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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.

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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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HURRICANE KATRINA

FEMA Fixes Its Web Site - "FEMA apparently got the message that its online aid application for hurricane survivors, which previously worked only on Windows PCs and Internet Explorer browsers, had to change. Actually, I suspect it got a few thousand messages, after the story appeared here and elsewhere. In any case, FEMA has now posted a statement on the Web site, stating that it is 'in the process of modifying the application' so that people using other browsers and systems can access it. This isn't the first time a government agency has dropped the ball on building accessible, standards-based Web sites."

http://www.linuxpipeline.com/blog/archives/2005/09/fema_fixes_its.html

Green Party's Disability Caucus Launches Site for Katrina Survivors With Disabilities -

"The Disability Caucus of the Green Party of the United States has launched a web site to aid survivors of Hurricane Katrina who have disabilities. The site, located at <<http://immuneweb.org/katrina>>, includes guides for "Providing Shelter for People with Multiple Chemical Sensitivity" and "Providing Shelter for People with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome & Fibromyalgia," as well as contact information for Caucus members willing to provide housing for survivors or consulting services for shelters and programs serving survivors with disabilities."

http://www.gp.org/press/pr_2005_09_16.shtml

Help Hurricane Survivors with Disabilities - "The Centers for Independent Living in Biloxi, Mississippi and New Orleans have been gravely affected by the hurricane. In fact the Biloxi, MS center was totally destroyed. Many of you are asking how you can help. Here is what we have learned from colleagues in those states."

<http://www.spinalcord.org/news.php?dep=1&page=0&list=600>

Hurricane Survivors Finally Connect With Help, But Fear Lack Of Independence - by Dave Reynolds (*Inclusion Daily Express*). ". . . two weeks after the storm passed through the U.S. Gulf Coast, thousands of survivors with disabilities are scattered across the country, mostly in the southeast part of the country. Many are just now getting much needed medications, wheelchairs, and social security checks. And, as Wednesday's Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports, many are housed in nursing homes -- at least for the time being until more long-term arrangements can be made. Some who fled their accessible homes and the supports they had become accustomed to worry that it may be a long time before they will have back their independence -- if ever."

<http://www.raggededgemagazine.com/blogs/news/000037.html>

Katrina Disaster Relief Information for People with Disabilities and people who want to help them -

"This page will include information for people with disabilities who need help and also information for those who want to help people with disabilities and need to know how."

<http://katrinadisability.info/>

National Council on Disability on Hurricane Katrina Affected Areas (September 7, 2005) -

"In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, people with disabilities have unique needs that must be surveyed and responded to immediately. In order to evacuate the large number of survivors from the New Orleans area, as well as from other areas of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama,

people with disabilities were often forced to abandon their wheelchairs, walkers and other medical equipment."

<http://www.ncd.gov/newsroom/publications/2005/katrina.htm>

The National Organization on Disability's (N.O.D.) Emergency Preparedness Initiative (EPI) announces Special Needs Assessment 4 Katrina Evacuation (S.N.A.K.E.) -

"Recognizing that the impact of Hurricane Katrina on the special needs and disabled communities would be catastrophic, National Organization on Disability (N.O.D.) Chairman and President Michael R. Deland immediately sought to gain access to the Gulf region to assess delivery of services and recovery efforts for the nearly 250,000 men, women, and children with disabilities living in the impacted area. It is the goal of N.O.D. to capture any immediate actionable issues and provide this information to officials coordinating the response and recovery efforts."

<http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewPage&pageID=1430&nodeID=1&FeatureID=1538&redirected=1&CFID=5559396&CFTOKEN=50419615>

New Resources Will Ensure Safety During Emergencies for Workers With Disabilities -

"U.S. Assistant Secretary of Labor Roy Grizzard, who heads the department's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), today announced a comprehensive guide and related Web site to ensure federal government workplace emergency plans address the needs of individuals with disabilities."

<http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/odep/odep20051395.htm>

UNM Center for Development and Disability Helps Emergency Managers Respond to Hurricane Katrina with Tips for First Responders - (*U.S. Newswire*). "Long before Hurricane Katrina destroyed the lives and livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of people, the University of New Mexico Center for Development and Disability produced an easy-to-use tip sheet on how to care and respond to people with disabilities in the event of a natural disaster or terrorist attack. Now, two weeks after the crisis in the Gulf states, first responders and other emergency managers from organizations around the country are using Tips for First Responders by the boxful to assist their efforts to respond to people with disabilities. Tips for First Responders, an 11-page, color-coded, laminated 4.5 x 5.5-inch field guide offers information on how to assist persons with a wide range of disabilities, including: Seniors, People with Service Animals, People with Mobility Challenges, People with Mental Illness, Blind or Visually Impaired People, Deaf or Hard of Hearing People, and People with Cognitive Disabilities."

<http://releases.usnewswire.com/GetRelease.asp?id=53594>

Website about deaf and hard of hearing people related to Hurricane Katrina - "For more info about deaf and hard of hearing people and victims related to the Hurricane Katrina.... go to the website here."

