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The Disability Resource Digest (DRD) is a special project of SMD Alliance. SMD Alliance is based in Manitoba, Canada and provides strategic vision and policy direction to four SMD corporations: SMD Clearinghouse; SMD Foundation; SMD Ventures; and SMD Services.

The vision shared among the corporations is of a "community that supports the independence, participation, and empowerment of persons of all abilities." Each SMD corporation pursues a complementary mandate in working toward this vision.

The DRD is prepared primarily as an informational resource for consumers, professionals and publics interested in remaining current in disability related issues. An archive of past editions of the DRD is maintained on SMD's web site (<http://www.smd.mb.ca>).

Published monthly (with a single summer edition for July and August), the DRD presents summaries of, and URL addresses for, notable disability-related content on the world-wide web (WWW). The DRD focuses on recently posted content but also includes coverage of other web pages of interest. The URL addresses cited in the DRD are current at the time of publication. But as those posting content on the web often revise URL addresses, the addresses in the DRD may not remain current.

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ACCESSIBILITY

Accessible PDF documents for the blind - by Peter Abrahams (*IT-Director.com*). "There was a time when .pdf files were not accessible because screen readers, such as JAWS, could not interpret them. It is still true that the majority of .pdf files on the web cannot be read easily or correctly. Originally this was a problem with the tools that were used to create, and then read, the documents. Adobe recognised this as a moral, business and legal problem and has made significant steps to improve the situation, and the latest versions of Acrobat can create and process files that are accessible. The latest proof of the giant steps made comes in the form of the Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB) annual report. This year is the first year that the report has been delivered in accessible PDF."
<http://www.it-director.com/article.php?articleid=12972>

ACM SIGACCESS Newsletter "Accessibility and Computing" Now Online - (*ITTATC*). "The newsletter published by the Association for Computing Machinery's (ACM) Special Interest Group on Accessible Computing, SIGACCESS, is now available online. Beginning with the current issue, the newsletter will be available via the ACM Digital Library and also the ACM SIGACCESS web-site. The first on-line issue, number 82 - June 2005, has just been published and is available in PDF format (HTML versions of the articles will be added soon)."
<http://www.acm.org/sigaccess/newsletter/index.php>

Adapt My World: Homemade Adaptations for People with Disabilities - "A one-of-a-kind handbook filled with simple activity adaptations for people with developmental disabilities. Whether for school or home, Adapt My World will help teachers, health professionals and parents enable and empower disabled children and adults to achieve simple goals that will fill everyone with pride and satisfaction. The unique layout makes Adapt My World an easy to follow reference source."
<http://www.atnet.org/journal/101005.htm>

Constructing a POUR Website - (POUR = Perceivable, Operable, Understandable, Robust) - (*WebAim*). "There are at least three main kinds of reasons that might motivate people to create accessible Web content:

1. To improve the lives of people with disabilities (human-centered motivations)
2. To capitalize on the a wider audience or consumer base (marketing or economic-centered motivations)
3. To avoid lawsuits and/or bad press (public relations and punishment-centered motivations)

All of these can be good reasons. Accessible Web sites will accomplish all of these goals. The motivations are listed in order of most altruistic to least altruistic, but as long as the Web site is accessible in the end, perhaps it does not matter what the developers' motivations were to begin with. No matter which motivation works for a particular developer, one principle will always hold true: Web accessibility is most easily achieved when people are at the center of the process. Even those who are simply trying to avoid lawsuits will sooner or later realize that the needs of the target audience—people with disabilities—must be carefully considered and addressed."

<http://www.webaim.org/techniques/articles/pour/people>

CSD's Support and Assistance in Wake of Hurricane Katrina - "In the month since Hurricane Katrina hit, CSD [Communication Services for the Deaf] has been providing ongoing disaster relief throughout Texas and neighboring states by collecting donations, mobilizing staff, deploying video units and communication equipment, and more to meet the needs of deaf and hard of hearing individuals who have been affected by this devastating storm and its aftermath."

<http://www.c-s-d.org/Default.aspx?tabid=268>

Free Wheelchair Mission - (*paralinks*). "The first step was to develop the least expensive wheelchair satisfying the greatest range of needs, and the second step was to dispense the wheelchairs at no cost to the physically disabled poor in developing countries on a non-discriminatory basis. [The Wheelchair](#) uses simple common parts, easily assembled with little instruction, and the components nest together efficiently insuring modest shipping costs. The average cost in 2004 to manufacture, ship and distribute a wheelchair was \$41.17. An extraordinarily modest investment of \$41.17 provides mobility, restores dignity, and gives someone and the associated family a chance for a better life. [Assembly Instructions](#)."

<http://www.paralinks.net/freewheelchairmission.html>

Library introduces computers that can read - by Keith Lacey (*Northern Life*). "John Stewart got a D in English two years ago. Now he gets an A thanks to computer-assisted technology which helps him overcome his learning disability. The same technology is now available to everyone in this community at the main branch of the Greater Sudbury Public Library. The library and the Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury have joined together to introduce a new program unique in Ontario. Dignitaries from the city, Rainbow District School Board, Cambrian College and Laurentian University, along with 25 elementary and secondary students, were on hand Wednesday to open a new Bridges to Learning Assistive Technology Room at the Mackenzie branch. Two computers operate software which vocalizes text from textbooks being used in Sudbury classrooms. Hundreds of Ontario curriculum books have been made available by the Rainbow District School Board. The computer can scan material and read to a student to enhance their learning and comprehension."

<http://www.northernlife.ca/localnewsarticle.asp?view=97308>

National Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute to Launch NASA Book - "On December 2, 2005, the National Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute will help launch an exciting new book called *Touch the Sun*, the latest book by astronomy educator Noreen Grice. . . . *In Touch the Sun*, Grice innovatively pairs breathtaking color photographs with tactile renderings of the images. Using an effective combination of words, pictures, full-color, tactile images are paired with print and Braille text to convey the dynamic nature of our closest star. Visually impaired astronomers, amateur and expert alike, will once again delight in the chance to explore the cosmos."

