



World Blind Union



## **WBU-ICEVI 2012**

**WBU-ICEVI General Assemblies: Achieving Our Vision  
through Empowerment and Partnerships  
8 – 18 November 2012**

## **PROGRAMME BOOK**

**The Imperial Queen's Park Hotel  
Bangkok, THAILAND**

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## Joint Message from WBU and ICEVI Presidents



**Maryanne Diamond**  
President, WBU



**Lord Colin Low**  
President, ICEVI

*Dear Friends and Colleagues:*

In an effort to promote greater collaboration at global level between blindness organizations with similar aims, and get the most out of limited resources, the World Blind Union (WBU) and the International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) have agreed to hold their General Assemblies jointly in Bangkok, Thailand, this November.

Working together over many months and with our local hosts in Bangkok, we have planned what we believe is an exciting series of events between 8 and 18 November. We have constructed a program that will enable our members to come together and take advantage of the opportunities this creates for information sharing and joint activity. Some events are specific to WBU, some will be specific to ICEVI and there will be overlapping days that will be attended by members of both organizations. We want members from both organizations to feel welcome to attend the events of the other. We have also planned a joint Gala Dinner and technology exhibition which will showcase the latest in what is available for blind and partially sighted people.

On behalf of both WBU and ICEVI, we are proud to present this to you now in this program brochure.

We hope you are as excited as we are about this collaborative venture. We believe that it will provide an excellent opportunity for organizations of blind persons, for service providers and educators to come together for mutual sharing and learning and increased understanding. We have attracted some excellent speakers of international calibre for our joint sessions.

It gives us great pleasure to welcome all delegates, exhibitors and other participants, and we look forward to greeting you in Bangkok, whether you are coming for all events or only for some.

With warm regards,

**Lord Colin Low**  
*President ICEVI*

**Mrs. Maryanne Diamond**  
*President WBU*

## **Message from the Chairman, Host Committee**



**Senator Monthian Buntan**  
*Chairman, Local Organizing Committee*

Dear all,

As chairman of the Local Organizing Committee of the Eighth General Assembly of the World Blind Union and General Assembly of the International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (WBU-ICEVI 2012), I would like to welcome all of you to the Kingdom of Thailand (the land of smiles), and particularly, to Bangkok (the capital city with the longest name in the world, the city of angels, the city that never sleeps and the shopping paradise). We, Thai people, both sighted and blind, are very proud and honoured to be the host of the first-ever WBU General Assembly in Asia and the first-ever WBU-ICEVI (both world-class organizations in the blindness field) combined General Assembly. We are confident and will put our best effort to ensure that this historic event, under the theme “Achieving Our Vision through Empowerment and Partnerships”, will bring about synergetic and majestic change to what it means to be blind.

We are fully committed to provide you our one-roof integrated/ accessible/ inclusive services, including registration, transportation, information, accommodation and all other functions during the event, so

as to make this trip both useful and joyful. Whether you are here to attend serious meetings, to meet and make new friends, to establish or to strengthen networks, to catch up with new technologies, to enjoy social functions with great blind musicians and tasty Thai food or simply to enjoy touring around, our staff and volunteers will be ready to provide you with reasonable accommodations upon your arrival until your departure time. Please feel free to obtain information on how much we can offer in greater detail through our web site at <http://www.wbu-icevi2012.org> or from the participants' manual (available in accessible formats). Economically speaking, Thailand is not the richest country to visit, but we can assure that our genuine willingness to serve you in good smiley face will make you feel at ease throughout your stay so as to ensure full and effective participation by all in the meeting. Through such level of participation, we can prepare ourselves for a celebration of positive and successful outcomes.

Through genuine empowerment and partnerships among us, it is time to turn our common vision to reality. Friends, brothers and sisters, it is our greatest joy to have you here in this historic assembly, the one which will, hopefully, mark the beginning of an end to the "fear of darkness" (the most classic and long-term enemy of the blindness community). Finally, let me remind you again that Bangkok never goes to sleep and is always available for you. Please enjoy your productive meeting, relaxing and exciting stay in Thailand and a safe journey back home.

Thank you.