<http://www.deafnetwork.com/katrina/>

http://www.deaftoday.com/v3/archives/2005/09/website_about_d.html

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ACCESSIBILITY

AFB Renews Commitment to Ensuring Independence for People with Vision Loss - "The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) today unveiled a new logo and tagline that embodies the organization's renewed commitment to expanding possibilities for people with vision loss. The new visual identity reflects a broader, more accurate view of the population the organization currently serves, which includes people who are blind, those living with some degree of vision loss, and the growing number of older Americans who are losing their vision with age."
<http://www.afb.org/Section.asp?SectionID=&DocumentID=2812>

A New World of Accessibility - by Robin Springer (*Computer Talk*). "In 1994-95, 58 percent of legally blind Americans 18 to 54 years old were unemployed compared to 18 percent of 18 to 54 year olds with no serious impairments. The numbers are staggering, with the disparity being attributed, in part, to inadequate training in access technology and lack of awareness that technology exists to accommodate people who are blind. 'If this was any other minority group, there would be a public outcry,' says Jay Leventhal, editor-in-chief of Access World Magazine. According to 'Vision Problems in the U.S.', blindness and vision impairment cost the federal government more than \$4 billion annually in benefits and lost taxable income. Why does it have to be so bleak? We have products to accommodate for vision loss. Whether it is a screen reader, money reader, or book reader, we have the technology to improve the statistics."
http://www.speechtechmag.com/issues/10_5/usingspeech/12358-1.html

Disability: Sensory Deprivation - "Deafblind UK runs a project that lets groups of young people experience what it is like to have a hearing and sight impairment. Lucy Coelho finds out how one of the groups got on. Natalie, 15, is having a hard time making a cheese sandwich. She's struggling to butter the bread into the corners and can't find the edge of the wrapper on the cheese slices. But it is not surprising Natalie is having difficulty - she has never made a sandwich without the use of her sight or hearing before."
http://www.ypnmagazine.com/news/index.cfm?fuseaction=full_news&ID=8373

Links and Hypertext - "Hypertext links are one of the most basic elements of HTML, as its name implies (HTML stands for HyperText Markup Language). As such, making hypertext links accessible is one of the most basic and most important aspects of Web accessibility."
<http://webaim.org/techniques/hypertext/>

Report: As 2006 Deadline Looms Broadcast Captioning Reaches Crisis Point - "A critical shortage of qualified broadcast captioners will leave millions of Americans without access to vital information - despite the mandates of a decade-old law - if Congress does not act to provide the funding necessary for training. This according to many deaf and hard-of-hearing advocates and a new report released by the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA). To access the report, visit
<http://www.ncraonline.org/infonews/press/FedInitiative/whitepaper.pdf>.
http://www.deaftoday.com/v3/archives/2005/09/report_as_2006.html

Student claims software ignored learning disability - by Yuri Victor (*The Exponent*). "Purdue uses Web software that, in a recent lawsuit, a former Capella University student said violates the Americans With Disabilities Act. The student who filed the suit, Jeffry La Marca, said the technology does not accomodate his learning disabilities, which include short-term memory loss. He said the technology, called WebCT, was difficult to work with and asked for more time from Capella to complete assignments. He said in the lawsuit that the discussions with officials became heated, resulting in his suspension from the university."
http://www.purdueexponent.org/index.php/module/Issue/action/Article/article_id/507

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ADVOCACY

104 Arrested as ADAPT Occupies House and Senate Leadership Offices - "Fed up with being the targets of Congressional Medicaid cuts, and being pitted against Katrina survivors for essential services, 500 ADAPT activists occupied the offices of Congressional leaders for 5 hours Monday, resulting in 104 arrests. 'Low income people with disabilities are hemorrhaging as a result of the continual cuts to Medicaid by the states and Congress,' said Barb Toomer, ADAPT Organizer from Utah. 'The leaders of the House and Senate are obviously in a position to stop the bleeding, so we came directly to them. We feel these cuts very personally, and we wanted the Senators and Representatives to feel it personally, too'."
<http://www.adapt.org/adaptpr/index.php?mode=A&id=238;&sort=D>

Disability Rights in Canada: A Virtual Museum - "This exhibit in the 'Disability Rights in Canada: a Virtual Museum' offers a look into the history of the disability rights movement in Canada and how it changed the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms."
<http://www.disabilityrightsmuseum.ca/about.php>

Disability Watch - (A report by Disability Rights Advocates, Inc.) by H. Stephen Kaye, Ph.D. This 2001 US report focuses on

- Access to Health Care & Health Insurance
- Learning Disabilities
- Mental Health Disabilities
- Employment & Earnings
- Technology & Disability

http://www.dralegal.org/downloads/pubs/disability_watch_2.pdf

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EMPLOYMENT

Latest Issue of A World Awaits You Now Available - "Mobility International USA and the National Clearinghouse on Disability and Exchange (NCDE) announces the release of its first online issue of A World Awaits You (AWAY), a web-based journal describing the successful experiences of individuals with disabilities in volunteer, internship, cultural and educational programs abroad. AWAY stories answer frequently asked questions and share the benefits of participating in international exchange programs."
<http://www.miusa.org/newsitems/awayusteenissue>