<http://www.nfb.org/nfbji/tts.htm>

Translation software's a sign of the future - by John Lamb (*The Guardian*). "Ringling up council offices has always been off the agenda for deaf people. But one local authority claims it has found a half-way house by using software to enable staff to use sign language. Norfolk county council has equipped computer screens at its Norwich-based information

centre with a system called Vanessa. This uses an animated figure - an avatar - to translate English text into sign language. Clerks at the centre can respond to enquiries about council services by selecting one of 200 pre-recorded replies that is then signed on screen. British sign language (BSL), whose constructions are very different from English, is a first language for many deaf people."

<http://society.guardian.co.uk/e-public/story/0,,1600149,00.html>

Want to know how people with disabilities use your Web site? Ask. - (*W3.org*). "Web accessibility guidelines, techniques, and tools provide the basis for Web accessibility. Including people with disabilities in the Web development process helps to understand the 'why' behind accessibility. It leads to more effective accessibility solutions, developed more efficiently."

<http://www.w3.org/WAI/>

Wireless Audio Captions Now Possible - Use PDA For Captions At Events - by Dr. Dean Edell (*abc*). "New technology may help hearing-impaired Americans enjoy sporting and entertainment events. Sign-language interpreters and assistive-listening devices aren't available everywhere. Now a new discovery puts the solution in the person's own hands. The cheering of the fans, the crack of the bat - but not everybody can hear the excitement of the game. That silence will soon be replaced with a portable machine that allows people to read what's going on, as it's going on. Electrical and optical engineer Leanne West has spent five years bringing that idea to life."

<http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=edell&id=3587915>

World Usability Day! - "World Usability Day was created to help everyone know more about the ways to help create a better user experience of our world. With events occurring around the world, you can find them three ways:

- [On the interactive map](#)
- [In the hour-by-hour guide to all 36 hours](#)
- [Alphabetically by country.](#)"

<http://worldusabilityday.org/>

World Usability Day Online Webcast - "We will be webcasting content from dozens of accessibility experts all around the world. Tune in for an hour or for all of them. We will have over 30 speakers, covering such topics as:

- Accessibility on the web
- Mainstream accessibility and assistive technology
- Laws, regulations, and policies accessibility in Europe
- Accessibility in Japan
- Accessibility in the USA
- Disabled user involvement
- Corporate accessibility programs
- Speech technologies
- Public sector accessibility programs
- Accessible voice telecommunications
- Emerging [sic] technology services

We encourage participation from accessibility advocates, technology experts, usability stakeholders, and policy developers. Since consumer participation is an important and productive value, we warmly invite members of the disability communities. These webcasts include the ability to ask questions in advance, and will be archived so they are available online after the event."

<http://worldusabilityday.org/taxonomy/term/92>

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ADVOCACY

Bush Psychiatric Screening Story Gets Award - "Exposing President Bush's Plans for Massive Psychiatric Screening of the USA Wins a 'Project Censored' Alternative Media Award Project Censored is considered the 'alternative Pulitzer Prize' by some journalists. This Saturday, 22 Oct., Project Censored awarded the 'Top 25 Censored Stories of 2006' important news that mainstream media covers up. Number 11 in the Top 25 is journalist Jeanne Lenzer whose series of articles in the British Medical Journal showed how President Bush is calling for 'mental health screening' for children and adults in the USA in a plan that could result in hundreds of thousands of more citizens being placed on psychiatric drugs without adequate protection of human rights."

<http://www.intenex.net/pipermail/mindfreedom-news/2005-October/000013.html>

Disability teacher wipes out illiteracy in Vietnamese village - "Both his legs are paralyzed and he leads a life of poverty. But for more than 20 years, he has been teaching poor people, in the process almost eliminating illiteracy from his village. His name is Nguyen Trai. He was born into a large family in 1964 in Thua Thien-Hue province's Thanh Lam village. He recalls: 'One day, on the way home from school, I felt my legs become paralyzed. I tried to walk only to find them knocking against each other. I crawled home. A local hospital said I had arthritis. It was not thought to be a serious affliction but after 22 days without any improvement, doctors suggested sending me to Bach Mai Hospital in faraway Hanoi'."

<http://www.thanhniennews.com/education/?catid=4&newsid=10119>

Independent Living Empowers People with Disabilities - by Adolf D. Ratzka (source: *Independent Living Institute*). "Independent Living is a philosophy, a way of looking at disability and society, and a worldwide movement of disabled people who work for self-determination, self-respect and equal opportunities. In most countries preconceived notions and a predominantly medical view of disability contribute to negative attitudes towards people with disabilities. Often they are portrayed as sick, defective and deviant persons, as objects of professional intervention, as a burden for themselves and their families, dependent on other people's charity. These deep-rooted views have consequences for their opportunities in getting education and work or raising families of their own. Everywhere, persons with disabilities make up a large portion of the poor."

<http://www.independentliving.org/docs7/razzka200507.html>

Parents Say Infant Was Taken Because Of Their Disabilities - by Dave Reynolds (*Inclusion Daily Express*). "A Sioux City couple is claiming that the state took their two-month-old son on October 13 simply because they have intellectual disabilities. Bryon Martin-Stoddard, 20, his wife, Rosada Martin-Stoddard, 18, and his parents, Douglas and Vickie Stoddard, told

the Associated Press that they plan to appeal the decision by Woodbury County Department of Human Services to remove Cody from their home. The couple said they were told the infant was removed because they are 'mentally retarded'. A DHS report the family shared with the news service last week showed that a physician and hospital referred Cody to the Department of Public Health just two days after he was born in August. A nurse who regularly visited the Martin-Stoddard home wrote on October 11 that she was concerned about the parents' ability to take care of the child, noting that the father had never been seen holding or talking to his son."

