

## FICCDAT 2011

In the years in which the ISG does not have a world conference, there is FICCDAT, the FESTIVAL OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ON CAREGIVING, DISABILITY, AGING AND TECHNOLOGY. The first FICCDAT was held over four days in June of 2007. More than 1,200 international delegates from 36 countries attended. Delegates were partners in government, private sector, academia, consumer and professional organizations. The Festival brought together leading world experts on topics relating to aging, disability, informal caregiving, new technologies and science that provided the framework for a global dialogue concerned with helping the world's aging populations live longer and better.

FICCDAT 2011 will be held in Toronto, June 5-8, 2011, offering six concurrent, international conferences over four days. The six conferences are:

- (i) Growing Older With A Disability,
- (ii) Caregiving in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: 7<sup>th</sup> in the series of international conferences on caregiving,
- (iii) Advances in Neurorehabilitation,
- (iv) 34<sup>th</sup> Canadian Medical and Biological Engineering Conference,
- (v) RESNA/ICTA – 2011 annual meeting of the Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America combined with the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Technology and Aging, and
- (vi) International Conference on Best Practices in Universal Design.

Each of the Festival conferences is co-chaired by leaders in the field and will engage local, provincial, national and international organizations. Through an infrastructure of volunteer committees, coordinated by the Steering Committee, the Festival will include an exhibit hall, international speakers, entertainment by artists and performers with disabilities, and many inspirational seminars, workshops and converging international meetings.

Through the advancements of technology and research, more people will be able to continue to live in their own homes, participating in society, while receiving effective care. These conferences provide an extraordinary opportunity for researchers, policymakers, and service providers in many sectors working in the area of health and social services, emerging technologies, science and research, and academia to come together under one roof to exchange knowledge and build relationships.

One of the unique features of FICCDAT is that, in addition to attending your desired conference, registrants will be entitled to attend sessions in any other Festival conference. Six conferences for the price of one! FICCDAT 2011 will be held at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel located in downtown Toronto.

The abstract submission process is simple. Go to [www.ficcdat.ca](http://www.ficcdat.ca) and select the most appropriate conference for your presentation. You can submit presentations to several of the conferences but each presentation should be different. All of the conferences require submitting a title (maximum 80 characters) and a brief summary of your presentation (maximum 400 characters including spaces). Some of the conferences require you to upload your full paper as a camera-ready pdf file using the template supplied, whereas others only require you to type or copy and paste a text of up to 4,000 characters directly onto the form. The abstract submission deadline is December 1, 2010.

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