**Senator Monthian Buntan**  
*Chairman, Local Organizing Committee*

## **PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE**

**November 8-9:**

**African Union of the Blind General Assembly**

**Room: Queen's Park 2 & 3**

**November 10-11 (Forenoon):**

**WBU Diversity Forum**

**Room: Queen's Park 2 & 3**

**November 11 (Afternoon):**

**WBU Executive Committee Meeting**

**Room: Queen's Park 4**

**November 11 (Evening):**

**WBU General Assembly Welcome Reception**

**Place: 9th Floor**

**November 12-16:**

**WBU General Assembly**

**Room: Queen's Park Grand Hall**

**November 15-18:**

**ICEVI meetings and General Assembly**

**Room: Queen's Park Grand Hall**

### **Details of Programmes on 15-18 November**

**November 15-16 (Forenoon):**

Joint program days where we will have joint sessions for both WBU and ICEVI participants

**Room: Queen's Park Grand Hall**

**November 16 (Afternoon):**

WBU General Assembly Closing Session and ICEVI Regional Committee Meetings

**Room: Queen's Park Grand Hall**

**November 16 (Evening):**

Joint Gala Dinner

**Room: Queen's Park Grand Hall**

**November 17 (Full day):**

Joint strategy day with ICEVI and WBU related to the Global Campaign on Education for All Children with Visual Impairment (EFA-VI)

**Room: Queen's Park 2 & 3**

**November 18 (Forenoon):**

ICEVI General Assembly

**Room: Queen's Park 1**

**November 18 (Afternoon):**

ICEVI Executive Committee Meeting

**Room: Queen's Park 1**

## **Programme Details of Diversity Forum**

### **10-11 November (Half day)**

#### **Saturday 10 November 2012**

**Room: Queen's Park 2 & 3**

**9:30 – 10:45**

Moderator: **Alan Suttie**

#### **Welcome and introduction to the Forum**

Welcoming remarks by

- **Frances Candiru**, 5 min
- **Maryanne Diamond**, 5 min
- **Representative from TAB - Monthian Buntan**, 5 min

#### **Setting the Scene – Discrimination**

**Frances Candiru**, 10 min

Moderator: **Alan Suttie**

Using drama to present two scenarios (10 minutes each followed by 15 minute discussion). **Diana Swanson** providing audio description

- i) Employment interview
- ii) Emergency situation in a classroom

**10:45 – 11:15 – Tea Break**

**11:15 – 12:30**

**Empathy – Understanding the Differences**

Moderator: **Susan LaVenture**

Using audio files of interviews with people from diverse backgrounds create three summary audio files of about 5 – 10 minutes each on: point of diagnosis, travel / transport / mobility and communication / IT. After each sequence is played, open discussion will follow on issues raised.

**12:30 – 2:30** – Lunch and Shared Fayre

**2:30 – 3:30**

**Capacity Building**

Moderator: **Santosh Kumar Rungta**, President ABU

Four 15 minute presentations demonstrating how groups have built capacity on behalf of diverse communities

- i) Parents organisation – **Guila Seidel**, President of Israeli Parents Association
- ii) Leadership Program, e.g. SSI/Perkins/WBU IDP Program – **Nozipho Khanda**, Zimbabwe
- iii) EBU Elderly Working Group older peoples engagement project - **Peter Verstraten**, Netherlands
- iv) Example of a women's project – **Ms Gerel Dondovdorj**, Mongolia

**3:30 – 4:00** – Tea Break

**4:00 – 5:00**

**Intergenerational and Interdiversity Activity**

Moderator - **Mohamed Ez-Zaoui**, AFUB President

Three 20 minute presentations showing how groups can work together

- i) EU Intergen Project – Hans Kaltwasser, Germany
- ii) African Tandem ride – Martin Kieti, Kenya
- iii) Aboriginal community engagement – Diana Swanson, Australia

**Sunday 11 November 2012**

**Room: Queen's Park 2 & 3**



**9:30 – 10:30**

**'Inclusion – Bringing About Change' Presentation**

Moderator: **Andrew Daly**

Using five panel speakers to present good and bad experiences on the themes of bringing about change under the headings:

- i) Inclusive Development – **William Rowland**, South Africa
- ii) Accessibility – **Mitch Pomerantz**, USA
- iii) Awareness raising – **Michiko Tabata**, Japan
- iv) Habilitation and Rehabilitation – **Anil Aneja**, India
- v) Exploitation and violence against people with disabilities, with special emphasis on people with visual impairment – **Beatrice Guzu**, Uganda

**10:30 – 11:00** – Tea Break

**11:00 – 12:00**

**Inclusion – bringing about change - Discussion**

Moderator: **Andrew Daly**

Chair: **Frances Candiru**

Short presentations from the diversity leads on:

- Women: **Ileana Chacon**
- Children and Families: **Susan LaVenture**
- Older People: **Alan Suttie**

An open question and answer session with delegates putting questions to the panel members – including the morning speakers and diversity leads.

