

SCRIPT Newsletter

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SCRIPT workshop in Delhi

The 2-day SCRIPT workshop held after the ISCOS conference in Delhi, India was a big success. Over 150 physiotherapists representing 20+ countries attended. It was a great venue for lots of networking and information sharing to take place. Big thanks to the 33 presenters from this network who were involved in presenting and teaching. Also thanks to Lisa, Chitra and their colleagues for helping to organize such a challenging and successful event. Most of the presentations from this workshop are on the SCRIPT website. Have a look and post a comment if you wish.

Our website (www.script.org)

Currently, 370 PTs have registered on the SCRIPT network via our website and there are 190 PTs on the SCRIPT list server. There have been 10,700 visitors to the website with 115 presentations and 80 documents uploaded from contributors around the world (big thanks to these people). Please consider contributing something to share. If anyone has problems uploading documents or powerpoint presentations, send them to Lisa and she will do it for you.

E-learning for SCRIPT

The e-learning project has kicked into full swing. A final list of those on the project from each country is included below. If you are not on the list but would like to contribute, contact a colleague from your country and work with them. The project has no representatives as yet from the Middle East and South America – please contact Lisa if you are from these regions and willing to be involved.

Our group has responsibility for the PT modules. These will be the first modules to roll out and will form the template for those to follow. The modules are primarily for training undergraduate physiotherapy students and very junior clinicians and will be written initially in English. There will hopefully be lots of photos and videos to help in overcoming language barriers.

The project has a substantial grant from Coloplast that is being managed by Stephen Muldoon from Livability Ireland and Dr Chhabra, head of ISCOS Education Committee, and is particularly targeting Asia. Lisa has also secured a grant from a local Australian sponsor that is targeting Australian universities and SCI units. Dr Jo Glinsky, a senior clinician in one of the Sydney SCI units has been employed as a research officer to prepare all the content provided. Those involved in the project are:

Darryl Caves (Canada)

Grant Huston (Canada)

Jennifer Hastings (USA)

Joy Bruce (USA)

Sue Ann Sisto (USA)

Shofiqul Islam (Bangladesh)

Muzaffor Hossain (Bangladesh)

Chitra Kataria (India)

Narasimman Swaminathan (India)

Melanie Skeen (South Africa)
Amukwachi Cornelius (Kenya)
Karin Postma (Netherlands)
Paul Dobbelsteijn (Netherlands)
Annemie Spooren (Belgium)
Rebecca Dytor (UK)
Dot Tussler (UK)
Vivien Jorgensen (Norway)
Su Nielsen (Denmark)
Fumihito Towatari (Japan)
Kiichi Satou (Japan)
Mr Narongrat (Thailand)
Verna StavricLov (New Zealand)
Carey Bayliss (Australia)
Lisa Harvey (Australia)

Welcome

Welcome to the following people who have recently joined the SCIPT list-server to represent their countries:

Joyce Mothabeng (from South Africa)
Zohar Dori (from Israel)
Soraya Martin Manjarrés (from Spain)
Irma Vysniauskiene (from Lithuania)
Ewa Zak (from Poland)
Kathryn Udal-Bell (from United Kingdom)
Abdullah Alshami (from Saudi Arabia)
Per Bodin (from Sweden)
Carina Johansson (from Sweden)

If your country has less than 7 representatives and you know someone who would like to join, please let us know.

IPSCI report

For those who are not aware, ISCOS and WHO have joined forces to publish a report on SCI. It is hoped that this report will be very influential in helping to lobby for better SCI care around the world. There is a section on physical rehabilitation, health and fitness that a few members have been involved in writing. The report will be circulated to key organisations for comment before publishing.

First Meeting of SCIPT

We held our first real face-to-face meeting of SCIPT at the ISCOS conference in Delhi on the 28th October, 2010. It was attended by approx. 40 PTs representing some 20+ countries.

Abära International Disability Film Festival in Ireland

Ireland's first ever International Disability Film Festival - Abära –was held on December 3rd – 5th, 2010 in Dublin, and boasted a selection of exceptional films and documentaries aimed at celebrating the progress made by people with disabilities. Have a quick look at some of the clips on the website www.dochas.ie/abara - great for those of us who couldn't attend. Thanks to Stephen Muldoon for providing the information.

