

# I.C.E.V.I.



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## QUINQUENNIUM ISSUE-II

### Letter from ICEVI President

Dear Friends of ICEVI:

It is a beautiful summer morning here in Maine as I sit at my computer to compose this letter for the 3rd issue of the ICEVI Newslines. Both the lake and my much neglected garden are calling me; but I will let them wait a bit longer while I share with you some news from ICEVI.

11th World Conference: In just a year we will meet at the Leewenhort Congress Center in the Netherlands to celebrate the 50th anniversary of ICEVI at our 11th World Conference. I hope to meet many of you at this historic event. The theme of the conference is "New Visions: Moving Toward an Inclusive Community". If you are interested in presenting a paper at this conference I urge you to submit an abstract for consideration of the Program Committee. The deadline for the receipt of abstracts is October 15, 2001. All communications concerning the conference should be sent to:

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Van Namen & Westerlaken Congress Organizations Services  
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6501 BN Nijmegen  
The Netherlands  
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E-Mail: [icevi2002@congress.net](mailto:icevi2002@congress.net)

You will also find information on the ICEVI World Conference on our website [www.icevi.org](http://www.icevi.org).

Host Committee: Under the able leadership of Hans Welling, Director of Visio (Netherlands) the Host Committee is working hard to make the 50th anniversary of ICEVI a memorable one. The Host Committee has been formed for some time now and consists of representatives of three major Dutch organizations, Bartimeus, Sensis (formerly Theofaan) and Visio. I know that all of you join me in thanking this hardworking group for all of the effort that they are making on our behalf.

Program Committee: This week I spoke with Heather Mason, Chairperson of the Program Committee who reports that the program is developing well and promises to be excellent; one fit for the 50th anniversary of our organization. Please make a special effort to be with us in the Netherlands next summer (July 27-August 2) to celebrate this historic occasion. Remember the deadline for receipt of abstracts by the Program Committee is October 15, 2001.

Sponsorship Committee: I am very pleased to announce that Mrs. Grace Chan, J.P., Director of the Hong Kong Society for the Blind and the ICEVI Regional Chairperson for East Asia has agreed to serve as the Chairperson of the Sponsorship Committee for the 11th World Conference. As some of you know Herman Gresnigt was chairing this committee. However, because Herman is devoting so much of his time and seemingly boundless energy to fund raising efforts with the Host Committee, he felt that undertaking both tasks simultaneously was not advisable. We are pleased to say that Herman remains a member of the Sponsorship Committee and I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the incredible work that Herman is and continues to do on behalf of ICEVI. Thanks Herman!

ICEVI has already set aside a small amount of funding to assure that we have good representation at the 11th World Conference and the task of the Sponsorship Committee is to try to leverage those funds to secure as much additional support as possible for equitable regional representation. The other day I spoke with our good friend and Executive Committee member Arne Husveg (Norway) who has agreed to include in his upcoming request to NORAD a request from ICEVI to support participants from developing countries.

All sponsorship requests should be directed through the office of your Regional Chairperson. Grace Chan asks that you not send requests directly to her as she has created a process for working with ICEVI's regional chairpersons in allocating support funds for the World Conference.

Nominations Committee: In just a year we will be electing the Principal Officers of ICEVI at the World Conference. At our recent Executive Committee meeting in Mexico, Richard Porter agreed to serve as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. The Committee is open to input from all members and communications regarding nominations should be sent to:

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ICEVI Nominations Committee  
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Grosvenor Hall, Bolnore Road  
Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 4BX  
United Kingdom  
e-mail: [rporter@sightsaversint.org.uk](mailto:rporter@sightsaversint.org.uk)

Executive Committee Meeting: The most important occasion for ICEVI since the last issue of Newslines was our Executive Committee meeting in Chihuahua, Mexico. Carla Herrera, ICEVI Treasurer and her staff at CEIAC did a wonderful job in organizing this meeting which was both enjoyable and productive.

Let me share with you some of the highlights of that meeting:

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee met just prior to Executive Committee meeting and while we still face significant challenges the news on finances is improving.