<http://www.raggededgemagazine.com/departments/news/000579.html>

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EMPLOYMENT

CSDVRS: Impress Your Boss By Doing More With Less! - "Deaf and hard of hearing job seekers now find they are better positioned to be considered for employment or career promotion through use of existing technology already available in the workplace. Use of high-speed internet, a videophone that can be provided at low or no cost and use of CSDVRS enables deaf and hard of hearing people to accept jobs that involve making telephone calls. By utilizing CSD Video Relay Service (CSDVRS), deaf or hard of hearing employees who use sign language can now communicate with their customers, suppliers and corporate offices through a video connection. The video interpreter signs the telephone conversation with the sign language user and voices to the hearing person, who uses a standard telephone. Hearing callers can dial a toll-free number to reach the deaf person."
<http://www.c-s-d.org/Default.aspx?tabid=203>

Diverse Perspectives: People with Disabilities Fulfilling Your Business Goals - (*Office of Disability Employment Policy*). "By fostering a culture of diversity, or a capacity to appreciate and value individual differences, in all aspects of their operations, employers benefit from varied perspectives on how to confront business challenges and achieve success."
<http://www.dol.gov/odep/pubs/fact/diverse.htm>

Diversity Planning for Inclusive Employment - "Diversity Planning for Inclusive Employment (DPIE) research phase one is complete! The DPIE research project regarding employer attitudes and the employment of persons with disabilities is now complete. The purpose of this study was to gather information from identified, targeted employers about their awareness of the disability agenda and their obligations under the governing Employment Equity Act (EEA) and Human Rights Code specifically relating to the employment of persons with disabilities. Over 700 responses from employers across Canada were documented either through their participation in a focus group or through completion of the on-line survey. The DPIE is the most current and comprehensive research reflecting employer attitudes toward hiring and retaining persons with disabilities in the Canadian workplace."
http://www.ccrw.org/en/news/news_detail.asp?News_ID=62

DMConnection.com! - "The intent of this site is to provide a one-stop resource for job seekers and employers interested in the disability management (DM) and rehabilitation sector. DMConnection is sponsored through the financial support of the National Institute of

Disability Management and Research (NIDMAR) and the Government of Canada (Human Resources and Skills Development Canada)."
<http://www.dmconnection.com/>

Federal Programs Help Executives, Fail Workers with Disabilities - by Dave Reynolds (*Inclusion Daily Express*). "A federal program designed to provide jobs and wages for workers with disabilities -- primarily in sheltered workshops -- is making executives at some non-profit organizations very wealthy, while actually discouraging the placement of those workers in jobs within the community. That's the conclusion of Senate staffers and independent reports from The Oregonian. The reports, released during the traditional 'Hire the Handicapped' month of October, are an ironic comment."
<http://www.raggededgemagazine.com/departments/closerlook/000567.html>

Focus on Ability: Interviewing Applicants with Disabilities - (*Office of Disability Employment Policy*). "As employers well know, the job interview plays a critical role in the hiring process, allowing them the opportunity to identify the individual who possesses the best mix of knowledge, skills and abilities for the position available. Below is information that may assist employers in ensuring maximum benefit from an interview when the person being interviewed happens to have a disability."
<http://www.dol.gov/odep/pubs/fact/focus.htm>

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ETHICS

Dutch doctors oppose Groningen Protocol - "Pierre Mertens, President of the International Federation for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus, had a meeting on Monday 10 October 2005 with Dr. de Jong and Dr. Kompanje, who both have doubts about the appropriateness of Dr. Verhagen's 'Groningen Protocol in the case of spina bifida (cf. infra).' This protocol is developed to provide a (legal) frame for doctors facing the birth of a 'severely' disabled child and presented in the New England Journal of Medicine, 10 March 2005. 22 cases of deliberate termination of life of on such babies have been reported - but not prosecuted - from 1997 until 2004. Since no legislative framework exists for these babies, one can assume that there are many more cases that are not being reported."
<http://www.independentliving.org/docs7/if20051017.html>

Hope over stem cell ethical fears - "US scientists say they have developed a way of harvesting stem cells without destroying the embryo they grow in. The Massachusetts-based Advanced Cell Technology removed embryonic stem cells from mice embryos with no apparent damage, the journal Nature said. Scientists believe it would sidestep some of the ethical objections to stem cell research if repeated in humans. But campaigners said they still had concerns and urged scientists to concentrate on other areas."
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/4348920.stm>

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GENERAL INTEREST

Coming Home - by Brenda Serotte (*New Mobility*). "The following excerpt is taken from two chapters in Brenda Serotte's memoir, *The Fortune Teller's Kiss*, to be published in March, 2006 (University of Nebraska Press). It has been edited slightly for publication in *New Mobility*. In this section, the author writes of her coming home from 'The Institute,' where she had been taken after contracting polio in 1950. The setting is a Bronx neighborhood where the author grew up in a Sephardic Jewish family whose first language was Ladino, a variation of Spanish. Now she must confront a more obvious difference, her disability, which will shape her life from this day forward."

http://newmobility.com/review_article.cfm?id=1072&action=browse

Rebuilding Without Erecting New Barriers - by Greg Smith (*NPR*). "Like so many others, Greg Smith, a 41-year-old father of three, was displaced by Hurricane Katrina. His family lost everything to the storm, including the state-of-the-art red wheelchair he used to live an active life in the face of muscular dystrophy. But Smith, author of a book called *On a Roll: Reflections from America's Wheelchair Dude with the Winning Attitude*, sees an opportunity as his hometown of Ocean Springs, Miss., and so many other Gulf Coast communities confront rebuilding. As he puts it: 'Since everybody is starting from scratch anyway, wouldn't this be a great opportunity to build a community that is accommodating to everyone?'"

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=4933303>

Temple Grandin: 'I'm an anthropologist from Mars' - by David Cohen (*The Guardian*). "The academic world's best-known autistic scholar tells David Cohen about her life and work."

<http://education.guardian.co.uk/academicexperts/story/0,,1599631,00.html>

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Government

US

Urgent Request From The US Department Of Health And Human Services - "Dr. Margaret Giannini, Director of the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office on Disability needs our help to locate hurricane survivors who were placed in nursing homes and other restrictive facilities. We know people were transferred from shelters to nursing homes and institutions across the US during the past four weeks, but there are no records of whom or where these people are."

