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Love is sharing others feelings:

Raoul Follereau

XXIV AIFO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
Celebrating AIFO's 50th anniversary
"HOPE'S EXPERIENCES"
People's faces, People's stories" from 21 to 23
October 2011
Bellaria Convention Centre, Italy.



Under the High Patronage of the President of the Italian Republic – The programme started with registration of participants and AIFO President Dr. Anna Maria Pisano welcomed the gathering. Mr. Rego Peters from Damien Foundation Brussels /Belgium attended the conference. AIFO regional representatives from various countries including Mr.M.V.Jose and Dr. Manimozhi attended the function.

All through the three days were busy with lots of views, experiences shared between speakers and AIFO volunteers who came from all across Italy and all invited speakers made interesting presentations. Dr. Francesco Colizzi Member and former AIFO President made Opening Report "Hopes Experience" giving the gathering a glimpse of his photo collection that is of historical value. Mr. Giovanni Pelagalli – AIFO founding Member and Dr. Enzo Zecchini – member and former AIFO President, very appropriately presented the birth and history of the Association.

A mutual understanding – Learning Workshop for AIFO Coordinators, Partners and AIFO office:

AIFO- Bologna Head Quarters organized a workshop for all their Regional Representatives at Bologna - with three themes: Leprosy Disability & Stigma- Supervision, Monitoring & Evaluation and Seminar on Communication. During which activities carried where presented - following discussions to arrive at a tentative Action Plan to focus with Priority for Leprosy Programme was initiated. Issues related to Data Communication between Regional Office and HQ was specified. This programme took place at Bologna from the 25th – 28th of October 2011. Mr. M.V.Jose and Dr.Manimozhi participated in the deliberations.



Plaza de Majo's Mothers Association – Argentina: The great mother Vera Jarach presented a heart touching presentation Dictator – Freedom epoch.

The Session on “VOLUNTEERING AS AN OPPORTUNITY OF PROMOTION AND HUMAN SOLIDARITY” Testimonies by JOSE MANIKKATHAN VARGHESE, AIFO India - Bangladesh's Coordination DEOLINDA BITENCOURT DE SANTANA, AIFO Brazil's Coordination MARYAMMA ANTONY THOTTUKADAVIL, AMI Faenza Missionary and “ACKNOWLEDGING HUMAN FRAILTY: INTERNATIONAL STRUGGLE EXPERIENCES OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES” Speaker -DR. MAHER MERVAT, AIFO Egypt – gave a touch to operations of AIFO operations around the world.

The conference came to an end with Follereau- Damien Awards Ceremony to Fr. Carlo Torriani and Sr. Luigina Marchesi – AIFO Bombay Sion – India Project: During his oration he specifically mentioned about the letter “L” pleading not to use while addressing to persons / patients affected due to leprosy.



Visits

October

12th - 17th Mr. Patrick Visited to Nayee Asha Project-Meerut.

This, as a routine visit to the projects, for monitoring and training the personnel of the administration for proper documentation, maintaining, compliance with the government departments and other connected departments.

November

2nd – 8th Annamaria pisano, AIFO President and Dr. Giovanni, Project Manager came to attend the Biennial meeting and visited Sumanahalli, Mandya

4th – 18th AIFO group visited to attend AIFO Golden Jubilee and visited Karnataka & A.P. Projects. Lissoni Antonio, Sr. Arcangeli Gabriella, Golfetto Marisa, Libero Ponticelli, with Mr.Patrick to visit Bellary , Mudhol , We care and Mandya in Karnataka District And Citterio Adele, Citterio Emilia, Carraro Maria Grazia, Scelsi Paolo, Sergio Zovini visited Gudivada , Nidadavole, and Kollapur in Andra Pradesh.

Participation of Damien Foundation



Mr. Rego Peters from Damien foundation Belgium gave us a nice company during the golden jubilee celebration, discussing various issues related to leprosy control and appreciated the fellowship between DFIT and AIFO.

Training programme – AIFO/India Staff

A three-days 11-14th October 2011 Advanced Training Programme on EC proposal writing at Karl Kubel Institute for Development Education (KKID) - Coimbatore the training was useful to create awareness and basic knowledge for proposal writing. It gave an idea to realize the need of various components and assist an expert in writing a successful Project Proposal. Mr. Thomas O.M. Magura, MSc, MA, was the facilitator from Germany who had a wide experience working with EU and training programmes in this discipline. Dr. Manimozhi was deputed to undergo this training programme and Mr. Patrick attended from 17.8.2011 to 18.8.2011.