-INGO support: We are very pleased to report that support from our INGO partners has improved significantly during the past year and we now count among our supporters the Asian Foundation for Blindness Prevention, Aurora Ministries, Christoffel Blindenmission, Foundation Dark and Light Blind Care, Helen Keller International, ONCE, Perkins School for the Blind and Sight Savers International. This support is now coming to ICEVI in two forms; general support and support for specific projects that have been put forth by our regional chairpersons. As you will recall when I spoke with you through the 1st issue of Newslines; stabilizing finances was one of the top priorities of the Principal Officers. Since that time we have seen steady improvement. While we are still far from our goal of financial self-sufficiency I do feel we have "turned the corner" and are heading in the right direction. I want to use this opportunity to thank all of the international non-government organizations who have rallied around as ICEVI has made efforts to turn the rhetoric of the plan of action adopted in Sao Paulo into action.

There are a few other points that I would like to share with you on the subject of finance. Carla Herrera, Chairperson of the Finance Committee has worked hard to strengthen this committee and reported at the Executive Committee meeting that Rosario Perez (J.P.Morgan Chase Bank/NY) and Victor Siaulys, (Laramara/Brazil) have agreed to join the Finance Committee. Carla also reported that Victor Siaulys has agreed to personally support the translation and publication of public relations materials that are designed to both disseminate information and project the image of ICEVI. To Carla, Victor, Rosario and all of the other members of the Finance Committee we are grateful for your efforts on behalf of ICEVI.

Before ending this section on Finance let me also single out for recognition Mrs. Grace Chan, J.P. our East Asia Regional

Chairperson. Those of you who know Grace, know her track record as a fund raiser. Grace has recently helped ICEVI to establish a connection with the Hong Kong Shanghai Banking Corporation (HKSB). In May, Grace and I met with a senior staff member of that bank and presented a concept paper for support of ICEVI activities. It is too early to report what success we will have but I wanted to share this with you and acknowledge Grace's efforts on behalf of ICEVI.

Publications: Harry Svensson and the members of the Publications Committee have been working hard to develop and "new and improved" version of our magazine "The Educator". Harry reports that the first issue on Literacy should reach you this Fall. As our readers in Latin America will know, thanks to the Hilton/Perkins program the Spanish language version of The Educator is available in both inkprint and braille. We are pleased to report that Dr. M.N.G. Mani, ICEVI Chairperson, Asia has agreed to produce the English language edition of The Educator in Braille at no cost to ICEVI. Thanks Mani!

The Publications Committee has also produced a new ICEVI brochure which provides some basic information on our organization and comes in an easy-to-mail format. So if you would like to spread word about ICEVI to your colleagues you may contact Nandini Rawal, Secretary [bpaicevi@ad1.vsnl.net.in](mailto:bpaicevi@ad1.vsnl.net.in) for a supply of these new brochures.

Both Harry <[harry.svensson@sit.se](mailto:harry.svensson@sit.se)> and our webmaster Victor Tsaran <[webmaster@icevi.org](mailto:webmaster@icevi.org)> would welcome your contributions to the ICEVI website. As you will know "revisits" to a website only happen when people regularly find new information. We need your help to make our website as rich and interesting as possible. So do take the time to consider what news you might be able to share with colleagues around the world via the ICEVI website.

ICEVI Secretariat in India: The Executive Committee made a decision in Mexico to strengthen the ICEVI Secretariat in India. We

are most grateful to CBM for their financial support of this work. In the future the layout, printing and mailing of ICEVI all publications and the maintenance of the ICEVI databases will all be coordinated through the ICEVI Secretariat in India. Please direct all communications regarding address changes directly to the Secretariat at <bpaicevi@ad1.vsnl.net.in>.

**ICEVI Constitution:** The Executive Committee endorsed the fine work that has been done by Colin Low (RNIB) on the ICEVI constitution. Colin is now working on the final details of a revised constitution with Nandini Rawal, Secretary and Bill Brohier, Immediate Past President. A copy of the revised constitution will reach you via this publication and will be printed in a future issue of The Educator.

**Regional Realignment:** One of the most important decisions reached at our Executive Committee meeting in Mexico concerned a realignment of the ICEVI regions. While there are never simple and easy answers to such questions we were very pleased to have with us in Chihuahua the newly elected President of the World Blind Union, Mrs, Kicki Nordstrom. WBU had spend a great deal of time grappling with the same issue and we were happy that we were able to take full advantage of the research that WBU had already put into this matter. The Executive Committee agreed to a realignment of the ICEVI regions along the same lines as the WBU, with the exception of the fact that ICEVI will continue to maintain a Pacific Region. So with the adoption of the revised constitution which is expected within the next few months ICEVI will move from 8 to 7 regions as follows:

-Africa, East Asia -Europe, -Latin America, -North America/Caribbean, -Pacific and West Asia (which will include the Asian countries of the former USSR and the current countries of the Middle East).