<http://www.spinalcord.org/news.php?dep=1&page=0&list=612>

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Health

Health ministers concede they won't deliver full set of benchmarks by Dec. 31 - by Dennis Bueckert (*Yahoo! News*). "Canadians will get a list of medical wait-time benchmarks by the end of the year, but whether it includes the specific procedure they or a loved one are waiting for remains to be determined. Health ministers wrapped up a weekend meeting

vowing they will fulfil a key promise in last year's \$41-billion health accord, the establishment of wait-time benchmarks in five medical areas. But they admitted the list won't be complete. What the public will get on Dec. 31 is 'a first set' of benchmarks, they said in their final communique Sunday. The ministers gave no hint of how many procedures will be included in the first set, how many additional sets will be needed in coming years, or how long it will take to get a full suite of benchmarks. There was no indication in last year's accord that benchmarks would be delivered in instalments. The deal said only that evidence-based benchmarks would be established by Dec. 31 in the five priority areas: cardiac and cancer surgery, eye operations, joint replacements and diagnostic scans."

http://news.yahoo.com/s/cpress/20051023/ca_pr_on_na/health_ministers_meeting

NavGate Technologies Launches Groundbreaking Disability, Long Term Care, Elder Care Assistance Program for Insurance and Financial Professionals - (*Business Wire*).

"NavGate Technologies and its affiliate, CareQuest University, today launched CareOptionsOnLine, a web-based program offering complete online assistance for individuals and families coping with sickness, disability, the effects of aging, and many other challenges of daily living. CareOptionsOnLine, available to CareQuest University students and graduates, combines interactive need assessment and care-planning tools with a care-resource database containing more than one million records, such as reference articles, and a national locator of physicians, care facilities, home care providers and other service providers. CareQuest University students and graduates can offer the CareOptionsOnLine service to employers, affinity groups, associations and their policyholders."

http://home.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/index.jsp?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20051006005302&newsLang=en

Patients and consumers, have your say! -.by Dr. Kathy Kovacs-Burns (*CanPara*). "Your input is needed to develop a model for patients' and consumers' involvement in Health Canada's and the Public Health Agency's policy decision-making processes. Through a grant from the Office of the Voluntary Sector, the Best Medicines Coalition and The Arthritis Society have formed a project advisory committee including Canadian not-for-profit, health charity and patient advocacy groups to develop a model for patient/consumer involvement in health policy."

<http://canparaplegic.org/national/level2.tpl?var1=story&var2=20051018134908>

<http://www.patientsandconsumers.org/> (Survey)

Zooming costs, worse care, more deaths - by Murray Dobbin. "It's difficult and perhaps pointless to try to pick the most dangerous threat to public medicare in Canada — the drug companies' profit margins, Alberta's ideologically-addled Ralph Klein, the Canadian Medical Association's endorsement of more privatization, the shockingly misinformed decision by the Supreme Court allowing for competing private services within the public system. All of these endanger public health care. But, perhaps, the most immediate threat is the de-facto privatization of our hospitals through the use of public private partnerships known as P3s."

<http://www.rabble.ca/politics.shtml?x=43173>

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LEGAL

SCC grants wealthy families 2nd chance to migrate - (*Canadian Press*). "Two well-to-do families who were rejected as immigrants because they have mentally handicapped children should have their applications reconsidered, the Supreme Court of Canada said Friday. The court, in a 7-2 decision, said wealth and willingness to pay for special services for those children are relevant factors and should be considered in deciding whether the families can immigrate. The two cases involve David Hilewitz, a wealthy South African businessman and Dirk De Jong, a prosperous Dutch dairy farmer. Both were turned down for immigration -- the former in the investor category and the latter as self-employed -- because each has a dependant child with a mental disability."

http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20051021/SCC_disabledimmigrationfactors_20051021/20051021?hub=Canada

The Second Annual Tony Coelho Lecture in Disability Employment Law and Policy - "The Honorable Richard Thornburgh presented a major address at New York Law School about issues associated with increasing the employment rate among people with disabilities. Mr. Thornburgh has served as the Governor of Pennsylvania, Attorney General of the United States, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations, Assistant Attorney General of the United States in charge of the Criminal Division, United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and a delegate to the 1967-1968 Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention. Mr. Thornburgh currently is associated with Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Nicholson Graham LLP where he serves as an active advisor and counselor to the firm's government affairs clients."

<http://www.nyls.edu/pages/3697.asp>

<http://www.nyls.edu/pdfs/speech.pdf> (Transcript of Richard Thornburgh's speech. Also on this page is a link to a video (with ASL translation) of his speech)

Suit: Insurer tried to avoid paying claims - "UnumProvident Corp., the nation's largest disability insurer, systematically sought ways to avoid paying claims to millions of California customers, a lawsuit claims. The lawsuit filed Friday in Superior Court by policyholders seeks class-action status. It comes less than a month after the company was ordered to pay an \$8 million fine to settle similar charges against the company by state insurance regulators. The lawsuit seeks billions of dollars in premium refunds and damages for denied claims. The suit also names UnumProvident subsidiary Paul Revere Life Insurance Co."

<http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D8DHJAGG0.htm>

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MEDICAL

Therapy for Fibromyalgia: Neurocognitive Feedback - (*Ivanhoe Newswire*). "Fibromyalgia is a frustrating condition both for doctors and patients. The disease is not only difficult to diagnose and but also to treat. A new therapy is trying to stop the frustration by helping patients regain some function by targeting their brains. It was the simple tasks, such as balancing a checkbook that confused Melissa Noll the most. 'I thought I might have early stages of Alzheimer's,' Noll says. But her memory problems were a symptom of something else, fibromyalgia, a chronic condition that causes pain and fatigue. 'I've lived in this area 15

years, and I couldn't find my way to the bank.' Neurocognitive biofeedback is the new therapy that helped Noll find her way. Dr. Myra Preston a Neurophysiologist at Siber Imaging in Charlotte, N.C., uses the therapy on patients with fibromyalgia (FMS) and chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS)."