Key areas of the training programme:

- Project Appraisal and Preparation, Project Finance
- Monitoring and Evaluation, Impact Monitoring and Assessment
- Logical Framework Analysis, Project Cycle Management (EC and others)



The Biennial meeting took place from November 2nd to 5th Nov. In the presence of our AIFO President Dr. Anna Maria Pisano, Dr. Giovanni with all project Directors and Staff.

The Programme revolved around Thematic areas as follows facilitated by Regional Representative and AIFO Coordinators:

- Emancipatory Approaches within the programme with CBR as a main Strategy–(Leprosy and Vulnerable groups)
- Expertise sustainability and development (Leprosy)
- NLEP activities (Case finding, Complications management, RCS, POD, Relapse, Data management Referral System, Involvement with General Health System/DLO)
- Finance and its management
- Supportive Supervision/Monitoring and evaluation, Communications and Reporting,



AIFO GOLDEN JUBILEE

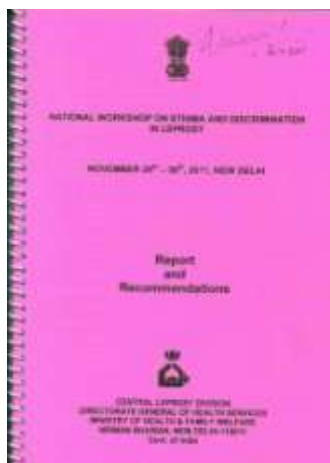
SONG

*Jubilate everybody sing
Jubilate everybody
shout
Song for golden jubilee
Of our AIFO family
Jubilate everybody sina.*

*Aiming at our vision
Marching t'ward the
mission
Workina with
compassion
To get full satisfaction*

*East to west and north
to south
Serving for humanity.
Livina under one sky
as a single fraternity.*

Workshop on Social Stigma and Discrimination



A working document for social stigma and discrimination against leprosy was developed by the Central leprosy division :-

A workshop organised by WHO/CLD (November 29th to 1st December) where experts from all fields of leprosy participated and developed a Guideline for NLEP with AIFO as one of the key participant. Dr.Manimozhi from AIFO India participated in this

ILEP 3rd Quarter Meeting

December 7th to 9th 2011

Mr. Rene Staeheli – SEI, re-elected as ILEP President (International)

The years ILEP - activity concluded with ILEP meeting at New Delhi Gurgaon on the 7-8 December 2011 evolving ideas for the next coming year. There were about 9 important Agenda points discussed during the meeting – and this meeting also concludes the first year of NLR / Dr. Arif's tenure as ILEP India Coordinator. The Members had a Skype Telecom with Mr. Rene Staeheli and all of them congratulated Mr Rene for his re- election as ILEP President

Tirelessly working with a smile Ms. Felicita Veluri- Thank you



Wishing you a happy retired life



Signature by person who cant see, for his rights

First global congress of CBR announced in India and the theme will be "Community Based Rehabilitation - The Key To Realizing Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities". During the 2nd Asia Pacific congress, Signature campaign launched to sensitize and promote the awareness of UNCRPD 2006 during the conference. All the AIFO Participant shown their commitment by adding their signature on the campaign poster.

Government of Karnataka Felicitated Dr.Jayanth Kumar, AIFO



On the occasion of World Disabled Day 2011, Government of Karnataka facilitated Dr.Jayanth kumar, CBR Coordinator of AIFO India for the successful completion of Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology.



Review meeting with CBR staff and ESG members by Dr.Sunil Deepak

Dr. Sunil Deepak reviewed S-PARK CBR Research process with SRMAB and MOB CBR staffs. He also had a meeting in AIFO officer with Jayanth Parthipan, Jose and Mr.Partick regards various factors about research include burden. Learning in country office and financial status .