This realignment which has the backing of our current Middle East region will not only resolve some of the difficult challenges currently facing the Middle East but has the additional advantage of making

collaboration between ICEVI and WBU much easier. A full listing of countries by region will be published with the revised constitution in a future issue of Newsline and The Educator.

WBU, IAPB and ICEVI: I am pleased to report that collaboration with our sister organizations WBU and IAPB is moving in what I believe all three organizations feel is a very positive direction. A meeting of the Presidents of all three organizations is planned for the near future as we all strive to work together more closely to achieve of mutually shared objectives. However, the real benefit of such collaboration will be come at the regional level. I urge each of you to reach out to the WBU and IAPB committees in your region to work together on issues of mutual interest and concern.

Strategic Planning: One of the most important issues discussed at the recent Executive Committee meeting was planning the future direction of ICEVI. If ICEVI is to fully implement the polices adopted at our 10th World Conference in Sao Paulo we must strengthen our regions, by engaging and involving our members, and develop the untapped potential that ICEVI has as an advocate for equalization of educational opportunity at a national, regional and international level. There were many excellent suggestions that came out of the discussion in Chihuahua, including one that resulted in a Strategic Planning Work Group which over the next several months will articulate a process for moving forward a strategic planning process. M.N.G. Mani, Jill Keefe, Merideth Tilp and Carla Herrera have volunteered their services to this working group. Earlier this month Carla and I met with one possible professional facilitator who may be able to help us with this process. The Strategic Planning!

Work Group will meet electronically for the next few months on a discussion list created by our webmaster. The group also hopes to meet in Germany in February. We will keep you posted on the work of this group in future issues of Newsline. In the meantime, the working group welcomes any input that you might wish to make which should be sent to [larry@obs.org](mailto:larry@obs.org). Please caption any of your communications on this matter "ICEVI Strategic Planning".

The weed filled garden and the cool clear lake are raising their voice louder and louder on this beautiful summer morning. Somehow I feel I will answer the call of the lake, first. Thanks for your continued involvement with, and support of ICEVI.

Sincerely,

Larry Campbell, President

**REPORT ON THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ICEVI EAST ASIA  
REGION, SHANGHAI, 25-27 JULY, 2001**

By : *Mrs. Nandini Rawal, Secretary, ICEVI &  
Project Director, Blind People's Association, India*

**Participation In Conference Made Possible Courtesy:  
CHRISTOFFEL BLINDENMISSION SOUTH ASIA REGIONAL OFFICE  
(NORTH), DELHI, INDIA**

The International Council for the Education of People with Visual Impairment(ICEVI) was set up in 1952 to promote the education of the blind at the global level. The ICEVI carries out its activities through its 8 regional offices. These are :

1. Africa
2. Asia
3. East Asia
4. Europe
5. Latin America
6. Middle East
7. North America-Caribbean
8. Pacific

Every Region has a regional Assembly once in every five years. The Assembly of the East Asia Region of the present Quinquennium 1997-2002 was held at Shanghai from 25-27 July, 2001. The organizers and co-organizers of the Assembly were-

**Organizers:** Education Commission, Shanghai Municipal People's Government

**Co-organizers:** East China Normal University, China  
The Hong Kong Society for the Blind

A total of almost 300 delegates from all over China, Taiwan, Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Cambodia, Vietnam remained present in what is perhaps the first and the largest such Assembly in the China region. The Assembly was organised at the prestigious Shanghai Municipal Library which has state of the art conference and audio visual facilities.

Prof. Zhang Min Sheng, Deputy Director, Education Commission was the Chairperson of the Inauguration ceremony and Mr. Zhou Mu Yau, Vice Mayor, Shanghai Municipal People's Government remained present, along with Mr. Li Tien Shun, Deputy Director General, Fundamental Education Branch, China Ministry of Education. On behalf of the ICEVI, Mr. Larry Campbell, President, I as the Secretary of the ICEVI and Ms. Mavis Campos, Deputy Chairperson, ICEVI East Asia Region remained present. The Key Note address was given by Mr. Larry Campbell who emphasized on 6 important questions namely:

1. Do we begin early enough?
2. Do we use all available programs for the children?
3. Do we encourage children to use their vision?
4. Do we value children with multiple disability?
5. Do we encourage new technology?
6. Do we prepare our children for world work?

