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**Advancing the Rights
and Inclusion of
Persons with
Disabilities
Worldwide**



For RI EC, RIF AND RI Members

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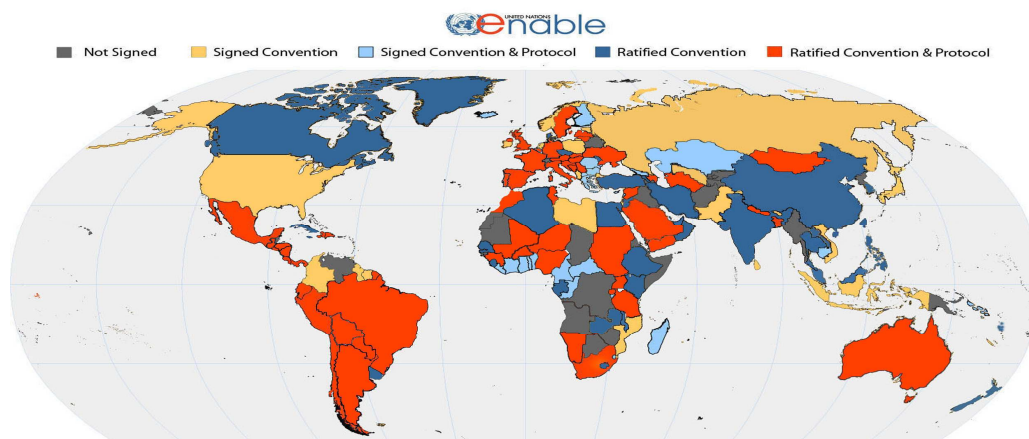
1. Dates & venues for the upcoming RI meetings

Dates	Meeting	Place
03/31/2011 - 04/01/2011	RI Europe	Tirona / Sicily, Italy
05/17/2011 - 05/20/2011	RI EC meeting	Incheon, South Korea
11/07/2011 - 11/09/2011	RI EC & Assembly	Sau Paulo, Brazil
04/2012 (dates to be announced)	RI EC meeting	South Africa
10/29/2012 - 11/03/2012	RI EC, Assembly + RI World Congress	Incheon, South Korea

For more information please see our website www.riglobal.org

2. CRPD Updates

Birth of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Document written by RI former President Dr. Arthur O'Reilly, on RI's initiatives which led to the elaboration, adoption and ratification by many countries of the CRPD. You can find this Document with more Information on our Website: <http://www.riglobal.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/09/The-Birth-of-the-Convention.pdf>



CRPD Ratification Updates

Latest Developments

- European Union ratified the Convention on 23/12/2010
- Turkmenistan ratified the Optional Protocol on 10/11/2010

- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines ratified the Optional Protocol on 29/10/2010
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines ratified the Convention on 29/10/2010

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

- 147 signatories
- 97 ratifications

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

- 90 signatories
- 60 ratifications

For More Information please visit following website:

<http://www.un.org/disabilities/>

■ The *Comité Español de Representantes de Personas Con Discapacidad* (CERMI), presented to the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities **the Spain 2010 Human Rights and Disability Alternative Report**. The report was sent by CERMI as Spanish designated independent monitoring body, under article 33.2 of the Convention. The report is available in Spanish and in English at: <http://www.cermi.es/en-US/Biblioteca/Pages/Inicio.aspx?TSMEIdPub=10>

■ The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights has recently published its Thematic Study on "The Role of International Cooperation in Support of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities". More information on this report on our website: http://www.riglobal.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/09/Wed-19-Jan-2011-05_42_03-GMT.pdf

3. Membership News

This is to remind our members that a rich array of documents, including newsletters, annual reports and press releases are available on our website under the membership section (<http://www.riglobal.org/about/members/member-documents/>).


As part of our commitment to provide our members with the best possible service, we have re-designed our e-publication the Monday Mail, which is now called "**RI's Monthly Newsletter**" in living up to the suggestion of our executives and our members. As we continue to improve our Newsletter, we would like to highlight the work of one RI member organization each month so other members of our global network can learn from the work other members do. In this connection, please provide us with information on the initiatives of your organization so we can feature these in the upcoming

issues of the RI Monthly Newsletter. The following are basic information we would ask you to send to us:

1. [What is the project/initiative;](#)
2. [Who are involved; When was it conducted;](#)
3. [Where was it conducted;](#)
4. [Which other things you want to say about the project;](#)
5. [How much was the funding, if any](#)

Add as much details with pictures (if possible) in a one page write-up and the name of the contact person to reach in case readers will require more information. Thank you in advance for sharing with us your article-contribution.

