International courses on Rehabilitation and Prevention of Disability (RPOD) and Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR)

To be held at:

All Africa Leprosy, TB and Rehabilitation Training Centre (ALERT), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and BIKASH Nepal, (Formerly INF Green Pastures Training Centre) Pokhara, Nepal

For many years international courses on Rehabilitation and Prevention of Disabilities (RPOD) have been conducted in at ALERT in Ethiopia and BIKASH, Nepal.

**RPOD**

The RPOD-course will aim at teaching concepts in rehabilitation and POD, approaches to rehabilitation, rehabilitation and POD management, specifically as it relates to leprosy affected persons.

The course will include sessions about monitoring and evaluation of activities in these areas. The course will be based on the concepts and terminology used in the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) published by WHO.

Participants without prior or little knowledge in leprosy and/or rehabilitation are advised to register for a one week in-service orientation prior to commencement of the formal course.

Participants may also apply for additional weeks, in-depth orientation in areas of specific interest e.g. surgery, institutional rehabilitation, CBR, expanding the services of a leprosy hospital to serve people with other rehabilitation needs, agricultural rehabilitation, statistics and information systems, footwear, prosthesis and orthoses, physiotherapy and occupational therapy.

The main coordinator/ facilitator for the RPOD courses is Dr. JW Brandsma.

**CBR-course**

Increasingly, rehabilitation and prevention of disability takes place in the community with the active involvement and participation of the community. Appropriate technology is advocated, self-help groups are formed, microfinance business training is started etc. Everything is geared towards the empowerment of people with disability and the communities in which they live.
The main facilitator for the course will be Huib Cornielje, an expert in the field of CBR (www.enablement.nl). In Nepal, The Partnership for Rehabilitation Programme, the community outreach/rehabilitation programme of the International Nepal Fellowship, will also co-facilitate this course.

The main objective of the course is that participants will have a working knowledge of all the important aspects related to CBR. Besides plenary theoretical sessions there will be a variety of practical (skill) sessions and a field trip.

Both RPOD courses in Nepal and Ethiopia are immediately followed by the CBR course!

DATES:
BIKASH, Nepal:
RPOD course: March 3–14, 2008 (2 weeks) (+ optional week(s) if pre-arranged)
CBR course: March 17–28, 2008 (2 weeks)

ALERT, Ethiopia:
RPOD course: October 27 – November 21, 2008 (4 weeks) (+ optional weeks)
CBR course: November 24 – December 5, 2008 (2 weeks)

TARGET GROUP: Managers of community based rehabilitation and/or POD programmes, senior leprosy control staff and doctors and therapists with managerial responsibilities for RPOD/ CBR activities.

COURSE FEES: BIKASH Nepal – US$ 700 each course including board & lodging
ALERT, Ethiopia – Please contact the institution

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