There were a total of 8 Sub-themes and 8 Concurrent Sessions on Day-1 and 12 on the second day. The topics for the Sub-themes were as under:

- The Psychology of Visually Impaired Children and Pre-school Education
- Advanced Technology in Support of Learning
- The Professional Development for Teachers
- The Theory and Practice of Education for the Visually Impaired
- Continued Education & Vocational Education
- Developments in inclusive Education for the Visually Impaired
- The Education of Multiply-Handicapped Blind Children
- Low Vision Rehabilitation

There was a visit to the Shanghai School for the Blind which is almost one hundred years old. It was very heartening to see the involvement of the government in Integrated Education and their emphasis on upgrading the education levels and teacher training.

I presented a Paper in the Concurrent Session of Sub-theme III on 26 July, 2001 on the Professional Development for Teachers. The Topic of my Paper was Human Initiatives Work Where Resources Are Scarce -- Professional Development In Education. The Paper was very well received and there were a great number of questions on how to develop teachers, how their skills should be upgraded and how one can monitor progress of education. I also chaired a Session on the same day on Sub-Theme V on the topic, " Continued Education and Vocational Education".

The delegates were very enthusiastic and it was noted that attendance was full in all Sessions. The Conference Organizers had also organized a sight seeing visit to the Pearl Orient Tower and Yuan Gardens. A farewell lunch at Tian Tian Garden Restaurant on 27<sup>th</sup> July'01. The organizers were very hospitable, courteous and friendly and went out of their way to make people feel at home in China.

### **Learning Value:**

The Assembly provided a very valuable opportunity to delegates to meet one another and exchange information and experiences. I realised that in India we have a great deal of experience and expertise which can be exchanged with delegates particularly from Vietnam, Cambodia and

Taiwan. They need training courses of varying duration's in the following topics

- Practice of Integrated Education (I.E)
- Monitoring and control in I.E.
- Development of various cadres of personnel in I.E.
- Community involvement and development of leaders for sustainability of I.E.
- Adaptation and development of indigenous methods
- Social animator training

Even the Chinese authorities had problems in classroom management, role of Itinerant Teacher and Class Teacher and other such practical problems associated with smooth implementation. Provision of assistive devices and more importantly use of such devices also seemed an uphill task to them.

If the ICEVI and the CBM could come together and formulate such a need and arrange for such courses, it would be very enriching to the recipient countries.

I thank the CBM for enabling me to participate in this Assembly.

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### **MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ICEVI TOWARDS NEW FRONTIERS**

The ExCo of the ICEVI met at Chihuahua, Mexico on 5 & 6 May, 2001. The Meeting was very ably hosted by Carla Herrera, Treasurer, ICEVI and her team from Centro de Estudios para Invidentes, A.C., CEIAC. All the five Principal Officers, 6 of the 8 Regional Officers were present . Representatives of the Funding Organisations of the ICEVI were present namely, Susan Spungin of the American Foundation of the Blind, Mike Collins of Hilton Perkins International and Colin Low of Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB), Dick Porter of Sight Savers International, Meredith Tilp, Helen Keller Worldwide, Ventura Pazos, ONCE and Kicki Nordstrom, World Blind Union represented the International Non-

Governmental Organisations associated closely with the ICEVI. Bill Brohier doubled as the Christoffel Blindenmission representative and Mike Collins represented the DBI. The ExCo paid rich tributes to the giants who had passed away in the current quinquennium - Dr. Edward Waterhouse, Enrique Elissade, Kenneth Jernigan, Sir John Wilson, Susanna Crespo and Wolfgang Stein. Members expressed their happiness with the achievements of the ICEVI in terms of effective communications, strengthening regional activities and its openness of approach. In keeping with the ICEVI Sao Paulo Document, the draft of the new Constitution prepared by Herman and Colin was discussed and accepted.

A realignment of ICEVI Regions to mirror the regional structure of the WBU was discussed and accepted. (Larry, should I write anything about Finances).

The new thematically based Educator was discussed. The Summer Issue would focus on literacy and would be printed by July, 2001.

The Sessions on future directions of the ICEVI evoked a lot of thoughts and introspective ideas. It was felt that ICEVI needs to engage in a strategic planning process such as "Appreciative Inquiry". The need for thinking on how ICEVI can 'add value' to its work was discussed. It was decided to appoint a strategic planning work group which could articulate these ideas.

The ICEVI 2002 Conference would mark the Golden Jubilee of ICEVI and could be used as a platform for discussing approaches which may strengthen regional activities. A Sponsorship Committee was formed for deciding sponsorship of delegates to this Conference.

The Meeting also decided upon a Nominations Committee.