Allow us to introduce our staff at the RI Secretariat in New York:

 Venus Ilagan, Secretary General


[E-Mail contact](#)

 Leonor Coello, Membership Coordinator

[E-Mail contact](#)

 Megan Brinster, Development and Program Officer

[E-Mail contact](#)

 Blanca Cedeno, Finance and Administrative Assistant

[E-Mail contact](#)

RI Commission Member



We are pleased to introduce the new regional chair for RI ICTA in the Arab Region, **Arch. Mukhtar AlShibani, (Saudi Arabia) who is** also the elected new president of GAATES (Global Alliance on Accessible Technologies and Environments) for the next three years. He is the first ever Arab and Saudi national to be elected to this post. He brings to this position 30 years of experience in the field of accessibility for persons with disabilities. Mr. AlShibani will work globally to introduce and increase understanding of



accessibility in the built environment and technology fields. He can be contacted on these addresses: president@gaates.org or for more information please visit www.gaates.org.

4. Upcoming Meetings and Events



The XI Congress of the European Federation for Research in Rehabilitation will be held at Riva del Garda in Sicily, Italy from 26-28 May 2011. The title chosen for this year's congress is "**Perspectives and controversial issues for research in rehabilitation**". The Congress aims to highlight the need for further understanding of the state of research in different fields of Rehabilitation. The knowledge and experience gained from this congress will strengthen the studies on disabilities linked to different pathologies, making a significant contribution to the promotion of rehabilitation research in Europe. For participation and further details, please visit: www.efrr2011.it



The 49th Session of the Commission for Social Development is going to be held from **9 to 18 February 2011** at Conference Room 4 of the United Nations North Lawn Building (NLB) in New York. Information on the session is regularly up-dated at the following link: <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/csocd/2011.html>.

On 8 February 2011, a day prior to the opening of the session, [a Civil Society Forum will be convened](#). The Forum is hosted jointly by DSPD, the NGO Committee for Social Development and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation. Information on the Forum may be posted in due time at the link of the Civil Society and Outreach Unit of DSPD: <http://social.un.org/csou>. Relevant information on the session will be available at the Webpage of the **Civil Society and Outreach Unit** of DSPD at the following link: <http://social.un.org/csou>. Please visit also the main page of the session at the following address: <http://un.org/esa/socdev/csocd/2011.html>.



Join the third annual Reelabilities: **Disabilities Film Festival February 3-8** in multiple locations throughout NY. For schedule, tickets & venue information visit www.reelabilities.org



The Indonesia National Youth Council invites you to attend the "**Youth Forum on Climate Change 2011**" with the selected theme "**Listen to us, Sense Our Worries**". February 21st to the 27th, 2011, Jakarta, South Sulawesi, Central Kalimantan and East Nusatenggara, Indonesia. This event

aims to give an opportunity to the youth and youth leaders to speak out on climate change to improve understanding and inspire necessary actions to fight global warming and other related factors. For further information please contact the secretary of committee: mustafa_radja@yahoo.co.id, Arief_jamaluddin@yahoo.co.id, info@iyfcc.org, iyfcc2010@yahoo.com



The 21st Meeting of the European Neurological Society- ENS, Lisbon, Portugal, 28-31 May 2011. The ENS Meeting offers an exclusive opportunity for excellent continuous education in all fields of neurology, both for practicing neurologists and for young neurologists in training. The European Neurological Society (ENS) meeting is also an international stage where those devoted to clinical or translational research can present and discuss the results of their work in an open, friendly but testing environment. The preliminary program and abstract submission are now available at the ENS Congress Website: www.congrex.ch/ens2011 by 23 March 2011.