NEADS and MuchMoreMusic Launch - "The National Educational Association of Disabled Students (NEADS) and MuchMoreMusic have partnered to launch the first annual MuchMoreMusic AccessAbility Scholarship. The scholarship will award \$3,000 (CDN) to an applicant with a permanent disability who best demonstrates skill, talent, excellence and enthusiasm in pursuing a future in the broadcast industry. This initiative builds on parent-company CHUM Television's commitment to encouraging participation of persons with disabilities in Canadian broadcasting."
http://www.ccrw.org/en/news/news_detail.asp?News_ID=57

Regulations Amending the Employment Equity Regulations - "The amendments proposed in this project are essentially administrative amendments to the Employment Equity Regulations. The objective of the Employment Equity Act is to achieve equality in the workplace so that no person is denied opportunities for reasons unrelated to his or her ability. To achieve this objective, employers are required to identify and remove barriers to employment that adversely affect women, Aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities and members of visible minorities. Employers are also required to implement special measures and make reasonable accommodations when necessary to achieve and maintain a representative workplace. The Act provides regulation-making authority concerning the manner in which employers are to meet these obligations."
<http://canadagazette.gc.ca/part1/2005/20050910/html/regle1-e.html>

WORKink - "Welcome to the New WORKink site! WORKink is Canada's largest Virtual Employment Resource Centre for Job Seekers with Disabilities! We are working hard to finalize the site, but some areas are still under construction. Thank you for your patience as we work to bring you an enhanced WORKink site!"
http://www.workink.com/display.asp?Page_ID=10813

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GENERAL INTEREST

'Alison Lapper Pregnant' unveiled - "After months of waiting, Marc Quinn's sculpture Alison Lapper Pregnant - which shows the disabled artist naked when she was eight months into her pregnancy - was finally unveiled today at a public ceremony in Trafalgar Square, led by the Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone. The statue will remain on the Fourth Plinth for 18 months, as part of a continuing series of temporary works of art being put on public display in the north-west corner of the famous London thoroughfare."
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/ouch/news/btn/lapper/>

Bold, brave, beautiful - by Rachel Cooke (*The Observer*). "I expected to be writing about how much I disliked Alison Lapper Pregnant, the 12-ton, marble sculpture that now graces Trafalgar Square's fourth plinth. I had seen pictures of Marc Quinn's maquette of the piece and had thought the subject matter - Lapper was born with no arms and shortened legs - too deliberately controversial, too feebly didactic and, as a result, rather banal. But I should have known better. When it comes to sculpture, never underestimate the move from maquette to finished work."
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/arts/reviews/observer/story/0,14467,1572559,00.html>

Behind the wall - "In his latest bestselling novel, Sebastian Faulks charts the history of mental illness in Britain. To research it, he gained rare access to the country's most notorious asylum - Broadmoor."

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/g2/story/0,,1575297,00.html>

Eagle and Turkey Awards - "November 2005 marks Disability Rights Advocates (DRA)'s 8th Annual Americans with Disabilities Act Eagle and Turkey Awards. DRA presents the Eagle awards to businesses and individuals who actively employ and accommodate people with disabilities or who have contributed to the advancement of people with disabilities within society. DRA presents the Turkey awards to entities or individuals who demonstrate pronounced insensitivity to the needs of people with disabilities and therefore impede their progress in employment, education, health care, transportation, or social integration."

<http://www.dralegal.org/news/awards.php>

For Eric LeShay, experience is catalyst for inventions - by Howard Weiss-Tisman (*Reformer*). "As a child growing up with Tourette syndrome, Eric LeShay understood that it was more than his disability that made him feel apart from most of his classmates. The neurological disorder causes involuntary, rapid body movements, and when LeShay was in ninth grade a doctor recommended he wear a helmet for protection. He still remembers the bright blue foam, the rainbow chin strap and the hard plastic covering that was painted a nauseating shade of beige."

<http://www.reformer.com/Stories/0,1413,102~8860~3039113,00.html>

Life from a different perspective - "Graeme Linskey is going through his pre-flight checks. Sitting comfortably in the Shadow microlight, he works his way down the checklist before taxiing into position for take-off at Old Sarum. Moments later, he is soaring into the brilliant blue leaving us earth-bound mortals gazing enviously after him as he climbs above the Wiltshire countryside. It is only when the 45-year-old lands an hour later and is assisted from the cockpit into the waiting wheelchair that it becomes apparent that Graeme is seriously disabled."

<http://archive.thisiswiltshire.co.uk/2005/8/10/80317.html>

Report: Nazis Who Killed People With Mental Disabilities Got Lighter Punishments - by Dave Reynolds (*Inclusion Daily Express*). "Nazis who murdered people with mental disabilities during the 1930s and 40s received much lighter sentences than those who murdered Jews, because many of their accusers were not able to testify or to organize advocates to work on their behalf, and their lives were not seen as valuable even by post-war societies. That's the conclusion by Shane Stuffle, a researcher at the University of Florida who studied court records of Nazis accused of the crimes."