**12:00 – 12:30**

**Closing Remarks**

Moderator: **Wolfgang Angerman**

- **Frances Candiru**
- **Maryanne Diamond**

**12:30 – 2:00** – Lunch

## **Programme Details of WBU General Assembly Days**

### **Sunday, 11 November 2012**

**2:00 – 5:00**

**WBU Executive Committee**

**Room: Queen's Park 4**

**6:00**

**Nominations close for position of WBU President**

### **Monday, 12 November 2012**

**Room: Queen's Park Grand Hall**

**9:00 – 10:30**

**Opening session**

**Chair: Monthian Buntan, Chair, Local Organising Committee**

**9:00 – 9:40**

**Formal opening by the HRH Princess of Thailand**

Welcome messages from:

- **HRH Princess of Thailand**
- **Monthian Buntan, Chair, Local Organising Committee**
- **Maryanne Diamond, WBU President**
- **Colin Low, President ICEVI**

**9:40 – 10:30**

Opening of exhibition by the HRH Princess of Thailand and her departure from the venue

**9:40 – 10:30**

Musical entertainment provided by Thai hosts in the plenary hall

**10:30 – 11:00 – Tea Break**

**11:00 – 1:00**

**First Business Session**

**Chair: Maryanne Diamond, WBU President**

- **Acceptance of Report from 2008 General Assembly**

- Appointment of Assembly Committees: Credentials, Resolutions, Elections
- Obituaries, **Enrique Pérez**, WBU Secretary General

### **Report of work 2008 – 2012**

- Strategic Plan 2008–2012, **Maryanne Diamond**
- WBU CEO report, **Penny Hartin**
- Financial Accounts, **A.K. Mittal**
- WBU Membership, **Enrique Pérez**
- Credentials Committee Report: **William Rowland**
- First report of the Nominations Committee and candidate presentations for position of President, **Lord Colin Low**

### **Questions from the floor**

**1:00 – 3:00** – Lunch Break  
**Election of President**

**3:00 – 4:30**  
 Chair: **Maryanne Diamond**

### **Regional Reports**

- ABU - **S.K. Rungta**
- AFUB - **Mohamed Ez-zaoui**
- EBU - **Wolfgang Angermann**
- ULAC - **Volmir Raimondi**
- NA/C - **Carl Augusto**
- WBU/AP - **Dato' Kulasegaran**

Report from Diversity Forum - **Frances Candiru**

### **Questions from the floor**

**4:30 – 5:00** – Tea Break

**5:00 – 6:00**

*Session Co-chairs:*

**Alan Suttie**, Chair WBU Older Persons Network and **Dr. Keith Gordon**, AMDAI

### **Presentation of joint initiative with AMDAI on Older Persons**

## **Announcement of Election of President by Chief Returning Officer, Stephen King**

*Presentations from:*

- **Professor Guan**, Singapore – Scientific perspectives
- **MacDonald (Don) Curran**, Immediate Past Chairman of AMDAI:  
Older person with newly acquired vision loss: importance of simple services and supports

**6:00**

Nominations close for positions of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Secretary General and Treasurer

**Tuesday, 13 November 2012**

**9:00 – 10:30**

**Room: Queen's Park Grand Hall**

Chair: **Enrique Pérez**, WBU Secretary General

- **Announcements**
- **Presentation of Constitutional Amendments, John Heilbrunn**

Second report of the Nominations Committee and presentations of candidates for the positions of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Secretary General and Treasurer

**10:30 – 11:00** – Tea Break

**11:00 – 12:30**

Chair: **Frances Candiru**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

### **Disability and Emergencies**

Purpose of this session: To raise awareness amongst WBU/ICEVI members of the importance of this topic.

Specific objectives: To explore constraints in the area of emergency and disaster management for persons who are blind or partially sighted, using some examples from a number of countries who have experienced disaster and emergency situations in recent times (what worked, what was challenging etc.).