The "Legal profession & Pro Bono: Strengthening Access to Justice Conference", will be held in **Santiago, Chile from the 7th to the 8th of April**. The event is co-organized by [Fundación Pro Bono Chile](http://www.fundacionprobono.org) and the [Cyrus Vance Center of New York City Bar](http://www.cyrusvancecenter.org), with [the collaboration of Pro Bono institutions from across the Americas](#). The primary goal of the Conference is to generate a work space that will bring together key regional representatives, international experts and other relevant actors in the field of access to justice, and to provide them with the opportunity to reflect and develop shared strategies by which the legal profession can contribute through pro bono work to the development and improvement of access to justice for the poor and marginalized. For more Information please visit <http://www.probono2011.com/en/conference/>



The 8th World Assembly of Disabled Peoples International will be held in Durban, South Africa at the Inkhosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Center (DURBAN ICC) from 10th-13th October 2011. The DPI World Assembly is going to be held in conjunction with the extension of the African Decade of Persons with Disabilities. The theme of the Assembly is "Disability Movement United in creating a society for all through the UN Disability Convention and the Millennium Development Goals." More information can be found in the DPI Website: <http://www.dpi2011.co.za/en/home>



SVAYAM is proud to announce that the 13th International Conference on 'Mobility and Transport for Elderly and Disabled Persons' TRANSED 2012 will be held in New Delhi, India from September 17 - 21, 2012. For the abstracts, conference topics and either information please visit their website: <http://www.transed2012.in/>



The **49th Session of the Commission for Social Development** from **9 to 18 February** will be held, in **New York** under the priority theme: "Poverty Eradication". The report of the Special Rapporteur on Disability titled "Monitoring the Implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities" was submitted to the Commission for this Session. For more information please visit following website: http://www.riglobal.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/09/csocd_49_sr.pdf or <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/csocd/2011.html>



The next **World Social Forum will be organised in Dakar, Senegal in February 2011**. The forum is an important opportunity to share, exchange and propose alternative development models and promote plurality and diversity. For more Information please visit the website: <http://fsm2011.org/>.



The Universal Learning Design conference is scheduled for 8–11 February 2011, in the Czech Republic. The conference will be a collaborative meeting of all those who in their practice, i.e. technologically, organizationally or legally, linguistically, psychologically or pedagogically, provide for the universal learning design at the university level for persons with special needs. The meeting is held under the auspices of Josef Dobeš, the Minister of Education, Youth and Sports in the Czech Republic, and Petr Fiala, the Rector of Masaryk University. RI member, The **Czech National Disability Council** is a collaborating partner. Further information on the conference is available at this web page: www.uld-conference.org



A Panel Discussion on International Cooperation in Protecting the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is going to be held on 4 March 2011. The Panel will feature a presentation by Mr. Shuaib Chalklen, Special Rapporteur on Disability of the UN Commission for Social Development. It will be held during the Human Right Council meeting in Geneva. For more information: <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil>.



The World Federation of the Deaf invites you to their XVI World Congress - Early bird registration is open until **15 April 2011**. For further information, check on WFD Congress website: www.wfd2011.com The WFD Congress Registration is available now online. For fees and registration, please visit: <http://www.wfd2011.com>, <http://wfd2011.com/registration>



Contributions sought for the 46th & 47th Session of the Committee against Torture. The Secretariat of the Committee against Torture invites you to contribute and participate in the upcoming sessions of the Committee which often stresses on the importance it attaches to receiving from NGOs information relevant to the implementation of the Convention against Torture by countries. Deadline for information: **9 February 2011**. At the 46th session, the Committee will be adopting Lists of Issues for the reports of countries to be considered at the 47th session: <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cat/cats46.htm>
<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cat/cats47.htm>



Seminar on Challenges and Partnerships of Rehabilitation in the Baltic Sea Region, Helsinki, Finland, 12 April 2011. The seminar is organized in co-operation with the RI Member in Finland, Rifi (Rehabilitation International Finnish Committee), The Rehabilitation Foundation and RI Commission on Policy and Services. The seminar is said to gather rehabilitation experts from various neighbouring countries in the Baltic Sea Region. The aim is to share mutual interests, challenges and achievements of rehabilitation. Practical examples of service development covers issues of pediatric rehabilitation in Estonia, social rehabilitation and employment support of persons with disabilities in Estonia and Russia. The seminar is part of **The Finnish National Rehabilitation Conference on 12.-13.4.2011**, which is the most important annual event of training and networking for rehabilitation practitioners, decision and policy makers, leaders and administrators in the field of rehabilitation in Finland. The conference programme contains plenary sessions and workshops that concentrate on various current themes of interest in the field of rehabilitation. Annually there are about 400 rehabilitation professionals attending the conference. **Further Information on participation and program, please contact:** Mr. Matti Tuusa, Training Manager, Rehabilitation Foundation, E-mail: matti.tuusa@kuntoutussaatio.fi or visit: <http://www.kuntoutussaatio.fi/baltic>. For registration information contact: Pirjo Kuoppala, Training Secretary, E-mail: pirjo.kuoppala@kuntoutussaatio.fi.