<http://www.raggededgemagazine.com/blogs/news/000050.html>

The flying Scotswoman - "Paula Sage has Down's Syndrome. She also has an Olympic medal and a Bafta award, acts in a TV soap, is a charity ambassador and rubs shoulders with the stars. She talks to Mary O'Hara about breaking the mould."

<http://society.guardian.co.uk/societyguardian/story/0,,1568938,00.html>

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Government

CANADA

Office of the Assisted Living Registrar - "British Columbia is the first province in Canada to regulate assisted living residences. An assisted living Registrar has been appointed under the Act to protect the health and safety of seniors and people with disabilities who are living in assisted living residences. All public and private assisted living residences are required to be registered with the office of the assisted living Registrar by September 30, 2004 under [new legislation](#) (PDF 51KB) that came into force on May 14, 2004."
<http://www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/assisted/>

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Health

A Health Care System in Transformation - "A crisis of confidence on the part of citizens and governments is the biggest challenge facing the Canadian health care system today. So argues Judith Maxwell, CPRN President, in a recent presentation. Citizens, she says, feel they are paying more and getting less, and governments feel they are paying more and aren't getting the changes the system needs to be sustainable."
<http://www.cprn.org/en/doc.cfm?doc=1326>

Quality of asthma care report available - "Nearly one in five (18%) of Saskatchewan people with asthma do not have good control of their condition, resulting in potentially avoidable visits to doctors and emergency departments and admissions to hospital, says a report released today by the province's Health Quality Council (HQC)."
<http://www.hqc.sk.ca/portal.jsp?U5N+TTEI6lihQxv0u3xAezBlzBf0QfLQkUwK4QBZaJsDccbFvClaxwsq03402u0fjM5VwD6WZjg=>

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HIGHER EDUCATION

AccessCollege Funded! - "DO-IT (Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking, and Technology) at the University of Washington has, since 1992, worked to increase the representation of individuals with disabilities in postsecondary education and employment. In 1999 the U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE) funded DO-IT Prof (grant # P333A999042), which created professional development materials and trained faculty and administrators nationwide to more fully include students with disabilities in their courses. In 2002, OPE funded DO-IT Admin (grant #P333A020044), which expanded DO-IT Prof efforts to train student service administrators and staff as well. Project Team members further identified the critical need to systematically change policies, procedures, and practices in order for both universal design and reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities to be embraced at an institutional level; some strategies were piloted in DO-IT Prof and DO-IT Admin."
<http://www.washington.edu/doi/Newsflash/nf.09.09.05.html>

Resource Directory of Programs and Services for Students with Disabilities in Public Post-secondary Institutions - "In 1982 the Province of British Columbia declared its commitment to educational access for students with disabilities with the following Policy Statement. 'It is the policy of the Ministry of Education that those disabled adults whose needs can be met by a public educational institution will have reasonable access to appropriate learning opportunities.' Programs and services for students with disabilities have grown and improved over the past decade. In 1990, the Adult Special Education (ASE) Review Project assessed the progress of ASE in British Columbia. It was noted that while there have been major improvements in educational access for students with disabilities, this segment of the population is still proportionately under-represented in British Columbia's post-secondary institutions"

<http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/adultspeialed/resource/welcome.htm>

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LEGAL

Landmark Settlement of Class Action Lawsuits to Improve Disability Access to California State Parks - "Two individuals with disabilities, two disability rights organizations, and the California Department of Parks and Recreation announced today that they have reached a comprehensive settlement agreement covering all California State Parks. The settlement resolves two related class action lawsuits alleging a denial of access to California State Parks due to access barriers."

http://www.dralegal.org/cases/public_entities/tucker_v_ca_parks.php

Settlement Will Excuse High School Seniors With Disabilities from California High School Exit Exam - "Thousands of students with disabilities in the high school classes of 2006 and 2007 who meet all other graduation requirements will be allowed to graduate regardless of whether they pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) if Governor Schwarzenegger signs SB586. The bill, sponsored by Sen. Gloria Romero, was developed in response to an interim settlement of a long-standing class action lawsuit. The underlying lawsuit, Chapman v. California Department of Education, was originally brought in 2001 challenging the CAHSEE as an invalid and discriminatory exam as applied to students with disabilities. The plaintiffs, represented by Disability Rights Advocates, a non-profit law center in Oakland, are all students with disabilities throughout the State who must take the CAHSEE to receive a high school diploma. The defendants are the California Department of Education, the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell."

http://www.dralegal.org/cases/education_testing/chapman_v_ca.php

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MEDICAL

Genzyme Corporation (GENZ) And Schering AG (SHR) Announce Interim Results From Trial Of Campath For Multiple Sclerosis; Companies Suspend Campath Dosing In Phase II Trial - (*PRNewswire-FirstCall*). "Genzyme Corporation and Schering AG Germany today announced interim results from a Phase 2 trial comparing Campath (alemtuzumab) with Rebif (interferon beta-1a) for the treatment of multiple sclerosis. The results announced

today derive from a pre-specified efficacy and safety interim analysis conducted after one year of treatment for all patients in the planned three-year trial. This review was conducted in conjunction with an independent data safety monitoring board."

http://www.biospace.com/news_story.cfm?StoryID=21157220&full=1

Inherited child blindness probed - "UK scientists are exploring a way to stop babies being born with a form of blindness that runs in families. Leber congenital amaurosis usually causes total blindness from birth as a result of mutations in certain genes passed down from the parents."

