5. Activities and Participation: application in the ICF
6. Environmental factors
7. The ICF and Australian data dictionaries
8. Disability identifiers
9. Personal factors
10. ICF applications - examples and 'modules'
11. Documenting experience and sharing knowledge in Australia
12. Links and references

The French have translated the entire Australian User Guide into French and they are adapting it for use in a major "train the trainers" effort this Spring and Summer. For more info on this contact Catherine Barral ctnerhi@wanadoo.fr.

6. FREE ICIDH (1980) BOOKS STILL AVAILABLE

The new ICF approved May 2001 superceded the International Classification of Impairments, Disabilities and Handicaps (WHO, 1980). We distributed about 65 copies of the ICIDH, but still have about 35 copies left. They usually sell for \$16 but they are now free for the asking. Just email your mailing address to Paul Placek pjp2@cdc.gov.

7. ASHA OFFERS CEU CREDITS FOR ICF STUDY

Two articles using the ICF "The Conceptual Framework of ASHA's New Scope of Practice for Speech-language Pathology" by Travis T. Threats, and "Doing More with Less for People with Aphasia: Creative Responses to Healthcare Change" by Candace Vickers are approved for Continuing Education Unit Credits by the American Speech-language Hearing Association. These articles are online in the new journal Speech Pathology Online (SPO) - www.speechpathology.com. This new website will contain clinically relevant articles, the latest news and information, interviews with leaders in the profession, patient perspectives, online CEUs, job listings, a bookstore and much more. Travis Threats Ph.D. is the Editor of Speech Pathology Online. Dr. Threats is a prominent speech language pathologist and he has been very active in developing and furthering the profession via his work with ASHA and the World Health Organization's International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF).

8. NCHS SETTLES INTO NEW OFFICES DURING RECORD SNOWS

Over President's Day weekend in mid-February, nearly 600 employees of the National Center for Health Statistics moved to a new, more secure building next door, at 3311

Toledo Road, Metro IV. Our email, phone, and fax addresses remained the same. Record snows caused complications. As of February 28, most in NCHS still have some unpacking to do while struggling to keep up with the usual workload, including getting this ICF Clearinghouse message out a few days late. Forgive us as we attempt to become unburied from too many boxes and too much snow!