5. Other News



World Federation of the Deaf is calling individuals to sign an online petition, New Era Document, which rejects the resolutions of the 1880 Milan Congress that banned the use of sign language from educational programmes for deaf children. To sign the petition, please visit: www.petitions24.com/wfd.



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The Journal of Policy and Practice in Intellectual Disabilities (JPPID) is an international, peer-reviewed journal established by the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disabilities (IASSID). JPPID calls for papers focused on evidence-based policy and practice related to mobility and transportation as a prerequisite for social inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities. Selected papers will be published in a special issue of JPPID in 2012. In most countries many persons with intellectual disabilities do not have the necessary mobility skills to independently use public transportation systems which are generally inaccessible and where there is little support when they need it. This special issue of the JPPID is especially interested in publishing research articles on a broad spectrum of mobility interventions for persons with intellectual disabilities such as mobility training and its effectiveness, ICT-methodologies (reducing physical barriers or of universal design), adaptations of the public transport system, or models of assistance for self-determined mobility.



Those interested in submitting an article should send an email that provides a working title, author list, and brief summary (300-500 words) of their proposed manuscript to the guest editor, Prof. Dr. Meindert Haveman (meindert.haveman@uni-dortmund.de) no later than April 1, 2011. Individuals whose proposals are selected will be notified in May 2011, and will be expected to submit their completed manuscript no later than October 31, 2011. All manuscripts submitted will be subject to peer review and possible revision prior to the final acceptance.



The Chief **Human Rights Commissioner** will appeal a U.S. High Court ruling on caregivers' rights. The High Court on Friday backed a Human Rights Tribunal ruling which found a Ministry of Health policy to pay carers only if they were not related to the patient, discriminatory. Please read more about this article on this website http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10696187



Parkinson's Legislative Issues: The Year in Review – Throughout the year, the Parkinson's Action Network (PAN) in the U.S. has fought to maintain access to medically necessary Medicare therapy services. There is an annual limit on the amount of outpatient therapy services for which an individual can be reimbursed. Those patients who exceed the cap can still get therapy services for no additional cost through a "medically necessary" exceptions process, but the exceptions process was set to expire on December 31, 2010. On December 9, Congress sent President Obama a bill that extends the exceptions process throughout 2011. This means that people living with Parkinson's disease who need medically necessary therapy services will not have to pay out-of-pocket in 2011. Read more about the review here:

<http://capwiz.com/pan/issues/alert/?alertid=21179501&PROCESS=Read+More>



Disabled women activists change the world through YouTube music video: Loud, Proud and Passionate!

Signing and singing with passion in Arabic, Spanish and English, 54 disabled women activists from 43 countries celebrate the achievements, pride and solidarity of women with disabilities around the world. These leaders are revolutionizing the status of women and girls worldwide. Filmed during MIUSA's 5th International Women's Institute on Leadership and Disability (WILD), the Loud, Proud and Passionate! (SM) music video release marks the beginning of MIUSA's 30th Anniversary year-long celebration. Watch and share the YouTube link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxxomUVsSik>
<http://miusa.us1.listmanage.com/track/click?u=d39e81314218b930d5315426a&id=0c0cd66b52&e=4e9397dc78>



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Stand up to cancer - SHORT MISSION Stand Up To Cancer is a new initiative created to accelerate groundbreaking cancer research that will get new therapies to patients quickly and save lives. SU2C's goal is to bring together the best and the brightest in the cancer community, encouraging collaboration instead of competition. By galvanizing the entertainment industry, SU2C creates awareness and builds broad public support for this effort. **This is where the end of cancer begins.** Check out the following page <http://www.standup2cancer.org/>