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/4250226.stm>

Minimally Invasive Cochlear Implantation Offers Benefits Over Traditional Procedure - (Newswise). "Cochlear implantation carries with it several risks, which include facial nerve injury, meningitis, and flap infection with potential for flap necrosis. The intrinsic difficulty of an operation may be a reflection of the surrounding structures, both the intricacy and complexity of the middle and inner ear. Basically, placing prosthesis into the cochlea and having a receiver/stimulator situated within the skull carries a risk of infection, contamination and tissue breakdown. Traditional cochlear implantation involved a large scalp flap, mastoidectomy (a surgical removal of the mastoid air cells), posterior tympanotomy via the facial recess, creating an opening in the cochlea, and insertion of the electrode into the scala tympani."

http://www.deaftoday.com/v3/archives/2005/09/minimally_invas.html

New drug poised for Parkinson's treatment - by Bruce Sylvester (*United Press International via COMTEX*). "Two new studies suggest that rotigotine, an anti-Parkinson's medication now under review by the Food and Drug Administration, could be added to the standard treatment for the disease. 'This is really one of those moments in medicine when we can say that we are looking at the possibility of fundamentally changing the way we treat a major disease'."

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/news/fullstory_27064.html

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MEDIA

Deaf film maker scoops awards - "A film about a woman who loses her deafness scooped up three awards at the New Zealand Deaf Film Competition, including best short film. The competition, themed Planet of the Deaf, showcased short films written, produced or directed by a deaf person. Wellingtonian Victoria Manning won best short film, best comedy and best actress for her short film Land of the Deaf, which she acted in and directed. Ms Manning, an analyst with the Office for Disability Issues, said it was a huge thrill to win so many accolades."

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/stuff/0,2106,3417921a1860,00.html>

Mamma Mia! Makes All Performances Accessible to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - "The revolutionary I-Caption System has gone live at Broadway's smash hit musical MAMMA MIA! Until recently, the deaf and hard of hearing who require special signed performances to experience live theatre have faced challenges and restrictions attending a Broadway show."

I-Caption, the new individual captioning system from Sound Associates, Inc., allows deaf patrons to be as spontaneous as any theatergoer in experiencing the story-telling magic of Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus' MAMMA MIA!"

<http://broadwayworld.com/viewcolumn.cfm?colid=4653>

Play To Highlight Disability Issues - by Ben Padley (*Community Newswire*). "A leading theatre charity based in Basingstoke today announced it is to stage a unique performance by people affected by disability. The Proteus Theatre Company is organising the event as part of its Breakthrough project. Breakthrough is now in its fifth year and thanks to funding in 2005, from Greenham Common Trust and Hampshire County Council, Proteus has been able to offer free acting and performance workshops for disabled people."

http://services.press.net/pressnet/communitynewswire/index.jsp?story_id=1214251&setStyle=mlStory&returnStyle=heading.cnw

Talk Show Focusing On Disabilities Makes Worldwide Impact Online - "If you are one of 56 million Americans with a disability who have wanted a place to be heard and understood by others, then tune in online to DisAbility News & Views Radio every Tuesday and Sunday. . . . The internet was the logical place the show to go for listeners to interact with guests and topics being discussed. DisAbility News & Views began broadcasting live online on Tuesday, August 30 at 11:30 AM EDT and will also broadcast another live show every Sunday at 10:00 EDT at www.disabilitynewsradio.com. Past shows are available on the website along with many resources. Future plans include syndicating the show with a national radio network and broadcasting live five days a week."

<http://www.emediawire.com/releases/2005/9/emw278985.htm>

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POLICY/RESEARCH

Computer and Internet Use Among People with Disabilities - by H. Stephen Kaye, Ph.D. (*Institute for Health and Aging*). "Computer technology and the Internet have a tremendous potential to broaden the lives and increase the independence of people with disabilities. Those who have difficulty leaving their homes can now log in and order groceries, shop for appliances, research health questions, participate in online discussions, catch up with friends, or make new ones. These new technologies hold great promise, but as this [2000] report makes abundantly clear, the computer revolution has left the vast majority of people with disabilities behind. Only one-quarter of people with disabilities own computers, and only one-tenth ever make use of the Internet."

<http://dsc.ucsf.edu/pdf/report13.pdf>

Illness, disability and social inclusion - by Stefanos Grammenos (*Centre for European Social and Economic Policy (CESEP), Brussels*). "In recent years the Foundation has devoted particular attention to examining measures for the prevention of ill-health and implementing workplace strategies to maintain and improve general health. Research has looked at various aspects of disability and at issues regarding both social inclusion and disadvantaged groups and access to employment and has focused on ways to promote social inclusion. Specific consideration of the links between illness and inclusion, however, has not taken place. It is against this background that the Foundation decided to launch a [2003] study

with the objective of examining how to drive forward the social inclusion of people with illnesses – a broad reference to chronic (physical or mental) illness and disability."