<http://www.immunesupport.com/library/showarticle.cfm?id=6751>

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MEDIA ARTS

Charmaine Brown: Her Art Comes First - by Richard Holicky. "Brown has parlayed her insight and talent into over 60 group shows, numerous exhibition awards and more than her share of grants--including ones jointly funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Rockefeller Foundation and the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts in 1993 and 1995--as well as a Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation Quality of Life grant in 2002. Now 44, she sustained a C6-7 incomplete injury from an automobile accident in 1984. Her accident was both mundane and freakish. Asleep in the back seat when her girlfriend rear-ended another car, Brown did not wake up during the accident, and later, she didn't think much of needing help to sit up to give some directions; once they reached their destination and she couldn't get out of the car, however, reality began to sink in and, well, you know the rest."

http://newmobility.com/review_article.cfm?id=1063&action=browse

"Emmanuel's Gift," an Oprah Narrated Film, Tells of Paraplegic's Life-Changing Bike Ride - "If you are born with a disability in Ghana, West Africa you are likely to be poisoned, or left to die by your family; if you are not poisoned or left for dead, you're likely to be hidden away in a room; and if you're not hidden, you are destined to spend your lifetime begging on the streets. Of the twenty million who live in Ghana, two million are people with disabilities. This is the story of one such man whose mission—and purpose—is to change all that forever. In 'Emmanuel's Gift,' filmmakers Lisa Lax and Nancy Stern have uncovered a story as compelling as it is important. Narrated by Oprah Winfrey, the film chronicles the life of Emmanuel Ofose Yeboah, a young Ghanaian man born with a severely deformed right leg, who today, against incalculable odds, is opening minds, hearts and doors—and effecting social and political change throughout his country."

http://www.abilitymagazine.com/news_Emanuel's_Gift.html

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POLICY/RESEARCH

The Center for the Study and Advancement of Disability Policy (CSADP) - "The Center for the Study and Advancement of Disability Policy (CSADP) provides public education, leadership development and training, technical assistance and information dissemination, and conducts action-research and analysis of public policy issues affecting individuals with disabilities and their families."

<http://www.disabilitypolicycenter.org/>

Chartbook on Mental Health and Disability in the United States - "This InfoUse Chartbook is one in a series of NIDRR-supported statistical chartbooks intended for a broad public

audience. Drawing from national surveys and statistical research, this Chartbook presents information on the prevalence of mental disorders, and the extent to which mental disorders contribute to reduced participation in major life activities such as school and work. While existing information can be used to describe the issues and to engage in planning for improved services, the available surveys have serious limitations. Surveys use different definitions and terminology, and some key information is available only in older surveys or data sources. As we move toward the transformation of mental health care, it is important to continue to build our data sources, knowledge, and understanding."

<http://www.infouse.com/disabilitydata/mentalhealth/>

The Disability Statistics Center - "The Disability Statistics Center produces and disseminates policy-relevant statistical information on the demographics and status of people with disabilities in American society. The Center's work focuses on how that status is changing over time with regard to employment, access to technology, health care, community-based services, and other aspects of independent living and participation in society."

<http://www.dsc.ucsf.edu/main.php>

New Survey of Hispanics in the United States Reveals Dramatic New Data on

Experiences and Awareness of Paralysis - "A recent survey of Hispanics living in the United States revealed that a sizeable proportion of them know or have known someone who is paralyzed, yet more than half of them are not aware of any resources in their community to help people with paralysis. . . . The survey revealed that more than 37 percent of Hispanics know or have known someone who is paralyzed, but almost 56 percent of them are not aware of resources for those with paralysis within their community, and less than 10 percent of them access the Internet as a resource."

http://www.christopherreeve.org/site/c.geIMLP0pGjF/b.1050941/apps/nl/content2.asp?content_id={719CAA1A-190C-4928-8867-C88EF6326B18}¬oc=1

Spinal Cord Research Centre - "Welcome to the Spinal Cord Research Centre's web site at the University of Manitoba. This web site was set up to inform prospective students and postdoctoral trainees, as well as others interested in spinal cord research, of the research underway at the Spinal Cord Research Centre. The [departments](#) that make up the SCRC are located at the Bannatyne campus, next to the [Health Sciences Centre](#), in downtown Winnipeg. We invite you to learn more [about us](#)." This Winnipeg based site's focus is medical research, and includes a long list of spinal research material (available on the site in PDF) and an extensive list of web resources.

<http://www.scrs.umanitoba.ca/>

Standing Committee On Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development And The Status Of Persons With Disabilities

- "In December 2004, the Technical Advisory Committee on Tax Measures for Persons with Disabilities submitted its much-awaited report entitled Disability Tax Fairness. This concluded a period of almost four years during which the Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities made it a priority to analyze tax measures, in particular the revision of the tax credit for persons with disabilities, and was thus able to exert a decisive influence on the recommendations of the Technical Advisory Committee. Almost all of these recommendations were integrated into the federal government's 2005 Budget. This does not mean, of course, that all the problems have been

solved, and the Subcommittee will be keeping an extremely watchful eye on the implementation of these recommendations. Before opening a new chapter, the Subcommittee members felt it important to begin a transition period in which to take stock of the federal government's activities relating to persons with disabilities. The theme of accessibility was chosen because it related to a great number of subjects and different departments. The term 'accessibility' is normally used to describe the absence of obstacles preventing a person with disabilities from fully using a building's facilities. This definition is completely valid, but the Subcommittee members wanted to give the term the broadest possible meaning. In this report, accessibility is understood to be the absence of obstacles to the full enjoyment of the services, programs and public goods over which the Government of Canada or Parliament of Canada exercise jurisdiction. The objective was thus to get an overview of as many accessibility-related questions as possible in order to identify the weak areas where more concerted action should be a priority. This subcommittee report is thus both an assessment and a program."

http://www.parl.gc.ca/infocomdoc/38/1/parlbus/commbus/house/HUMA/report/RP1923671/HUMA_Rpt08-e.htm

Research aids people with communication disorders - "Being able to say what you want to say when you want to say it is taken for granted by most people. But for people with severe speech impairments, communication is not so easy. With that spirit in mind, Western Michigan University is leading a three-university research project with the help of a federal grant that will examine how people with severe communication impairments can communicate more effectively using voice output computers."