General introduction to disability and emergencies, **Siren Atsilarat**, 10 minutes

- Experiences from the WBU/ICEVI membership:
  - Haiti, **Michel Péan**
  - Japan, **Michiko Tabata**
- The inclusion of a disability perspective from an institutional point of view - **David Verboom**, Head of DG ECHO Regional Support Office

## Questions and Answers

**12:30 – 2:30** – Lunch Break

**Elections for positions of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Secretary General & Treasurer**

**2:30 – 4:00**

Chair: **William Rowland**, Immediate Past President

## International Perspectives

- **Report on Incheon Strategy meeting leading to the development of third decade on disability 2013 – 2022 -Ms Aiko Akiyama**, Social Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)
- **”What does this mean for WBU Asia Pacific Region?” -Dato` Kulasegaran**, WBU-AP Regional President
- **Report from WBU International Members – Larry Campbell**

Greetings from:

- **IAPB**
- **WFDB**
- **IBSA**

**Announcement of Election results**

**Stephen King**, Chief Returning Officer

**4:00 – 4:30** – Tea Break

**4:30 – 7:00**

**Regional Meetings**

- **Room: Queen’s Park 1: ABU**
- **Room: Queen’s Park 2: AFUB**

- **Room: Queen's Park 3:** WBU-AP
- **Room: Queen's Park 4:** EBU
- **Room: Queen's Park 5:** ULAC
- **Room: Queen's Park 6:** NA/CC
- **Room: Saithip:** International Members

**6:00**

**Close of Nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

**Wednesday, 14 November 2012**

**9:00 – 10:30**

**Room: Queen's Park Grand Hall**

Chair: **Arnt Holte**, First Vice President

### **The Role of National Members in a Changing World**

- **Setting the scene** – Keynote presentation by **Aubrey Webson**
- **Three short presentations of good practice:**
  - Effective partnerships between “of” and “for” organizations – **Stephen King**, RNIB
  - Strengths of partnerships with other DPO's and broad civil society networks - **Thomas Ongolo**, African Decade of the Disabled
  - Professionalizing the operation of organizations - planning, defining functions, and democratizing structures - **Gerel Dondow**, Mongolian National Federation of the Blind

### **Questions from the Floor**

**Third report of the Nominations Committee (second elections for 1st Vice President, Secretary General and Treasurer if needed and election for the position of 2nd Vice President) and presentations of candidates for the position of 2nd Vice President**

**10:30 – 11:00** – Tea Break

**11:00 – 12:30**

Chair: **Maryanne Diamond**

**Presentation of Resolutions: Alan Suttie**, Chair Resolutions Committee

**12:30 – 2:30 – Lunch Break**

**Second Election for positions of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Secretary General and Treasurer if needed and election of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

**2:30 – 4:00**

Chair: **A.K. Mittal**, WBU Treasurer

**CRPD and International Advocacy**

Presentation by **Ron McCallum**, Chair CRPD Committee

**Parallel reporting – ensuring issues of interest to persons who are blind are included**

Presentation by **Victor Cordeiro**, Advocacy Coordinator, WBU

**Establishing regional networks and national champions of WBU members to participate in implementation of the CRPD**

Presentation by **Yannis Vardakastanis**, Chair IDA

**Representation to UN bodies - a collaborative approach**

**Questions from the floor**

**4:00 – 4:30 – Tea Break**

**4:30 – 5:30**

Chair: **Maryanne Diamond**

**Announcement of Election results – Chief Returning Officer**

- **Presentation of 2012 – 2016 Budget, A.K. Mittal, WBU Treasurer & Penny Hartin, CEO**
- **Other business**

**Thursday, 15 November 2012**

**Room: Queen's Park Grand Hall**

**9:30 – 12.30**

**WBU-ICEVI Joint Sessions**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Election for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President if needed – timing of election and announcements to be determined**

**12:30 – 2:00 – Lunch Break**

**2:00 – 5.30**

**WBU-ICEVI Joint Sessions**

**Friday, 16 November 2012**

**Room: Queen's Park Grand Hall**

**9:00 – 12.30**

**WBU – ICEVI Joint Sessions**

**12:30 – 2:00 – Lunch Break**

**2:00 – 3:30**

**Chair: Maryanne Diamond**

**WBU General Assembly closing session**

- Presentation of Honorary Life Members
- Presentation of Executive Committee 2012 - 2016
- Presentation of incoming President
- Farewell by retiring Table Officers
- Farewell by outgoing President
- Close of Assembly

**3:30 – 4:00 – Tea Break**

**4:00 – 6:00**

**WBU Executive Meeting**

**Room: Sakura**

**7.30 – 11.00 pm**

**Gala Dinner**

**Room: Queen's Park Grand Hall**



## Programme Details of WBU-ICEVI Joint Days

**15-16 November 2012**

**Thursday, 15 November 2012**

**9:00 – 10:30**

**Room: Queen's Park Grand Hall**

**PLENARY SESSION 1 - THE RIGHT TO READ**

*(Simultaneous interpretation facility available)*

***Objective:***

To give an overview and status of the right to read campaign, the various activities underway to achieve a world where published books are accessible and available to all persons who are blind or have low vision around the world.