<http://www.eurofound.eu.int/publications/files/EF0335EN.pdf>

National Workshop for Canadian Women with Disabilities - by Gail Lush, with assistance from Fran Odette (*Education Wife Assault From the National Network on Environments and Women's Health*). "While health services and programs have tended to focus on biological aspects of Canadian's health needs, there is increasing recognition of how a range of social and economic factors affect our health. No one understands this better than the women and men whose opportunities for health have been negatively affected by inaccessible barriers to safe and affordable housing, transportation, education and training, and the goods and services that promote wellness. In the past decade, research related to the health status of women with disabilities has been carried out by the women themselves, and is beginning to bring to light the ways in which health care providers and policy makers can meet the full range of their needs and concerns."

<http://www.cwhn.ca/network-reseau/8-12/8-12pg14.html>

NCD Bulletin (August 2005) - "The *Bulletin*, which is free of charge and at NCD's award-winning Web site (www.ncd.gov), brings you the latest issues and news affecting people with disabilities." The August edition includes:

- NCD Calls for Federal Disability Recovery Plan in Response to Hurricane Katrina
- NFI (New Freedom Initiative) Proposals Transmitted to Congress
- IDEA (Disabilities Education Act) Burden of Proof
- CRIPA (The Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act)
- NCD Makes Recommendations on Disability in America
- NCD Comments on NIDRR Long-Range Plan
- Surgeon General Issues First Call to Action for People with Disabilities
- International Update
- NCD Youth Advisory Committee Recruiting Announcement

<http://www.ncd.gov/newsroom/bulletins/2005/b0805.htm>

Social Assistance Statistical Report: 2004 - "This is the first edition of the Social Assistance Statistical Report: 2004 of the FPT Directors of Income Support. The Social Assistance Statistical Report: 2004 provides provincial-territorial income support (primarily social assistance) statistics. For further information on the jurisdictional chapters, please contact the province or territory in question."

<http://www.sdc.qc.ca/en/cs/sp/sdc/socpol/publications/reports/sp-626-09-05e/page00.shtml>

<http://www.sdc.qc.ca/en/cs/sp/sdc/socpol/publications/reports/sp-626-09-05e/SP-626-09-05E.pdf>

Stammering 'best treated early' - "It is best to treat stammering as early as possible, ideally before a child starts school, researchers say. About one in 20 children begin to stammer, usually between the ages of two and four. University of Sydney researchers tested a new treatment - the Lidcombe programme - specifically designed for pre-school children. Their British Medical Journal study found it was more effective than relying on natural recovery. Around 80% of children who develop a stammer do recover spontaneously."

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/4271002.stm>

Update on the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities - "The Sixth Session of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities met from August 1 – August 12, 2005, at the United Nations in New York City. This briefing paper relates developments during that session."

http://www.ncd.gov/newsroom/publications/2005/convention_update.htm

<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/enable/rights/ahc6reporte.htm> (Full Report)

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REHABILITATION

Controlling Pain - by Chris Wolski (*Rehab Management*). "The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago's Chronic Pain Care Center has a unique boot-camp approach to treatment. If there is one hallmark of rehab, it is pain. Pain from the original injury. Pain from surgery. Pain from rehabilitation. In most cases, this pain is short-lived, lasting a few weeks or months, and becoming a faded, distant memory. But some pain never goes away. It lingers like a specter, affecting a patient's ability to work, have fun, and live. For chronic pain sufferers, the pain will remain for life. However, this does not mean that it needs to affect their ability to function. The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago's Chronic Pain Care Center (CPCC) has been dedicated to helping patients gain control over their pain and return to their normal activities."

<http://www.rehabpub.com/features/102005/3.asp>

Real-World Rehab - by Ben Van Houten (*Rehab Management*). "Braintree Rehabilitation Hospital uses technology and practical techniques to treat its patients. When you walk into a major rehabilitation hospital like HealthSouth Braintree in Braintree, Mass, you expect to see the biggest, most up-to-date machines and simulators, all designed to help patients with countless physical impairments and injuries get back up to speed in the most high-tech fashion possible. And while many of these wonder machines do indeed grace the halls and gyms of the 110-bed facility, physical therapists here have recently opted for a far simpler and much more portable tool to help patients learn tasks: a tiny kitchen egg timer. In fact, such a humble device was actually the backbone of a recent rehabilitation program for a patient with a brain disorder."

<http://www.rehabpub.com/features/102005/1.asp>

Student, professor win national awards - by Rachele Treiber. "With less than \$4 in parts and just a few minutes of time, Jon Turnquist invented a product that resembles a sports drink bottle with a long straw. But simple as it seems, the product is sure to forever change the life of a Dubuque, Iowa, woman suffering from multiple sclerosis. The same goes for Carleen Cochran's invention. Hers is a set of adaptive hammers. And while they look basic enough, they allow a person to use only one arm to hold and drive nails, making tasks such as hanging fence and drywalling much easier for anyone who has lost an arm. Both Cochran, an occupational therapy master's student at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, and Turnquist, one of the program's assistant professors, developed their inventions with the

goal of helping others. They recently were recognized for their efforts with first-place awards from the American Occupational Therapy Association."