The Australian Government Information Management Office

released in November 2010 the Australian Government's study into the Accessibility of the Portable Document Format for people with a disabilities. It is available at <http://www.finance.gov.au/publications/pdf-accessibility-study/>. It says that "there is insufficient evidence to establish that the development of the Portable Document Format and improvements in assistive technologies have advanced enough for PDF files to be considered accessible for people with a disability, particularly for those who are blind or have low vision." Duff Johnson from Appligent Document Solutions, a company which provides PDF-related software and services, wrote about the report, at

<http://www.appligent.com/talkingpdf-AGIMO-Report-Assessment>. He says the report is valuable, but note that:

- it doesn't encourage authors to learn how to design and structure a PDF file properly;
- it doesn't encourage software companies to produce better PDF readers or better assistive technology.





A report from the **3rd World Autism Conference in Monterrey, Mexico** which took Place on 3 - 5 November 2010 and was announced in the August issue of the RI Monday Mail , is available in English and Spanish in our website: <http://www.riglobal.org/>



January is Cervical Health Awareness Month. Early detection is key to saving lives—women with disabilities often skip screenings. “Research shows that many women with disabilities do not receive regular health screenings within recommended guidelines,” said Tai Venuti, Allsup’s manager of strategic alliances. “As a group, they participate in fewer breast and cervical cancer screenings when compared to women without disabilities.” The NCI estimates that there were 12,200 new cases of cervical cancer in 2010, and that 4,210 women died from the disease this past year. Six out of 10 cervical cancers occur in women who have never received a Pap test or have not been tested in the past five years.



ABOUT ALLSUP - Allsup is a nationwide provider of Social Security disability, Medicare and Medicare Secondary Payer compliance services for individuals, employers and insurance carriers. Founded in 1984, Allsup employs more than 700 professionals who deliver specialized services supporting people with disabilities and seniors so they may lead lives that are as financially secure and as healthy as possible. The company is based in Belleville, Ill., near St. Louis. For more information, visit www.Allsup.com. Public education and outreach are keys to promoting good cervical health for all women and eliminating screening disparities for women with disabilities. For more information and to learn how you can help during Cervical Health Awareness Month, visit the [National Cervical Cancer Coalition \(NCCC\)](http://www.nccco.org).



Lifetime of dedication delivers Australian Human Rights Medal to Thérèse Rein - A lifetime of dedication to helping people reach their full potential has delivered the prestigious Human Rights Medal for 2010 to Thérèse Rein. Already well known for her high profile advocacy and patronage of major social causes in Australia, Ms Rein was chosen to receive Australia’s major human rights accolade at the Australian Human Rights Commission’s annual Human Rights Medals and Awards ceremony in Sydney. “In her capacity as wife of the former Prime Minister, she was deeply and genuinely committed to a wide range of issues including homelessness, indigenous literacy, child health and disability. “In particular, her support and commitment to improving the design of housing for all Australians, including people with disability stand out. Her role in supporting and encouraging the National Dialogue on Universal Housing Design culminated in the coming together of Australia’s leading residential and building industry players to pursue a universal housing design standard by 2020.” Thérèse Rein’s passion and commitment to eliminating discrimination and helping people reach their potential was inspired by the experiences of her father

who lost the use of his legs after a flying accident in World War Two. For the full Story please visit the following website:

http://www.hreoc.gov.au/about/media/media_releases/2010/123_10.html



Haiti one year on and Real-Time Evaluation of Pakistan flood crisis

- DARA is presenting the findings of its Disaster Risk Reduction initiative in Central America on the 26th of January 2011 at the Circulo de Bellas Artes in Madrid, Spain. The report looks at the factors and conditions that contribute to the generation of risk. DARA will analyse donor performance in the following crises: Chad, Somalia and Kenya (Nairobi), Iraq, the occupied Palestinian territories, Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Kinshasa and Kivu), Pakistan, Sudan, Yemen and Haiti. Please visit the following website for more information:

<http://daraint.org/2011/01/12/1215/humanitarian-response-index-2011/>



We speak for ourselves – a video of the IDA-CRPD Forum: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YnQJ1ozmbM> which shows that human rights consciousness is alive and well in the NY psychiatric survivor's movement. This is part 1 with more to come.