***Chair:***

**Maryanne Diamond**, President WBU (15 min)

***Keynote:***

**Francis Gurry**, Director General WIPO (20 min)

**The role of WIPO and update on the treaty progress and other WIPO initiatives**

***Panel*** to follow with short presentations (10 min)

- 1. Chris Friend**, Leader WBU Right to Read Campaign  
*What is the Right to Read campaign, what we are doing and status of the various activities*
- 2. Pablo Lecuona**, Right to Read Coordinator ULAC  
*The WIPO Treaty, from the WBU perspective, what it is, how the system works, impact on developing countries progress to date*
- 3. Larry Campbell**, Immediate Past President, ICEVI  
*Impact of lack of access to books and materials for students and advocacy to change this including approach to the World Bank*
- 4. Jim Fruchterman**, President/CEO, Benetech  
*The global initiatives to increase accessible publishing*

**10:30 – 11:00 – Tea Break**

**11:00 – 12:30**

## **PARALLEL SESSIONS**

The following are parallel sessions. There is a chair person with up to four speakers who will speak for no longer than 15 minutes each. There will be time for a short introduction of the session by the Chair and then questions and discussions after each session.

### **Parallel Session 1: The CRPD**

*(Simultaneous interpretation facility available)*

**Room: Queen's Park 3**

#### ***Objective:***

To provide an overview of the CRPD, how it is used and how it links with other tools and resources.

#### ***Chair:***

**Colin Low**, President, ICEVI

#### ***Panel:***

1. **Ron McCallum**, Chair CRPD Monitoring Committee  
*The role and work of the CRPD Committee*
2. **Ana Peláez**, Member CRPD committee & ICEVI executive Committee  
*What is article 24 and how can we use it?*
3. **Victor Cordeiro**, Advocacy Coordinator, WBU  
*The WBU Tool Kit and how it is used by members*
4. **Alana Officer**, WHO  
*The World Report on Disability and how it links to the CRPD*

### **Parallel Session 2: Early Intervention and Childhood Development**

**Room: Queen's Park 1**

#### ***Objective:***

To present the need for early intervention and provide examples of successful programs

#### ***Chair:***

**Lucia Piccione**, ICEVI Regional Chairperson, Latin America

#### ***Panel:***

1. **Mercé Leonhardt** (Spain)  
*To present the need for early intervention and some examples of successful programmes*

**2. Susan LaVenture (USA)**

*Parents' Perspectives*

**3. Kay Ferrell (USA)**

*Expectations and Self-Fulfilling Prophecies*

**4. Namita Jacob (India)**

*MDVI – Early Intervention - Perspective from developing countries*

**Parallel Session 3: MDVI – Assessing Community Needs**

**Room: Queen's Park 2**

***Objective:***

To assess needs in the community of adults and children with multiple disabilities and present innovative programs

***Chair:***

**Aubrey Webson**, Perkins School for the Blind

***Panel:***

**1. Daniela Gissara**, Argentina

*Present need for early intervention and some examples about successful programs*

**2. Adelaide Addo-Fening**, Sightsavers

*Advocacy in Community*

**3. Frances Gentle**, ICEVI

*Community Perspectives on the Needs of People with Multiple Disabilities*

**4. Kansinanat Thongbai**, Perkins

*Perspectives and Case studies from the East Asia region*

**Parallel Session 4: Encouraging Sport and Physical Activity**

**Room: Queen's Park 4**

***Objective:***

To provide an overview of sports and physical activity programs for children, young persons, adults and elderly persons who are blind and how effective they are.