<http://www.qctimes.net/articles/2005/09/10/news/local/doc432271da09829521833209.txt>

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SELF HELP

Deaf 24/7 - "Internet resource for all British Sign Language and deafness related information."
<http://www.deaf247.co.uk/>

Dyslexia - (*BC HealthGuide*). "Dyslexia is a common learning disability that hinders the development of reading skills. Reading is not a natural human act; it has to be learned. Having dyslexia does not mean that you or your child has difficulty learning subjects other than reading or is below average in intelligence. In fact, many people with dyslexia are above average in intelligence. However, not being able to read fluently or quickly can make many areas of learning more challenging."
<http://www.bchealthguide.org/kbase/topic/special/te7211/sec1.htm>

New website offers PA management solution - "A new online service has been designed as a 'one-stop-shop' to help disabled people recruit, employ and pay their own personal assistants (PA). The scheme has been set up by the company PA Manager, in partnership with the Spinal Injuries Association (SIA). Other charities are expected to come on board soon. Paul Smith, executive director of SIA, said he hoped the service would allow more people to take advantage of the Direct Payments scheme, intended to give disabled people greater choice and control over how their care is delivered."
http://www.disabilitynow.org.uk/news/sep_ex_006.htm

Tenth birthday for website born in the bath - by Priya Kotecha (*Disability Now*). "The creator of a groundbreaking website for people with multiple sclerosis (MS) has celebrated the site's tenth anniversary and its growth to 10,000 regular visitors. Julie Howell, who was diagnosed with ms at the age of 20, said she came up with the idea for Jooly's Joint while sitting in the bath tub. She marked the anniversary with a party in Birmingham last month, hosted by comedian Iain Lee and attended by more than 200 guests. On her site, people with ms, carers and families share experiences about the condition and form friendships with others."
http://www.disabilitynow.org.uk/news/news_oct_007.htm

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TECHNOLOGY

e-ElectricWheelchairs.com Explains the Pros and Cons of Buying Used Electric Wheelchairs - "According to e-ElectricWheelchairs.com, secondhand electric wheelchairs are no doubt cheaper than new ones but a lot of care should be taken when buying a used electric wheelchair. Sources of used electric wheelchairs are primarily relatives, friends, and local support groups. Information about used electric wheelchairs is also available in advertisements on bulletin boards, newsletters, Web sites, at local hospitals and rehabilitation centers, or local disability organizations. Information for finding used

wheelchairs can also be found in newspaper classifieds or in pawnshops. It is wise to also solicit advice from a therapist or physician before buying a used electric wheelchair."
<http://www.disabilities.afreepress.com/articles/index.cfm?artOID=313953&cp=309460>

Free Online Course from AFB Teaches New Techniques for Transcribing Instructional Materials into Braille - "The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) is teaching new ways to braille textbooks and other instructional materials through a free, online course. AFB's one-of-a-kind, self-paced web course teaches braille transcribers to translate print educational materials into braille from publishers' source files. 'We hope transcribers throughout the country will take advantage of this exciting, new program so they can more efficiently convert textbooks, tests, and other instructional materials into braille for students,' said Carl R. Augusto, President and CEO of the American Foundation for the Blind."
<http://www.afb.org/Section.asp?SectionID=&DocumentID=2814>

Mac's VoiceOver - "For those with vision disabilities, Tiger includes VoiceOver, a built-in screen reader that provides keyboard control of the computer, enhanced screen magnification options, and spoken English descriptions of what's on the screen. VoiceOver enables many users with special needs to work collaboratively with other Mac users and use a Macintosh without assistance."
<http://www.apple.com/accessibility/voiceover/>

Mobile Speak Pocket From Code Factory Features Fonix Text-to-Speech Technology; Fonix DECTalk TTS Provides Speech-Enabled Access to Pocket PC Devices for Blind and Visually Impaired Users - (*Business Wire*). "The Fonix Speech Group, an operating division of Fonix Corp, announces Fonix DECTalk text-to-speech (TTS) on screen reading software by Code Factory, a major producer of software for handheld devices in the European and Asian assistive markets. Mobile Speak Pocket is now available through Code Factory's distributor net, which includes distributors in more than 50 countries."
http://home.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/index.jsp?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20050927005230&newsLang=en

Polara Engineering wins CNIB award for setting new standard for accessible pedestrian signals - "John McGaffey is one man who will do just about anything to help people cross the street safely. McGaffey, president of Polara Engineering, has developed the Navigator II. It's an accessible pedestrian signals (APS) system that does a lot more than just beep. The Navigator II features a programmed voice message that announces street names and informs people of road obstacles such as a centre median, railroad tracks or an angled crossing. There is also a voice message to clear an intersection quickly when emergency vehicles are approaching. For Polara's groundbreaking work, McGaffey has been awarded the CNIB Winston Gordon Award, which recognizes advances in technology that improves the quality of life for Canadians living with vision loss."
http://www.cnib.ca/eng/media-centre/stories/winston_gordon/polara.htm

Take the Talking Grammar Check Challenge - (*PRWEB*). "Premier Assistive Technology, the world's fastest growing assistive technology company, is proud to announce the release of Version 8 of the Talking Word Processor, now with Talking Grammar Check. Take the Talking Grammar Check challenge. Take any document, open it in Microsoft Word, and

check the grammar and spelling. When you are done, run the same document through the Talking Grammar Check in the Talking Word Processor and see what Microsoft missed. The Talking Grammar Check does more than look for errors; when it finds an error, it will read the grammatical rule to you and provide you with suggestions. Most people can catch their errors when they hear them. The Talking Grammar Check will also read the suggestion to you when you click on it. So when you hear the correct suggestion, all you need to do is select the Change button."