The **United Nations Security Council** held a debate on Women, Peace and Security from **16-17 December 2010**. It voted 15 – 0 to approve resolution S/Res/1960, which has a preamble paragraph referring to States' obligations to take into account the specific needs of persons with disabilities: " *Reaffirming* the importance for States, with the support of the international community, to increase access to health care, psychosocial support, legal assistance, and socio-economic reintegration services for victims of sexual violence, in particular in rural areas, and taking into account the specific needs of persons with disabilities." In the resolution, the Security Council, among other things: reaffirms sexual violence as a threat to peace and security; calls on parties to armed conflict to completely cease acts of sexual violence; encourages the Secretary-General to do reporting, using certain criteria, that can lead to sanctions; calls on parties to armed conflict to take time-bound steps to combat sexual violence; requests the Secretary-General to track and monitor implementation of such commitments; encourages relevant UN bodies to report to the sanctions committees... The resolution is available at: <http://tinyurl.com/UNSC-resolution>



A Pan-European Doctoral Research Project in the Area of Disabilities will be Implemented with Funding From the EU Framework 7 Programme. The project is called **DREAM – Disability Rights Expanding Accessible Markets**. Its primary aim is to professionally develop and educate the next generation of disability policy researchers and entrepreneurs to assist the EU and its Member States in their efforts to

implement the **UN CRPD** at EU and Member State levels. For further information about this project, please visit website:
<http://www.nuigalway.ie/cdlp>.



GLOBAL HEALTH Magazine - Voices from Haiti: A Year After, January 12, 2010 will forever be etched in Haiti's already tumultuous history. The 7.0 earthquake turned the Haitian landscape into rubble, killing nearly a quarter million people, injuring hundreds more, and displacing countless others. Read more on the Website:
http://www.globalhealthmagazine.com/guest_blog/



Insight Journal takes a new name to reflect its mission regarding blindness. The journal of the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AER), *Insight: Research and Practice in Visual Impairment and Blindness* has been the journal's new title as of January 1, 2011. "Insight immediately conveys the journal's content," said Dr. Deborah Gold, editor-in-chief. "This new name will allow our publication to reach beyond the 'inner circle' of AER members and create a wider audience that perceives the value of this journal." She noted that many people outside the organization are not familiar with the acronym AER. To learn more about the society, please visit: <http://www.aerbvi.org>.

6. Resource Update

■ **Human rights news resource** - Creating awareness, advocacy, case studies, real-time human rights news: "Mind Kenya, Mind Africa"
<http://www.scoop.it/t/human-rights/curate>



■ **Special Youth Programme 2011** - is designed to give young people from developing countries opportunities to engage in policy development and programming; to help build the capacity of young people; and to sensitize young people and UNFPA staff on jointly addressing young people's issues. This year UNFPA is especially encouraging young people living with disabilities and young indigenous people to apply to participate in the programme as a measure of affirmative action. During the course of the programme, youth fellows learn about UNFPA's mandate, programmes and the issues they work on. For general information please visit the website:
<http://www.unfpa.org/employment/index.htm>

■ **2012 Ford Motor Company International Fellowship of the 92nd Street Y** is now accepting applications from community leaders who are citizens and residents of Albania, Bolivia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, Haiti, India, Israel, Mongolia, Peru, Tunisia and Zambia.

Applications must be postmarked, faxed, or emailed by June 30, 2011 to be considered. For more information about the program, please visit the website: www.92Y.org/ford. To download the application and brochure, please click "2012 Application and Brochure," and follow the link on the next page. Please disseminate this information to potential candidates who would be interested in applying.

