

design for people with disabilities, including older persons. The founding philosophy of the Institute has always been embedded in design-for-all, a philosophy that aims to improve the life of everyone through design. EIDD is a voluntary organisation. It is the 'umbrella' for national organisations whose members include architects, product, graphic and interior designers as well as professionals concerned with rehabilitation. There are national organisations in Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom. More info: www.design-for-all.org/

European Older People's Platform

Age's Work Program running from May 2003 to April 2004 is available at:

http://www.age-platform.org/EN/Download/HomeEN/April03/Programme_2003_2004.pdf.

It addresses social protection, social exclusion, employment and life-long learning.

European Master of Science in Gerontology (EuMaG)

The European Masters in Gerontology is a comprehensive, flexible and modular based 2-year part-time training program in gerontology, including gerontechnology. It is designed, recognized, and delivered by more than 25 European universities, and includes student mobility and a compulsory summer school. The program is meant for professionals working in the fields of health, public health, and social welfare, as well as for university students. Graduating from the EuMaG training program will lead to a European Master of Science degree.

More info: www.eumag.org

Future European Union Constitution

The European Parliament passed a resolution to call for inclusion of a reference to the rights of disabled people (including older persons) in the Future European Union Constitution. At least the

following rights should be guaranteed: (i) Right to quality of life; (ii) Access to employment and equal pay for equal work or work of equal value; (iii) Access to education and vocational training; (iv) Right to inclusion (including the gradual removal of any barriers to accessing buildings, facilities, and public transport, and the right to live independently in the community); (v) Civil and political rights (including the promotion of the involvement in public life); (vi) Access to financial support; (vii) Access to healthcare; (viii) Access to culture and leisure; and (ix) Equality before the law and the right to justice.

More info: Minutes of the session of September 3, 2003, available at www3.europarl.eu.int/omk/omnsapir.so/calendar?APP=PV2&PRG=CALEND&LANGUE=EN&TPV=PROV&FILE=030903

Calendar of Events

November 12-15, 2003

International Conference on Ageing: Challenges and Answers
Thrissur, Kerala, India

Organizer: Jananeethi Institute for Justice Education, Research and Development
Info: www.jananeethibulletin.org/jananeethi%20conference.htm

November 22, 2003

'Technology and Aging' event at the Convention of the Gerontological Society of America, San Diego, CA, USA

Organizer: Formal Interest Group 'Technology & Aging'
Info: www.eshow2000.com/geron/interest_group_schedule.cfm

December 4-6, 2003

International Conference on Aging, Disability, and Independence
Arlington, Virginia, USA

Organizer: American Society on Aging
Info: www.asaging.org/icadi

March 16-17, 2004

HEAT 2004: The Home and Electronic Assistive Technology
University of York, York, UK
Organizer: Interdisciplinary Research Collaboration in Dependability of Computer-Based Systems
Info: www-users.york.ac.uk/%7Eam1/HEAT.htm

March 22-24, 2004

Designing a More Inclusive World. 2nd Cambridge Workshop on Universal Access and Assistive Technology
Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, UK
Organizer: University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK
Info: rehab-www.eng.cam.ac.uk/cwuaat/cwuaat04.htm

June 2-4, 2004

ARATA 2004 Conference on Technology - Everyone, Everywhere, Everyday
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Organizer: Australian Rehabilitation & Assistive Technology Association
Info: e-bility.com/arata/conf.php

June 13-17, 2004

Rehabilitation Sciences in the New Millennium
8th Congress of European Federation for Research in Rehabilitation EFRR
Ljubljana, Slovenia
Organizer: prof. Dr. Črt Marinček
Info: www.cd-cc.si/EFRR2004/

June 20-22, 2004

RESNA's 27th International Conference on Technology & Disability: Research, Design, Practice, and Policy
Rosen Centre Hotel - Orlando, Florida, USA
Organizer: Rehabilitation Engineering & Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA)
Info: www.resna.org/Conference/Conference.html

July 7-9, 2004

9th International Conference on Computers Helping People with Special Needs
Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France
Organizer: ICCHP
Info: www.icchp.org/

October 4-12, 2004

ISAAC 2004 Biennial Conference
Natal, Brazil
Organizer: International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication
Info: www.isaac2004.fee.unicamp.br

November 19-23, 2004

'Technology and Aging' event
Convention of the Gerontological Society of America,
Washington, DC, USA
Organizer: Formal Interest Group 'Technology & Aging'
Info: www.gsa-tag.org/2004/index.html

May 24-27, 2005

5th International Conference on Gerontechnology
Nagoya Congress Center, Nagoya, Japan
Organizer: International Society for Gerontechnology
Info: yamaba@n-fukushi.ac.jp

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