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2005/9/prweb289560.htm>

Texthelp Systems Enables Textbook Publishers to Meet Growing School Accessibility Requirements with New Software That Automatically Converts Digital Documents to Talking Flash Format - "Texthelp's Lexiflow Software Service Makes It Easy for Publishers to Comply with the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard (NIMAS) Already Adopted by Five States . . . Assistive technology software publisher Texthelp Systems, Inc. announced the release of a new software program that converts textbook publishers' content to a new digital format."

<http://www.tmcnet.com/usubmit/2005/Sep/1186778.htm>

Torbay Holdings Inc.: Test Hardware and Software Products on Windows Vista Beta 1, Microsoft's Windows XP Replacement - (*Primezone*). "Torbay Holdings, Inc. today announced that, in furtherance of its partnership with Microsoft under the Microsoft Assistive Technology vendor program (MATvp), two weeks ago it had received Beta Version One of Windows Vista, the replacement for Windows XP due for release next year."

<http://www.primezone.com/newsroom/news.html?d=85801>

Universal Remote Console Standards Adopted by ANSI - "A group of five new information technology standards, adopted this summer by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), are based in part on the Trace Center's work on universal remote consoles. . . . When these voluntary technical standards are adopted, it will be possible to use a 'universal remote console' device to control light switches, thermostats, and complex devices such as TVs and VCRs. A variety of common devices (e.g., cell phones, laptop computers, handheld organizers) and assistive technologies could function as universal remote consoles (URCs) if they implement these standards. The user interface provided by the URC will be extremely flexible and easy to use, allowing users to choose what works best for them."

<http://trace.wisc.edu/news/archives/000214.htm#000214>

Wizzard Software and Dolphin Computer Access Limited Make a Splash in the Accessibility Market with IBM's ViaVoice - (*Business Wire*). "Wizzard Software announced today that Dolphin Computer Access Limited has again chosen Wizzard Software's IBM ViaVoice Text-To-Speech Engine offering for use in a variety of their assistive products. Founded in 1986 in the United Kingdom, Dolphin has companies and offices in the UK, USA and Sweden, and an international dealer network in over 40

countries worldwide. Dolphin's product range encompasses computer access technology, audio publishing and education solutions."

http://home.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/index.jsp?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20050914005595&newsLang=en

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CONFERENCES

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

CANADIAN

CAG 2005 Aging Navigating the Winds of Change - October 20-22, 2005 | Halifax, Nova Scotia. "The theme for this years conference was inspired by an anonymous quote - 'We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sail.' We cannot change the reality of a rapidly aging society. The demographics of the future are well known. However, there is much that all disciplines in the field of gerontology, government, the non-profit sector and individuals, including seniors and baby-boomers, can do to have a direct impact on aging in Canada."

http://www.cagacq.ca/conferences/410_e.php

ChaRM2005 - Challenges in Regenerative Medicine Conference - October 20-21 | Toronto, Ontario. "ChaRM, a University of Toronto initiative, is designed to provide a framework for experts and novices alike to learn about the advances being made in regenerative medicine. The conference is meant to promote networking and interaction among the speakers and participants from all perspectives: industry, medicine, academia and the public. ChaRM will provide greater insight into the challenges and solutions of this technological revolution."

<http://www.charm2005.org/>

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.

The Seventh International ACM SIGACCESS Conference on Computers and Accessibility - October 9-12, 2005 | Baltimore, Maryland. "Computer and Information Technologies have redesigned the way modern society operates. In particular, they have identified new avenues to assist individuals with special needs and provided tools and resources to alleviate the traditional barriers encountered by persons with disabilities. For example,

speech generation systems have assisted persons with visual disabilities, voice recognition has helped people with motor impairments, multi-modal presentations have been shown to be effective in helping people with learning disabilities understand information."

<http://www.acm.org/sigaccess/assets05/>

Accessible Emergency Notification and Communication: State of the Science Conference

- November 2-3, 2005 | Washington, D.C. "The goals of this conference are to identify needs and gather possible solutions for accessible emergency notification and communication; to encourage interaction among industry, government, and consumer experts so that accessibility considerations are more likely to be built into notification and communication products and procedures, and to create a literature on the state of the science in this area. The intended audience includes accessibility experts, government representatives with responsibility for emergency communications, standards group representatives, academicians and consultants with research and technical background in emergency communications, and industry representatives."

<http://tap.gallaudet.edu/EmergencyCommConf.htm>

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**

- Musikhuset, Denmark | September 18-20, 2006 " 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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