The ICEVI Meeting was successful in bonding agencies and in cementing collaborative efforts. Truly a step towards newer frontiers.

**A Note from : Grace Chan (Mrs.)**

## **Chairperson, Sponsorship Committee, ICEVI 2002 World Conference**

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from Hong Kong! I have just returned from the ICEVI East Asia Regional Conference held in Shanghai from 25 to 27 July, 2001. The Conference is a success. There are more than 278 participants, with 75 overseas delegates from 11 countries and regions, and over 203 delegates from all provinces of China.

At the end of the Conference, we have reached some tentative recommendations for further actions to promote the educational opportunities of visually impaired people in the region. We will discuss these recommendations in the coming Regional Committee meeting to be held in Kuala Lumpur from 16 to 17 November, 2001.

The Regional Conference has confirmed my conviction of the functions and importance of providing venues for educational experts in visual impairment to meet, share, and develop new strategic plans. It has also convinced me of the importance of qualified and experienced delegates in holding a successful conference.

As Chairperson of the Sponsorship Committee, I need your full co-operation in order to raise enough resources so that the most number of qualified and experienced persons can participate and contribute to the upcoming ICEVI World Conference which will be one of the invaluable opportunities that will enhance education for people with visual impairment. The following are some of my thoughts on soliciting sponsorships:

1. Please identify the name of persons that require sponsorship in your region, whose participation in the conference you think would contribute the promotion of better access, opportunity and access to education for people with visual impairment.

2. Please identify the available resources in your region that are possible sponsors for the conference, such as big companies in your area, educational supply companies, local charity bodies, airline companies etc. The list is only limited by your imagination.

You can be creative and sometimes companies that do not offer a high possibility at the beginning can turn out at the end as one of the conference's big sponsors.

3. Please encourage your prospective sponsorship nominees to submit their paper abstract to the ICEVI secretariat before the **15 October, 2001 deadline** so that due consideration can be given for the sponsorship application.

4. I would also appreciate your co-operation in stating the kind of sponsorship required by the relevant delegates, for example: air-ticket fare only, registration fee only, meal and accommodation only, a combination of the above, or full sponsorship.

Meanwhile, I will also prepare a list of international prospective donors. I hope that our co-operative effort would give this Conference a good start. Getting enough sponsorship is an important and surmounting task for any conference organizer. The process needs to start early and much advanced planning is needed. I would be most grateful if you would furnish me with the necessary information before **15 September, 2001**.

The ICEVI has been blessed with dedicated people like you and I look forward to working with you in making this ICEVI International Conference a success.

Yours sincerely,

Grace Chan (Mrs.)  
Chairperson, Sponsorship Committee, ICEVI 2002 World Conference



**International Council for Education  
of People with Visual Impairment  
Conference, The Netherlands, 27 July - 2 August 2002**

*Call for Papers*

**11th ICEVI  
World Conference**

*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

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**27 July - 2 August 2002**

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## Conference aims

### **New Visions: Moving Toward an Inclusive Community**

- To provide an up-to-date international overview of the education and rehabilitation practices for children and young people with a visual impairment.
- To facilitate an exchange of ideas, experiences and practices on a formal and informal basis.
- To promote dialogue on the issues surrounding the theme at the highest level.
- To enable participants to hear and question world renowned speakers.

The Programme Committee has identified three main areas of focus:

1. Early Intervention
2. School Years
3. Transition from school to work or continuing education and would like potential speakers to consider developing a presentation, workshop or poster session within the framework of these topics.
  1. Inclusive Education
  2. Multi-disabilities and Visual Impairment (MDVI)
  3. Assessment
  4. Low Vision
  5. Personnel Preparation
  6. Families
  7. Research
  8. Professional (multi-disciplinary) Collaboration
  9. Access and Information Technologies and Adaptive or Assistive Technology
  10. Living Skills
  11. Access to Literacy
  12. Change in the Community
  13. New/Innovative Service Models

## Welcome to the Conference

### Host Committee

As the chairperson of the Dutch Host Committee, I am pleased to invite you to participate in the 11th ICEVI World Conference, which will take place from Saturday 27 July to Friday 2 August 2002 in the Leeuwenhorst Congress Centre, Noordwijkerhout, the Netherlands.

This Conference will offer opportunities to meet each other, exchange experiences and information for those who are involved with raising, educating and rehabilitating children and young people with a visual impairment.

The theme of this Conference New Visions: Moving Toward an Inclusive Community lends itself learning through experiences elsewhere in the world.