<http://www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/2005/10/043.html>

Webcast: Interagency Disability Educational Awareness Showcase (IDEAS 2005) - TV *Worldwide* provides a webcast of IDEAS 2005. A "two-day educational conference and technology showcase focusing on Sections 501, 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act: specifically targeting the critical Education, Policy and Technology initiatives facing the government community."

<http://www.tvworldwide.com/events/ideas/050928/#>

Women Co-occurring Disorders and Violence Study Addressing the Impact of Violence and Trauma on Women & Adolescent Girls - "The painful effects of interpersonal abuse and violence on the individuals affected, their families, and their communities are frequently pervasive and lasting. For women, challenges such as substance abuse and mental health disorders are strongly associated with histories of violence and trauma. With approximately 10 million adults in the U.S. experiencing alcohol, drug abuse, or mental health disorders, the societal impact of co-occurring disorders is considerable."

<http://www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/cmhs/womenandtrauma/wcdvs.asp>

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

"ADA Basic Building Blocks" - "Welcome to 'ADA Basic Building Blocks', an introductory web course on the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) that explores the legal

requirements and spirit of the ADA. You will need to register before using this web course. [Registration](#) is free . . . "
<http://www.adabasics.org/>

Education Modules - Fall and Winter Schedule Now Available - "The online Return to Work Coordinator Program consists of twenty-five modules designed to provide the skills essential for disability management / return to work practitioners. The twenty-five modules may be taken as a complete program or as individual modules to develop expertise in specific areas. For those who intend to complete the entire 25-module program, prerequisite modules are: Module A, Effective Disability Management Programs and Module B, Introduction to Return to Work Coordination as they provide a foundation for all other modules."
http://www.nidmar.ca/news/news_news/news_current.asp

New Graduate Training Opportunity For Vocational Rehabilitation Professionals - "The part-time, first in Canada, three year Vocational Rehabilitation Counselling Master's of Arts Program at the University of British Columbia is accepting applications for a proposed program start date of May 2006. This multidisciplinary program prepares practicing vocational rehabilitation professionals or those entering the profession for clinical practice in vocational assessment, individual and group counselling, job development and placement, return-to-work planning, and case and disability management."
<http://www.carpnational.org/Voc%20Rehab%20Ad.doc%20-%20longer%20text%20version.pdf>

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REHABILITATION

Anthropometry Wheeled Mobility - "The IDEA Center started a major long range program to establish a database on the anthropometry of wheeled mobility in 1999. This program was initiated as part of the Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Universal Design at Buffalo funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research. The U.S. Access Board also began supporting the effort in 2001 and is now providing the major source of funds. Anthropometry is the study of the dimensions and abilities of the human body." This site includes two workshops

- The Anthropometrics of Disability
- Space Requirements for Wheeled Mobility

and a report

- Standards and Anthropometry for Wheeled Mobility

All three are available in PDF, HTML and Word.
<http://www.ap.buffalo.edu/idea/Anthro/index.asp>

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SELF HELP

The Bazelon Center - "The Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law is a national legal advocate for people with mental disabilities. Through precedent-setting litigation and in the public policy arena, the Bazelon Center works to advance and preserve the rights of people with mental illnesses and developmental disabilities."

<http://www.bazelon.org/>

The Disabled Woman's Guide to Pregnancy and Birth - by Judith Rogers. "Judi Rogers, TLG's Pregnancy and Birthing Specialist since 1989 and recipient of the 2002 Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership award, has just revised and updated her previous book. The Disabled Woman's Guide to Pregnancy and Birth supports the right of all women to choose motherhood, and will be useful for any disabled woman who desires to have a child. This comprehensive guide is based on the experiences of ninety women with disabilities who chose to have children. In order to bring an intimate focus and understanding to the issues involved in being pregnant and disabled, Judi conducted in-depth interviews with women with 22 different types of disabilities and with a total of 143 pregnancies. This book is a practical guide both for disabled women planning for pregnancy and the health professionals who work with them."

<http://lookingglass.org/news/rogersbk.php>

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TECHNOLOGY

Acapela lends a voice to Proloquo First complete multi-purpose speech solution on MAC OS X - "The Software Company AssistiveWare, has chosen the Acapela text to speech, in 13 languages, to voice enable its new software Proloquo, the first complete solution for multilingual pronunciation for Mac OS X Proloquo is a multi-purpose and multilingual speech solution, for Mac OS X which provides: a complete communication system (AAC) for people who cannot speak, an improvement of accessibility to Mac OS X for people with visual impairments, speech feedback in any application while typing, talking word processor, the conversion of text to speech, a tool to learn the pronunciation of foreign languages and finally, an advanced, multilingual speech engine for KeyStrokes on-screen keyboard and SwitchXS Assistiveware's switch access solution."

<http://homeoffice.consumerelectronicsnet.com/articles/viewarticle.jsp?id=34670>

America's First Accessible Door Entry System - by Keith Landry (*Enabled Online*). "The city of San Francisco continues to show it is open to America's first accessible door entry system. Viking Electronics is marketing the AES-2000 Accessible Entry System, the first system of its kind. It was developed in a joint effort with the city of San Francisco to meet the needs of persons with disabilities. The system was formally inaugurated at a San Francisco Mayor's press conference last year. Representatives of the disabled community were in attendance for the event."

<http://enabledonline.com/news/AmericaFirst.php>

Braille PDA among new gadgets built for people with disabilities - by Carlos Bergfeld (*The Daily Toreador*). "As exciting as emergent technologies can be, people with disabilities may

have conditions that render those technologies useless. Those with disabilities may be unaware of the several assistive technologies developed in parallel with current technology to give new devices increased practicability. The Virginia Murray Sowell Center for Research and Education in Visual Impairment at the College of Education held its 7th Annual Distinguished Lecture Series at Texas Tech Saturday in conjunction with an assistive technology fair to show professionals and the public what tools the disabled can use to facilitate technological interaction."

