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The RI Nordic - 2010 Rehabilitation Seminar

Scandic Marina Congress Centre, Helsinki, Finland

Thursday 18th March 2010

Economical recession – challenges of vocational rehabilitation and well-being at work

The RI Nordic - 2010 Rehabilitation Seminar is organized by RI (Rehabilitation International) Norden in cooperation with the Rehabilitation Foundation, Helsinki, Finland. RI Norden is a network of national RI organizations from all Nordic countries. RI Norden holds regular meetings and seminars. The RI Norden network gathers together numerous disability and rehabilitation organizations from Nordic countries.

The Helsinki 2010 Rehabilitation Seminar concentrates on the versatile challenges and impacts of the deepening economic recession on vocational rehabilitation and well-being at work. The Nordic countries have been pioneers in building comprehensive and universal social welfare services and well-developed rehabilitation systems. The Nordic welfare model is well recognised all over Europe. However, the societal development during the last decade shows that the increase in unemployment, the growing social and economical inequalities and inequality in social and medical services access are emerging trends in the Nordic countries as well as worldwide. How does the recent development affect people with disabilities and reduced working capacity? Can the Nordic welfare model survive during the economical recession?

The Nordic Helsinki 2010 Rehabilitation Seminar is a major event of training and networking for rehabilitation practitioners, decision and policy makers, leaders and administrators in the field of rehabilitation in Nordic countries.

Chairpersons: Mr. Jan Arne Monsbakken, Chairman of the Norwegian Committee of Rehabilitation International and Mr. Veijo Notkola, Chairman on Policy and Services Commission, Rehabilitation International (RI)



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11.00 Welcome to the Nordic Rehabilitation Seminar
*Mr. Jan Arne Monsbakken,
Chairman of the Norwegian Committee of Rehabilitation International*

Music

Unemployment, employment commitment and well-being in times of economic recession.
- are negative attitudes towards employment a major explanation to high unemployment risks?
*Professor of Rehabilitation, Mikael Nordenmark,
Mid Sweden University, Östersund, Sweden*

12.00 Lunch

13.15 Social changes in Europe and their impacts on vocational rehabilitation
Professor of Sociology, Asko Suikkanen, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland

13.50 New ways of organising the labour and welfare authorities and agreement on Inclusive workplaces in Norway - what will be the result for people with health problem and disabilities?
*Professor, Head of Research, Leader Björn Hvinden,
NCoE Welfare REASSESS, Norway*

14.25 Coffee Break

14.45 Increased segregation in working life and education in spite of anti-discrimination rules and legislation
Professor of Education, Jerry Rosenqvist, Kristianstad University, Sweden

15.20 How does the Danish "fleksjob" scheme facilitate job retention and employment of persons with reduced working capacity?
*Senior Researcher Jan Högelund,
The Danish National Centre for Social Research*

Discussion

16.15 Closing of the seminar

**16.30 -
18.00** Cocktails, Scandic Marina Center



Venue of the Seminar

Scandic Marina Congress Center, Katajanokanlaituri 6, 00160 Helsinki, Finland

Registration

Registration fee 250 € includes participation in the seminar, catering and social events during the seminar.

The seminar program and information are available at our website. Please make your registration at the internet <http://www.kuntoutussaatio.fi>

Accommodation

Accommodation of seminar guests can be arranged in Scandic Grand Marina Hotel next to the Venue of the Seminar, Katajanokanlaituri 7, 00160 Helsinki. The price of a single room is 120 €/day and double room 140 €/day. The prices include breakfast buffet and VAT.

Reservations by telephone +358 9 16 661 or e-mail: www.scandichotels.fi or www.scandichotels.com
Reservation code **BKUN180310 until 5.3.2010.**

Terms of Cancellation

In case of cancellation before 5th of March 2010 50% of the participation fee will be charged. In case of cancellation after 5th of March 2010 the participation fee will be charged in full.

The 38th Finnish National Rehabilitation Conference at the Scandic Marina Center on 18.-19.3.2010

The RI Nordic -2010 Rehabilitation Seminar is arranged jointly with The Finnish National Rehabilitation Conference on 18.-19.3.2010. The National Rehabilitation Conference is the most important annual event of training and networking for rehabilitation practitioners, decision and policy makers, leaders and administrators in the field of rehabilitation in Finland. The programme of the conference contains plenary sessions and workshops which focus on various current themes of interest in the field of rehabilitation. Annually there are around 400 rehabilitation professionals attending the conference. The theme of the 2010 Conference is "**Partnership and Inclusion**" and there will be 9 parallel workshops in the conference program.

In addition to The RI Nordic – 2010 Rehabilitation Seminar there will be another seminar conducted in English on Friday the 19th of March 2010, at 9.00-15.00. Physical Functioning, Activity and Participation Symposium consists of:

- research and education for health professionals in rehabilitation
- focus on physiotherapy and occupational therapy.

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If you wish to participate both the Conference days, the registration fee is 400 €.

