Invitation

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the organizing committee, we would like to express our warm welcomes and have the honor to invite you to the 5th Conference of the Asian Spinal Cord Network (ASCoN), cordially hosted by the Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC) Hospital for Rehabilitation of Professional Diseases and Handicap International. The conference is to take place on 30 Nov-03 Dec 2005 in Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC).

The conference has been held annually in Asian Countries since 2001. Attending these conferences have been participating colleagues of regional countries Japan, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, etc… The conference provides opportunity to share current practices and other issues relating to Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) as well as networking and mutual learning.

In order to, once again, guarantee a divers and dynamic agenda, we kindly call on all colleagues to present abstracts of topics and papers of interest.

At the conference, you will have the opportunity to exchange views and network with leading expert members of the The International Spinal Cord Society (ISCoS) from USA, Germany, England, France, Belgium, Luxemburg, Italy, Australia, Canada, etc, the Asian Spinal Cord Network (ASCoN) and as well as colleagues working in the SCI field nationwide.

We look forward to welcoming you to the 5th Conference of the Asian Spinal Cord Network, in Ho Chi Minh City.

Yours Sincerely,
On behalf of the organizing Committee

Director of HCMC Hospital for Rehabilitation & Professional Diseases
Doctor PHAN VAN BAU

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Time : 30 Nov-3 Dec 2005

Venue: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Program at a glance

30 November 2005

16:00 : Registration
Short exchange with speakers
Reception organizing committee and speakers

01 December 2005

07.30 : Registration – opening session
08.00 : Opening lectures
11.30 : Lunch
13.30 – 16.30: Lectures

02 December 2005

08:00 – 09:00 Tour of Spinal unit at HCMC Hospital
09:00 – 11:30 Workshop
11:30 – 13.30 Lunch
13:30- 16:30 Workshop and lectures
18:00 Gala Dinner & cultural exchanges for delegates

03 December 2005

08:00 – 11:00 Seminars
Discussions
Closing of conference

A detailed final program will be send two weeks before the start of the conference
About the Conference

Venue: Ho Chi Minh City Municipality, District 1

Languages spoken at the Conference: English --Vietnamese (dual translation is provided)

Conference fee:
USD 80 per person if registered before 30/09, 2005
USD 150 per person after September 30, 2005

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Key Speakers – faculty members

Prof Apichana Kovindha (Thailand)
Prof JJ Wyndaele (Belgium)
Prof H Madersbacher (Austria)
Dr M Priebe (USA)
Dr T. Tasiemski (Poland)
Dr MD Fazlul Hoque (Bangladesh)
Dr HS Chhabra (India)

Registration Form

Full name: ....................................................
Place of work: ....................................................
Office Address: ....................................................
Office Tel: ...................................... Fax: .................
Email: .................................................................
Personal Tel: .................................................................
Hotel booking required: Yes / No
If yes, check-in date: ........................................
check-out date: ........................................
Room type: double / single
Price range: 25 US – 50 USD – 120 USD up

Registration fee should be paid in USD through bank account:
Account name: HANDICAP INTERNATIONAL
Account number: 100014852005243
Name of Bank: EXIMBANK – HCMC
Address: 7 LE THI HONG GAM street
District 1, Ho Chi Minh city
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Fax number: ++ 8 8296063

Please return the registration form to Mr Eric Weerts, ASCoN chairperson to ensure timely receipt of all conference documentation. Registration forms can be photocopied. And send by email. You will be contacted by the conference organizers for further information.

Abstracts subjects and Registration

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