

About Conference Partners

SOPAN (Society of Parents of Children with Autistic Disorders) is a registered NGO working in the field of autism and neuro-developmental disabilities for more than 15 years. SOPAN services range from early detection and intervention, education and integrated therapies to career education and parent counseling and training. There are four service centers for children and adults with autism and related conditions in addition to a college of special education offering B.Ed. Special Education (ASD) affiliated to University of Mumbai and recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India.

KDAH (Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital & Medical Research Institute) is India's one of the most advanced tertiary care facilities. As the flagship social initiative of the Reliance Group headed by Anil Dhirubhai Ambani, the hospital is designed to raise India's global standing as a healthcare hub, with emphasis on excellence in clinical services, diagnostic facilities and research. Recently the hospital has started an autism clinic which offers comprehensive services to children with autism.

NIEPMD (National Institute for empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities) established in the year 2005, under Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, to serve as a national resource center for empowerment of persons with Multiple Disabilities. NIEPMD works towards promotion of research in the areas related to Multiple Disabilities. It follows a trans disciplinary model for social rehabilitation of diverse groups of people with Multiple Disabilities.

RCI (Rehabilitation Council of India) is a statutory body to regulate and monitor services given to persons with disability, to standardise syllabi and maintain a Central Rehabilitation Register of all qualified professionals and personnel working in the field of Rehabilitation and Special Education.



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INTERNATIONAL AUTISM CONFERENCE

PATHWAYS TO AN INCLUSIVE LIFE



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International Autism Conference 2018: Pathways to an Inclusive Life



About the Conference

In recent years, we have seen significant advances globally and in India with respect to understanding autism as a disability. However, given the unique nature of autism, many stakeholders, including parents and family, teachers, psychologists and counsellors, school managers, and professionals from the field of medicine and therapeutics, are still in need of a road map to successful mainstreaming and rehabilitation of persons with autism. This road map needs to be drawn with respect of the geo-political and socio-economic factors prevailing in a country.

It is our pleasure to invite the stakeholders and people who are concerned about education and quality of life for persons with autism to **The International Autism Conference: Pathways to an Inclusive Life** to be held in Mumbai on Feb. 23 - 24' 2018. with Pre-conference workshops on Feb.22, 2018

The Conference is being organized by SOPAN (Society of Parents of Children with Autistic Disorders), Mumbai, in collaboration with the National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD), Chennai, and Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital, Mumbai

The Rehabilitation Council of India has accorded the International Conference the status of Continued Rehabilitation Education (CRE) program. Hence, the rehabilitation professionals attending the Conference will earn applicable CRE points.

Scope of the Conference

The conference theme 'Pathways to an inclusive Life' describes its scope and possibilities. In line with the millennium sustainable goals for inclusive and equitable quality education and promotion of lifelong learning opportunities

for all, the Conference aims to develop a sustainable action plan for educational and social inclusion of persons with autism. This would be facilitated through dissemination and sharing of information on evidence based practices on a wide range of areas from early detection & intervention to life education & adulthood.

Call for Papers

We are happy to invite abstracts of scientific papers for the conference. Professionals, practitioners and students pursuing research may send abstracts of (i) research based papers and (ii) Models/Practices that have shown positive outcomes for persons with autism are welcome.

Abstract sub-themes

- Early detection & early childhood intervention
- Teaching Strategies and Inclusive education
- Skill Development and Transition to adulthood
- Living within Family and community
- Human resource development

Abstracts must include name, address, email and affiliation of the presenter/s. The title should consist of 25 words and text should not exceed 300 words. Text should include objective, method, result and conclusion.

Last date for abstract submission: **Jan 10, 2018**

Intimation of acceptance: **Jan.20, 2018**

Abstracts will be reviewed by Scientific Committee. Selection of an abstract will be as per the decision of the Scientific Committee. Full paper of selected abstract must be submitted by Jan.30, 2018. Only full papers will be published in the conference proceedings.

Registration

The registration fee for the entire conference includes conference kit, conference proceedings, lunch and refreshments. Last date of registration: Feb. 15, 2018

Early bird registration up to Jan. 15, 2018

Indian Delegate

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| 1.Conference and Pre-conference workshop: | Rs. 5000.00 |
| Early Bird: | Rs. 4500.00 |
| 2. 2-day Conference: | Rs. 4000.00 |
| Early Bird: | Rs. 3600.00 |
| 3. Pre-conference workshop: | Rs. 2000.00 |
| Early Bird: | Rs. 1800.00 |

International Delegate

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| 1.Conference and Pre-conference workshop: | \$ 350.00 |
| Early Bird: | \$ 280.00 |
| 2. 2-day Conference: | \$ 300.00 |
| Early Bird: | \$ 240.00 |
| 3. Pre-conference workshop: | \$ 75.00 |
| Early Bird: | \$ 60.00 |

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Sub-themes

1. Early Childhood Education
2. Integrated and Inclusive education
3. Preparation for Adulthood
4. Employment and Human Resource Development
5. Living within Community

Pre-Conference

1. Augmentative and Alternative Communication
2. Sensory integration Therapy
3. Drama for Autism
4. Teaching visually impaired children with autism
5. Management of Tuberous Sclerosis