



Early Childhood Intervention Australia
10th Biennial National Conference
1st Asia-Pacific Early Intervention Conference

Pathways to Participation

9-11 August 2012
Burswood Entertainment Complex, Perth, Western Australia



E-newsletter #3

Registrations are now open!

Welcome to the third ECIA National Conference e-newsletter

In this issue, the Conference Committee has great pleasure in announcing that registrations are open for the 10th Biennial ECIA Conference and 1st Asia-Pacific Early Intervention Conference *'Pathways to Participation: Engagement and choice for children and families'*. With five International Keynote Speakers now confirmed, all being world-renowned experts in their field, this Conference is one you won't want to miss.

Thank you to everyone who submitted an abstract to the Conference. There was an overwhelming response to the Call for Abstracts and the reviewing and choosing of workshops, symposiums, papers and posters was difficult due to the calibre of the submissions. This does however mean that the program is of high-quality and provides great variety of concurrent sessions for delegates to choose from. The draft program is currently available on the website and as soon as we have final confirmation of papers this will be updated.

Included in this e-newsletter are the titles and abstracts of the post-Conference workshops being facilitated by the International Keynote Speakers on Saturday 11th August, 2012. These are all half-day workshops (two being held in the morning, and two in the afternoon) and add the opportunity to explore in more depth areas of importance to the Early Childhood Intervention field.

We are also delighted to announce that Bruce Langoulant will be the guest speaker at the Conference Dinner on Friday 10th August at The Boatshed Restaurant on the banks of the Swan River in South Perth. The Conference Dinner is always a great opportunity to network and relax with colleagues after the Conference. Mark this social event in your calendar now!



We look forward to seeing you in Perth!

Denise Luscombe
National President ECIA
Conference Convenor

Post-Conference Workshops – Saturday 11th August, 2012

Morning Workshops

Dr Mats Granlund and Dr Eva Björck-Åkesson

ICF-CY as a common language in early childhood intervention

This workshop will explore the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health for Children and Youth (ICF-CY) as a framework in collaborative problem solving with families and other ECI and ECE professionals. A short introduction to the ICF-CY will be presented. The workshop will be based on case studies where the participants will use the ICF-CY as a tool in assessment and intervention. The model for collaborative problem solving developed by the CHILD group includes problem formulations, problem explanations, goal setting, design of methods, implementation and follow-up. The tool uses checklists based on the ICF-CY for formulation of difficulties and problems in terms of activity and participation, problem explanations in terms of body structures and functions and environmental factors. An individual intervention plan for a child with disability based on functioning in everyday life will be developed based on the assessment. The utility and feasibility of the ICF-CY as a tool and a common language in early childhood intervention will be discussed. All material for use in the workshop will be provided to participants.

Dr Robin McWilliam

Engagement of Every Child in the Child Care and Preschool Setting

The Siskin model for individualizing inclusion in child care and preschool settings encompasses evidence-based practices from the Engagement Classroom model as described by McWilliam and Casey (2007), coaching, and aspects of the Reggio Emilia approach. This workshop will focus on how to implement these practices in classroom settings and how to consult with teachers to promote the practices. Participants will receive specific performance checklists to guide them in how to use these practices and how to give feedback to teachers and therapists.

Post-Conference Workshops
Saturday 11th August, 2012
Afternoon Workshops

Dr M'Lisa Shelden

Developing Participation-Based Individual Family Support Plan Outcome

This ½ day workshop will provide hands-on opportunity and practice in developing functional, meaningful, participation-based outcome statements for young children and their families. Learn how to develop IFSP outcomes that are individualised and have real meaning for everyone involved. Bring scenarios and situations for the group to discuss and leave with positive solutions for immediate implementation.

Peter Rosenbaum

Families of Children with Disabilities: Why Should We Care?

Developmental services classically address the needs of the child with challenges to their development or behaviour. Where does the family fit into the story? Apart from the obvious need for parents to 'comply' with our well-intentioned advice and interventions, why should we care about their well-being? In fact, clinical and epidemiological evidence is accumulating to show that parents raising children with 'complicated lives' have poorer physical and mental health than comparable parents of typically developing children. The phrase 'Family-centred Service' (FCS) trips easily off the tongue. Most child health professionals use and would endorse the concept. How could one possibly do otherwise? And yet... many people are unsure what FCS means. There are many myths and worries about it that can interfere with its adoption, and make the practice of FCS challenging. In this workshop we will:

1. Discuss briefly a conceptual framework of 'child-in-family' as the essential 'context' of our work with children with special needs;
2. Report data from studies about the health and well-being of parents of children with disabilities;
3. Present a framework of Family-centred Service, and discuss the evidence of its relevance and 'currency' with families;
4. Provide opportunities for dialogue about the challenges of implementing FCS; and
5. Address opportunities to overcome those challenges, to the benefit of families and service providers alike.



Mr Bruce Langoulant has worked in small business for 40 years with particular emphasis in the Advertising and Financial services industries. He is the parent of a daughter with multiple disabilities, Chairperson of the Disability Services Commission, Chairperson of The Meningitis Centre and President of the International Confederation of Meningitis Organisations.

Stream 1 Countries Additional Activities

To facilitate networking and support for delegates from countries around the Asia-Pacific, one of the additional activities we are hoping to provide is clinical visits to ECI organisations and centres during their visit to Perth.

If you are interested in this additional opportunity, please indicate on your registration form and we will be in touch closer to the date.

Stream 1 countries are also eligible for a reduced Conference fee.

A list of Stream 1 Countries is available on the website.

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Conference website: www.eciaconference2012.com.au

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