<http://www.dailytoreador.com/vnews/display.v/ART/2005/10/10/4349bc602337c>

Speaker allows deaf to feel music - "A new device is helping deaf people to 'hear' music through vibrations, 200 years after the technique was used by Beethoven as he lost his hearing. Different instruments, rhythms and notes can be felt through five finger pads attached to the 'Vibrato' speaker. Brunel University design graduate Shane Kerwin is working on a prototype which he hopes will allow deaf children to join in mainstream music lessons."

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/london/4377428.stm>

Implant may help deaf hear music - "Scientists are developing a cochlear implant which could allow deaf people to hear music. Existing implants mean people listen more easily to speech than music. But a team at the UK's National Physical Laboratory have developed a device with a wider frequency range, which improves musical appreciation. New Scientist magazine reports the whole implant could be put into the ear - current models require people to wear a box behind their ears."

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/4356266.stm>

Manufacturing an Idea - by Roxanne Van Duzee Furlong (*New Mobility*). "As people who use wheelchairs, canes or crutches, braces, grab bars or grabbers, ventilators, prosthetics or toilet extenders, we tend to be consummate jury-riggers. Because each of us has different needs--and because most of those who are designing the products we use have no experience using them--our desire for comfort, efficiency and safety strikes a fine balance. It is that necessity that causes many of us to carry a roll of duct tape in our back pocket and to always have a wrench, hammer or welding torch close at hand."

http://newmobility.com/review_article.cfm?id=1064&action=browse

Quillsoft launches WordQ 2, the next generation word prediction software for education and learning disabilities - "Quillsoft Ltd., manufacturer and distributor of educational software, today announced WordQ 2, the next generation word prediction software for education and learning disabilities. "WordQ 2 simply makes writing easier" says Dr. Fraser Shein, President and CEO of Quillsoft Ltd., based in Toronto, Ontario. Research and development of this product is ongoing by an internationally recognized research team at Bloorview MacMillan Children's Centre in Toronto, ON, Canada. WordQ is a writing tool which provides literacy support within any Windows based application. It allows individuals to work independently, moving beyond the simple mechanics of writing. This promotes confidence, self-esteem and inclusion."

<http://www.atnet.org/journal/101003.htm>

Software to Enable Easier Web Navigation for Users With Disabilities - (AAPD). "IBM today announced that it is contributing software to the Mozilla Foundation's Firefox Web browser to make it easier for more users -- including those with visual and motor impairments -- to access and navigate the Web. In addition to contributing code that will make it possible for Web pages to be automatically narrated or magnified, and to be better navigated with keystrokes rather than mouse clicks, IBM is contributing Dynamic Hypertext Markup Language (DHTML) accessibility technology to the upcoming Firefox Version 1.5. This will allow software developers to build accessible and navigable 'Rich Internet Applications' (RIAs) -- a new class of applications that are particularly visual and interactive. DHTML will also allow users to efficiently navigate content more easily using keystrokes rather than a mouse."

<http://www.aapd-dc.org/News/disability/easywebnav.html>

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CONFERENCES

 **Conferences listed for the first time in DRD)**

CANADIAN

Vision Quest 2005 - Road to a Treatment - Nov. 18-19, 2005 | Toronto, Ontario. "Vision Quest 2005 is a two-day conference designed for those affected with retinal degenerative diseases, their families/friends and vision care professionals. The conference will explore recent findings about the causes of and treatments for retinal diseases, as well as address the practical aspects of coping with vision loss. This national conference brings together scientists, vision care experts and people affected by vision loss."

<http://www.cnib.ca/divisions/ontario/districts/toronto/vision-quest-2005.htm>

7th National Conference on Shared Mental Health Care - May 11-13, 2006 | Calgary, Alberta. "Our conference focus is on case studies and learning from our success as we plan for the future. This is a hands on conference and you will bring home practical tools and learnings that you can use in your daily work. Conference Highlight: The Canadian Collaborative Mental Health Initiative will be sharing results from two years of research on the current state of CMHC and presenting a series of interactive toolkits for providers, educators, consumers, family/caregivers and policy makers. CCMHI will also be unveiling an action plan to implement CMHC principles outlined in the Collaborative Mental Health Charter."

http://www.shared-care.ca/calgary_conf.shtml

2006 Canadian Disability Studies Association - 3rd Annual Conference - May 27-28, 2006 | Toronto, Ontario. "The conference theme is: 'The City: A Festival of Knowledge'.

Submissions are invited on the conference theme, as well as on other topics covering all aspects of disability. This can include community activism, arts, culture as well as studies from all academic disciplines in the humanities and social sciences. Individual abstracts as well as proposals for panel sessions, workshops and performances are welcome."

<http://www.disabilitystudies.ca/ccdsnews.htm#cdsaconfinfo2006>

10th International Child Neurology Congress - June 11-16, 2006 | Montreal, Quebec. "On behalf of the Organizing Committee of the 10th World Congress of the International Child Neurology Association, I would like to invite all those with a professional interest in pediatric neurological disorders to attend the Congress in June 2006 here in Montreal. Close to 1000 health professionals are expected to attend this premier international gathering in pediatric neuroscience."

<http://www.icnc2006.com/>

9th World Down Syndrome Congress - August 22-26, 2006 | Vancouver, British Columbia. "Welcome to the home page of the 9th World Down Syndrome Congress, being held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, from August 22 - 26, 2006. At present, you will find details in regards to the City of Vancouver. Further information will be available shortly. Please visit the site often for updates and additional information."

<http://www.venuewest.com/2006/wdsc/>

Festival of International Conferences on Disability, Aging & Technology - June 16-19, 2007 | Toronto, Ontario. "Welcome to the site of the Festival of International Conferences on Disability, Aging and Technology. FICDAT will include four important conferences running concurrently as well as many joint events."

<http://www.ficdat.ca/en/festival.php>

TRANSED 2007 - 11th International Conference on Mobility and Transport for Elderly and Disabled Persons - June 18-21, 2007 | Montreal, Quebec. "Canada is proud to host the 11th International Conference on Mobility and Transport for Elderly and Disabled Persons (TRANSED), to be held June 18-21, 2007, at the Palais des Congrès in Montréal under the theme 'Benchmarking, Evaluation and Vision for the Future'. The conference will review advances in research, evoke international break throughs and explore perspectives for technological innovations in order to respond to the mobility challenges of an aging population and of persons with disabilities, as part of an inclusive society."

http://www.tc.gc.ca/pol/en/transed2007/message_TC_e.asp?IsIncrease=No

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U.S.