■ Below is a link to an 8-minute **Arabic documentary with English script** and Arabic sign language about TAKAFO (Equalization) campaign which was organized in Jordan between March and December 2010 about the right to vote for PwDs in secrecy, privacy and independency through accessible polling stations, sign language provision and voting through a personal assistant. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXEbMOUZ7PQ>
If you have any questions please contact Dr. Muhannad Alazzeah (m.alazzeah@orange.jo)

The Global Disability Rights Library project announces a call for organizations to apply to receive a free digital **Global Disability Rights Library (GDRL)**. Applications are open to disabled people's organizations, universities, and agencies in developing countries. Sixty organizations will receive the digital library to empower them to disseminate valuable disability rights knowledge and toolkits to their communities. The goal of the GDRL project is to improve the lives of persons with disabilities in developing countries. The project uses an innovative "internet in a box" technology to deliver digital resources to people beyond the reach of the internet. Users will include disabled people's organizations (DPOs), decision makers, individual advocates, and others who cannot easily download information from the web. Read more about the GDRL project at: <http://www.usicd.org/index.cfm/global-disability-rights-library>, <http://gdrl.org>

■ Wellspring Advisors coordinates grant making programs that advance the realization of human rights and social and economic justice for all people. <http://www.grinnell.edu/offices/chaplain/socialjusticeprize>. **The Grinnell College Young Innovator for Social Justice Prize** is a new annual awards program to honor individuals under the age of 40 who have demonstrated leadership in their fields and who show creativity, commitment, and extraordinary accomplishment in effecting positive social change. Up to three individuals will be honored annually. Each prize carries an award of \$100,000, half to the winning individual and half to an organization committed to the winner's area of social justice, for a total of up to \$300,000 in prize awards each year. The **deadline for 2011 nominations is 1 February**. The first prize recipients will be announced in May 2011. For additional information about the program, please visit these pages: [Grinnell and Social Justice](#), [Prize and Nomination Process](#), [Selection Committee](#), [Social Justice Symposium](#)

■ **The Yearbook of International Organizations** of the World of Associations News provides the most extensive coverage of non- profit international organizations available today. Directly reflecting a dynamic international arena, it contains entries on 63993 civil society organizations in 300 countries and territories, in every field of human endeavor. You can read more about this at: <http://www.uia.be/yearbook>

■ **DynaVox Mayer- Johnson**, the leading provider of speech generating devices and symbol-adapted special education software used to assist individuals in overcoming speech, language and learning challenges, Announced the Board maker Player for Windows as the latest addition to the popular Board maker Software Family, Board maker Player for Windows ensures that all students are able to access lessons and activities created with Board maker Studio and Board maker Plus!, and reduces costs for schools and school districts. DynaVox Inc. (Nasdaq: DVOX) is a publicly traded holding company with its Headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, whose primary operating entities are DynaVox Systems LLC and Mayer-Johnson LLC. DynaVox is the leading provider of speech generating devices and symbol-adapted special education software used to assist individuals in overcoming their speech, language and learning challenges. These solutions are designed to help individuals who have complex communication and learning needs participate in the come, classroom and community. For more information, visit www.dynavoxtech.com.



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■ **The Jonathan Mann Award for Global Health & Human Rights Nomination Deadline is fast approaching!** This award for Global Health & Human Rights was established in 1999 to honor Dr. Jonathan Mann and highlight the vital link between health and human rights. The award is bestowed annually to a leading practitioner in health and human rights and comes with a substantial financial reward. The Global Health Council welcomes nominations of people whose work epitomizes Jonathan Mann's life. More Information: http://www.globalhealth.org/conference_2011/

■ **DisAbility** World is dedicated to providing easy access to information for organizations and associations helping the special needs community. It is sent each month to help those who have a mission to make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities.

■ **The International Children's Peace Prize** is presented annually to an exceptional child, who's courageous or otherwise remarkable actions and thoughts have made a difference in countering problems which affect children around the world. The motivation behind the prize is to give a platform to children to express their thoughts and personal involvement in their children's rights. In 2009, Rasmita a disabled girl from India, was among the 5 nominees. Find attached some information on her. She was nominated by the organization AAINA <http://www.aaina.org.in/>



■ **The first World Down Syndrome Day Awards in 2010.** Down Syndrome International (DSi) is seeking nominations for the 2011 WSD Awards, to be announced on 21 March 2011. DSi is looking for persons or organizations whose activities have strengthened and enriched the lives of persons with Down syndrome. This can be in a voluntary, professional or scientific capacity. For further information on the WSD Awards please visit the DSi WSD Awards website page: http://www.ds-int.org/about/wsd_awards.

Here's wishing everyone the best of 2011.



Anne Hawker, RI President



Venus Ilagan, Secretary General



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together let's make
change happen**



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