

Rehabilitation International World Congress 2021

From 7-9 September 2021, the Danish city of Aarhus will host the 24th Rehabilitation International World Congress (RIWC 2021) under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary.

RIWC 2021 will be a virtual congress with limited physical access if the National Health Authorities allow this.

The congress is organized by the non-profit NGO Rehabilitation International Denmark, in collaboration with the Municipality of Aarhus, the Central Denmark Region and the Marselisborg Center. Other partners include Aarhus University, VisitAarhus and CareWare.

CONGRESS VISION AND PERSPECTIVES

The vision of RIWC 2021 is MOVING SOCIETIES.

The aim of the congress is to be a global platform, motor and stepping stone for rehabilitation to continue moving societies. With an ambition that rehabilitation can move and develop societies, the congress wants to further develop rehabilitation in a direction that ensures optimal frameworks, conditions and opportunities for everyone. The focus will not be limited to compensatory efforts, but instead a further development of societies that recognize, respect and include all citizens.

THE CONGRESS PROGRAM

The congress program will reflect five different perspectives on rehabilitation: Individual; Scientific; Society; Professional Practice, and Policy perspectives.

The program already consists of 70 planned sessions, spread across various session formats such as Keynotes; Seminars; Oral Presentations; Master Classes, and Poster Presentations.

The congress session tracks include Work and Employment; Rehabilitation between Disease and Disability; Innovative and Assistive Technologies; Education and Professionalization in Rehabilitation; Psychosocial Rehabilitation; Policy and Service; Leisure, Recreation and Physical Activities; Co-creation and Involvement, and many more.

So far, speakers and presenters from 25 different countries are involved. We anticipate 2,500 participants from more than 50 countries, covering much of the globe.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Get involved by submitting an abstract no later than 31 March 2021. Go to the our website www.riworldcongress2021.com to learn more. Or, if you have a good idea that might suit the congress format, please contact worldcongress@riworldcongress2021.com to develop your idea or get further information.

Please note that the virtual format means that the congress organizers kindly ask all presenters to upload a video presentation. We encourage all presenters to deliver the video presentation with subtitles to make the presentation accessible for everyone. Technical specifications for the video presentation will be given no later than 3 May 2021.

WHO WILL ATTEND THE CONGRESS?

Everyone is invited to participate in and contribute to RIWC 2021. Participants already include professionals working within the field of rehabilitation, NGOs, practitioners, politicians, students, and people with an interest in or personal experience with rehabilitation. RIWC 2021 is a unique opportunity to support and build networks and to cooperate on long term activities which may inspire national and international rehabilitation agendas. Join us and help create a world-class congress, with everyone counted in.

Virtual Participation

Early registration until 1 August 2021:

DKK 2,995 / USD 480 / EUR 405

Regular registration from 1 August to 7 September 2021:

DKK 5,400 / USD 860 / EUR 725

Virtual and Physical Participation*

Early registration until 1 August 2021:

DKK 5,190 / USD 830 / EUR 700

Regular registration from 1 August to 7 September 2021:

DKK 6,750 / USD 1,080 / EUR 905

*The organizers plan to make it possible to physically attend the congress in Aarhus in September - if borders are open and travel and gathering restrictions allow this. The decision on the hybrid format and number of participants and physical attendance will be made no later than 1 July 2021 and will be in accordance with guidelines and recommendations from the health authorities.



PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

Dr. Matilde Leonardi (IT):

Rehabilitation as a Life-Long Health Strategy

Prof. Gerold Stucki (CH):

Professionalizing Rehabilitation as a Discipline of Knowledge

Prof. William Levack (NZ):

The Many Goals of Rehabilitation

Dr. Alarcos Cieza (ES):

Rehabilitation, the health strategy of the 21st Century, really?

François Perl (BE):

Disability Management: A Journey to Rehabilitation

Kirsten Vollmer (GER):

Vocational Education and Training as a Key to Inclusion

Christoph Gutenbrunner (GER):

The Global Rehabilitation Alliance (GRA) - A civil society advocating body

Anthony Lewis Brooks (UK):

Virtual Reality Rehabilitation in Moving Societies

Thorkild Olesen (DK):

Persons with disabilities: We can and we want to contribute

Felix Welti (GER):

Right to Health for disabled Persons – Accessibility, Reasonable Accommodation

THE RIWC 2021 EXHIBITION

Although RIWC 2021 is moving online, the interest in new solutions and technology that can support rehabilitation initiatives has never been larger in the rehabilitation community.

Therefore, we want the RIWC 2021 Exhibition to showcase rehabilitation technologies and their important role within different fields of rehabilitation. We will do this by making use of an interactive online Exhibition Hall and various Exhibitor Sessions that will focus on the importance of rehabilitation technology.

Physical Exhibition

The current plan is to also create a physical exhibition on the same venue as the congress. The physical congress attendance will include all the Virtual Exhibitor opportunities and be accessible for both online and physical attendees.

There will be a limited number of physical exhibitors possible. It is possible to book a spot on the physical exhibition in the registration. If the physical part of RIWC 2021 is cancelled due to COVID-19 there will be a full refund.

More details on the physical exhibition will be posted on the congress website.

For more information about the RIWC 2021 Exhibition: Please contact Mikkel Svindt Gammelgaard via e-mail at gmis@aarhus.dk