Second Asia- Pacific conference held on Nov 20-Dec 1, 2011 at Hotel Pearl Manila, Manila, Philippines. Six persons participated from AIFO India participated the conference. Dr. Sunil Deepak, head of medical and scientific Dep. AIFO Italy and Mr.Chaluvraj, Facilitator in S-PARK CBR Research presented a paper in the conference. Dr. Nandini Gosh Professor from Kolkata University, India, Dr. Jayanth Kumar S-PARK research project coordinator AIFO India, Dr. Parthipan, Research officer SPARK CBR Research project in AIFO India, Mr. Ramesh CBR executive SRMAB India, Ms. Venkatlakshmi Research Core Group member Emancipatory research Mandya India were participated in the congress.



Pre-Congress Workshop on "Practical workshop on basics of conducting Emancipatory Research in Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) programmes"

Mandya S-PARK CBR Research experience has been shared during the Preconference workshop organized by AIFO with collaboration of CBM and WHO-DAR. A total of 60 participants from 18 different Countries across the globe actively participated in the two days workshop. There were several enquiries made by the participants on various aspects of planning, organizing, research methods, participation of researchers (disabled persons), reporting, data collection and analysis, quantitative and qualitative researches, expenditures related to the conduct of Emancipatory research.

Mr. Giampiero from DPI - Italy, Ms. Venus from Rehabilitation International Philippines and Mr. Venkatesh Balakrishnan – Independent consultant from India, Dr. H. Cross from ALM, Dr. John Webber from CBM were shared their experience and possibilities of Emancipatory research with AIFO India team members. At the end of the workshop, Dr.Sunil Deepak circulated a digital draft version of the manual on conducting Emancipatory research to all the workshop participants for their

AIFO Celebrated Golden Jubilee



On the 5th of November 2011 a huge gathering which included AIFO Visitors from Italy, Government Officials, State Leprosy Officer's Staff, IDEA – Karnataka Branch Representative including Persons affected by Leprosy, AIFO – Partners (Projects) / Trustees, ILEP India - Representatives, Special Children from SRMAB (Sri Ramana Maharishi Academy of Blind School – Bangalore) and Sumanahalli Schools, and Well wishers, were taken into the venue/hall with chanting of vedic mantra's and music. Sumanahalli School Children opened the programme with enthralling prayer song, followed by Classical dance performance by SRMAB School children.

Dr. Daisy Kandthil Chairperson welcomed the gathering and introduced all the dignitaries on the dais. Dr. Giovanni Gazzoli introduced to the gathering the AIFO Mission and Vision, the current situation of Leprosy in India and Globally while highlighting the issues related to "Elimination" which is grossly misunderstood. He brought to the attention that the disease is not eliminated.

Mr. Srinivas from IDEA Karnataka Branch spoke about how one should cope with difficulties when leprosy strikes, his own story narration in short touched every one emotionally, Dr. Ranganadha Rao in his speech stimulated the whole gathering inviting everyone to participate in provision of "Rights" to persons affected by leprosy along with Mr. Ravichandran from GLRA – Chennai appreciating fellowship with AIFO in fighting for the cause quoting historical milestones of AIFO endeavour in the National Leprosy Programme, Sr. Dr. Prasanthi Mary responded in her speech thanking for the support considering the Partnership value by AIFO. Dr. V. Ekambaram was remembered for his devoted contribution enabling AIFO to establish its operations in India including all staff who had contributed during the past and present. Commissioner – Disability – Sri K.V.Rajanana spoke on the occasion praising the efforts of AIFO towards disability and its scientific CBR approaches.



During golden Jubilee celebration the chief guest Shri Shivaraj Patil released a souvenir marking the occasion and during his speech highlighted the comments from all speakers, appreciated Mr. Srinivas for his attitude to come up in life despite all odds due to the disease, praised AIFO for its operations during all 50 years. (put up picture of the souvenir) He made a call for people from all sections to wake up and contribute to the cause of leprosy -- add any thing more if you can find

Dr. Anna Maria Pisano, president of AIFO speaking on the occasion conveyed greetings of AIFO board members and the all volunteers to gatherings during her presidential address.

The visitors from Italy and Dr. Giovanni from AIFO head office including dignitaries on the dais received a plaque and flowers while cordially being felicitated. Dr. Alexander trustee conveyed the vote of thanks and Dr. Prasad AIFO trustee had taken the responsibility of organizing the programme which he executed with all his devotion and continued commitments.

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