The Host Committee expects many participants, especially because the ICEVI will celebrate its 50th Anniversary during this Conference. The ICEVI was founded in 1952 in the Netherlands. In the last few years the ICEVI has been pro-active in stimulating international exchanges and through that contributing to the access of equal educational opportunity for people with visual impairment.

The Host Committee is doing its very best to organize a wonderful

### Programme Committee

On behalf of the Programme Committee for the ICEVI 11th World Conference, it is my pleasure to invite you to respond to this call for papers by submitting an abstract no later than 1 October, 2001.

The theme of the conference "New Visions: Moving Toward an Inclusive Community" has been chosen to promote an international exchange of ideas, research, practices and future trends. It will embrace the last decade of international policy on inclusion for all drawing upon such documents as UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, UNESCO's Salamanca Statement and the Dakar Declaration.

The Programme Committee is seeking high quality presentations in the form of:

- 1 Stimulating papers
- 1 Interactive workshops
- 1 The latest in research
- 1 Poster sessions
- 1 New video and CD Rom materials

We look forward receiving your abstract no later than 1 October 2001.

Yours sincerely,

<p>conference. However, much of that success will be related to your contributions as participant. I am looking forward meeting you in July 2002 in Noordwijkerhout, the Netherlands. Yours sincerely, Hans Welling Chairperson, Dutch Host Committe</p>	<p>Heather Mason Chairperson, Programme Committee</p>
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### **Important Information**

#### **Venue:**

The conference will take place in **the Leeuwenhorst Congress Centre, Noordwijkerhout, the Netherlands.**

The Leeuwenhorst is a worldclass congress centre with excellent meeting rooms, restaurants, recreation and hotel facilities. More detailed information about the centre and how to register will be given in the registration brochure, which will be send in November 2001.

#### **Fee:**

The conference fee covers full participation, hotel accommodation and breakfast, coffee/tea during breaks, lunches, dinners, social events and closing dinner. (only during conference days).

**The early fee is approx. Euro 975 for 1 person (single room).**

If you share a double room the fee will be approx. Euro 925 per person. More detailed information will follow in the registration brochure.

## **Languages:**

The official language for the Conference will be English. All announcements, programmes, abstracts and conference proceedings will be in English.

Presentations may be held in English and Spanish.

**Plenary Sessions:** English with simultaneous translation into Spanish and vice versa.

**Parallel sessions:** English with Spanish translation in some sessions and vice versa.

## **Abstract Submission**

### **Requirements for Abstract Submission**

The selection of abstracts, posters, video and CD-Rom presentations will be made by the Programme Committee based on submissions utilising the 'Official Abstract Form'. This form can be ordered from the Conference Office (see below for address).

The 'Official Abstract Form' must be sent to the Conference Office in the Netherlands ultimately on

**1 October 2001.**

Please submit the original form plus seven copies and an additional copy on a 3.5" diskette (MS Word).

Abstracts should be typed or printed using a black ribbon or a laser or inkjet printer with single-line spacing. Use a simple font, 12 point. Your abstract should not exceed 200 words.

If accepted, the abstract will appear in print in the exact form it is received.

An **example** of an abstract can be found on this website.

Abstracts should be submitted in English to the Conference Office:

**11th ICEVI World Conference 2002**

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Alternatively, use the on-line registration form on this website to submit your abstract and registration form electronically.

**Programme Presentations**

**Lectures**

Scientific or professional abstracts, no longer than 200 words, describing presentations of 15-20 minutes duration are solicited by the Programme Committee. All abstracts should be linked to one of the 3 focus areas and one of the 13 topics described under Conference Aims in this brochure.

*Example:*

**School Years: Low Vision**

**The introduction of low vision devices to a group of grade 7 pupils for leisure activities'**

Abstracts on similar topics will be grouped together within a parallel session. It is also possible that presenters organize their own series of papers on a particular topic. This must be made clear at the time of submission.

The following equipment will be available for the presentations: single slide projection, video and overhead.

**Posters**

A poster presentation of research findings, special projects, programme descriptions, educational materials or equipment.

The presenter will have approximately 1.5 hours to interact with participants and to answer questions.

### **Workshops**

A group meeting for:

- A more in-depth discussion of one topic.
- An aspect of that topic.
- An opportunity for a 'hands-on' demonstration.

For example '**A new braille reading test for primary pupils**'.

Simultaneous translation is not possible in these workshops.

### **Videos (VHS-PAL format) and CD-Roms**

An opportunity to introduce new materials to participants.