8th Annual Accessing Higher Ground: Accessible Media, Web and Technology Conference - November 8-11, 2005 | Boulder, Colorado. "Accessing Higher Ground focuses on the implementation and benefits of Assistive Technology in the university and college setting for sensory, physical and learning disabilities. Other topics include legal and policy issues, including ADA and 508 compliance, and making campus media and information resources - including Web pages and library resources - accessible."

<http://www.colorado.edu/ATconference/>

2005 TASH Conference Call for Presentations - November 9-12, 2005 | Milwaukee, Wisconsin. "The TASH Conference mobilizes vast numbers of folks from around the world together in a common experience of belief ~ belief in the presumed competence of every person, and in the powerful role that every person can play in empowering people with disabilities and their families to build the life of their choosing. Each presenter and attendee

comes to the scene with a personal perspective to share ~ and each leaves with a renewed sense of energy and commitment towards the great space of possibility for people labeled with the most significant disabilities. The TASH conference is the largest and most progressive conference in the United States that focuses on strategies for achieving full inclusion for people with disabilities."

<http://www.tash.org/tash2005/index.htm>

IDA 56th Annual Conference - November 9-12, 2005 | Denver, Colorado.

http://www.interdys.org/servlet/compose?section_id=7&page_id=213

2006 Conference of the Assistive Technology Industry Association - January 18-21, 2006 | Orlando, Florida. " ATIA's Conference provides a forum for education and communication to professional practitioners serving those with disabilities (teachers, occupational therapists, rehabilitation counselors, physicians, psychologists, etc.), with the overarching goal of providing enhanced benefits and opportunities to people with disabilities."

http://www.atia.org/conf_2006_call_for_presentations.html

The International Conference on Aging, Disability and Independence - February 1-4, 2006 | St. Petersburg, Florida. "The International Conference on Aging, Disability and Independence will bring together researchers, practitioners, business leaders and people involved in aging policy to focus on these issues."

- Assistive Devices:
- Housing, Home
- Injury Prevention:
- Smart Homes:
- Telehealth:

<http://icadi.php.ufl.edu/2006/>

43rd Annual International Conference of the Learning Disabilities Association of America

- March 1-4, 2006 | Jacksonville, Florida. " The LDA 43rd Annual International Conference will now be held in Jacksonville Florida. All events and sessions will be held at the [Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel](#). We invite you to join us for another outstanding four days of the best research and findings in learning disabilities, including specific workshops on Medical issues, Mental Health, Technology, Teacher Preparation, Early Childhood, and much, much more. Preliminary conference program books, detailing the entire conference will be available in late September."

<http://www.ldanatl.org/conference/esubmission2006.cfm>

Pac Rim Conference 2006 - March 13-15, 2006 | Honolulu, Hawaii. "With its beginnings dating back to 1985, the Pacific Rim Conference has evolved into one of the top rated international educational offerings for and from persons with disabilities, family members, researchers, service providers, policymakers and nationally recognized professionals in the various disciplines in the diverse field of disabilities. The 2006 Pacific Rim Conference on Disabilities is tentatively scheduled for March 13, 14 & 15 2006. All other information regarding the 2006 conference is tentative, and may be subject to change."

<http://www.pacrim.hawaii.edu/>

21st Annual International Technology and Persons with Disabilities Conference - March 20-25, 2006 | Los Angeles, California. " The Center has advanced to the stage of conducting the longest-running and largest annual university sponsored conference on technology and persons with disabilities. This annual conference serves as a major training venue for professionals around the world involved in the field of disability and technology.
<http://www.csun.edu/cod/conf/2006/genconfinfo06.htm>

Multiple Perspectives on Access, Inclusion, & Disability. 6th Annual Conference - April 17-18, 2006 | Columbus, Ohio. "As a modern land grant university an important part of Ohio State University's mission is outreach and engagement, serving the community through a variety of activities. During the tenth anniversary year of the Americans With Disabilities Act the Multiple Perspectives On Access, Inclusion And Disability conference was created to help fulfill this mission."
<http://ada.osu.edu/conferences/default.htm>

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OVERSEAS

GLADNET Annual General Meeting - Nov 10-11, 2005 | Manama, Bahrain. "The GLADNET AGM program theme is 'Doing the Right Things Right: People with Disabilities in the Labor Market.' The AGM will be presented in English and precedes the Rehabilitation International Arab Conference. Proposed symposiums are:

- The Right to Work: Socio-Economic Perspectives
- Examples of Successful Employment Initiatives
- Youth Initiatives and Technology
- Successful Employment Policies and Practices
- Labor Market Information and Placement Services and Preparation for Self-Employment
- Examples of Training Programs in Technical and Vocational Skills

<http://www.gladnet.org/events.cfm?pageID=4>

2006 International Conference on Disability, Virtual Reality and Associated Technologies - September 18-20, 2006 | Musikhuset, Denmark." Welcome to the International Conference Series on Disability, Virtual Reality and Associated Technologies website. Here you will find all the information for the upcoming ICDVRAT 2006 conference, 18-20 September 2006, plus archive information from previous ICDVRAT conferences, including full conference proceedings of all past conferences."
<http://www.icdvrat.reading.ac.uk/>

International Forum on Disability Management - October 8-10, 2006 | Brisbane, Australia. "The Centre of National Research on Disability and Rehabilitation Medicine (CONROD) at The University of Queensland and Griffith University have been invited to host the 3rd International Forum on Disability Management in Brisbane from 8 to 10 October, 2006. The forum will build on initiatives and progress following the first forum 'Work Retention Strategies in a Global Society' held in Vancouver 2002 and the second forum 'Disability

Management works' held in Maastricht in 2004. The forum will be in the format of Plenary Sessions and Workshops."
<http://www.ifdm.com.au/index.html>

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