***Chair:***

**Enrique Pérez**, Secretary General WBU

***Panel:***

**1. Michael Barredo**, President IBSA

*The role and functions of IBSA*

2. **Paula Conroy**, Associate Professor, UNC  
*Demonstration of how TVIs can work with general physical education teachers to design and implement movement activities with students with visual impairments*
3. **Frances Candiru**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President WBU  
*Experiences of sport and recreation in developing countries*
4. **Alan Suttie**, Chair WBU Elderly Persons Network  
*Physical activity for visually impaired Elders*

## **Parallel Session 5: Research in Special Education**

**Room: Queen's Park 5**

### **Objective:**

To present how research can better inform implementation of EFA-VI.

### **Chair:**

**Jill Keefe**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President ICEVI

### **Panel:**

1. **Peter Rodney-Jensen** (Denmark)  
*Lessons from long-term follow-up of inclusive education in Denmark*
2. **Peng Xiaguang** (China)  
*Research to Change Policy and Practices*
3. **Praveena Sukhraj** (South Africa)  
*Critical factors for inclusive education*
4. **Victoria Naomi** (India)  
*Qualitative research in Special Education*

**12:30 – 2:00** – Lunch

**2:00 – 3:30**

**Room: Queen's Park Grand Hall**

## **PLENARY SESSION 2 - ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY**

*(Simultaneous interpretation facility available)*

### **Objective:**

Technology as an enabler of independence for all with a focus on issues pertinent not just to developed countries and affluent populations, but will focus on global issues and trends.

### **Chair:**

**Kevin Carey**, Chair WBU Technology Committee

**Keynote Address:**

**Derrick L. Cogburn**, Associate Professor, American University. *The Promise and Peril of a Cyber-infrastructure-Enabled World for Persons with Disabilities*

**Panel:**

1. **Stephen King**, President, DAISY Consortium  
*The role of technology in addressing the book famine*
2. **Monthian Buntan**, Past President, TAB  
*Technology and its impact on education*
3. **A.K. Mittal**, President, AICB India  
*Access to technology for older persons*
4. **María Jesús Varela**, R&D Director, ONCE  
*Use of Tactile Technology for Blind Persons - New Tools and Appliances for Enabling Communication and Access to Information on the Spot*

**3:30 – 4:00** – Tea Break

**4:00 – 5:30**

**PARALLEL SESSIONS**

**Parallel Session 1: A new inclusive approach to government funded curriculum materials for the digital age**

*(Simultaneous interpretation facility available)*

**Room: Queen's Park 3**

**Objective:**

To provide examples of progress in the provision of curriculum materials for the digital age

**Chair:**

**Hans Welling**, Second Vice President, ICEVI

**Panel:**

1. **Jim Fruchterman**, Benetech  
*(NIMAS), moving to online delivery of textbooks*
2. **Pedro Millet** (Brazil)  
*Cooperation with publishers*
3. **Michael Wright**, NOTRE  
*Getting to Denmark*
4. **Richard Orme**, RNIB  
*Government funding of textbook production*

## **Parallel Session 2: Challenges and solutions to independently accessing the Physical Environment**

**Room: Queen's Park 1**

### ***Objective:***

To identify research and solutions in independent access to the environment for persons who are blind or have low vision.

### ***Chair:***

**Pete Osborne**, Chair EBU Transport Commission

### ***Panel:***

- 1. Robert Wall Emerson**, Professor Western Michigan University  
*An outline of research undertaken on access to the physical environment including: quiet cars, shared spaces and GPS*
- 2. Mitch Pomeranz**  
*What are the Challenges in O&M at a global level: what are the solutions?*
- 3. Fredric Schroeder**, USA NFB  
*Silent Cars – what does it mean for persons who are blind and how is this being addressed?*
- 4. Mokrane Boussaid**  
*Access to Transport with Special Focus on Adoption of the EU Regulation on the Rights of Air Passengers with Disabilities*

## **Parallel Session 3: Practices and Challenges in EFA-VI**

**Room: Queen's Park 2**

### ***Objective:***

To identify the critical success factors in planning and implementation of EFA-VI.

### ***Chair:***

**Larry Campbell**, Immediate Past President, ICEVI

### ***Panel:***

- 1. Lucia Piccione** (Argentina)  
*Five tips on how to accomplish better results in the EFA-VI Campaign*
- 2. Duc Minh** (Vietnam)  
*Finding and enrolling children in school*
- 3. Martin Osangiri Okiyo** (Africa)  
*Working with larger initiatives in Africa*

**4. Amy Mojica (Philippines)**

*Partnerships: Challenges and Successes*

**Parallel Session 4: Advocacy for inclusion - Perspectives of parents and young people**

**Room: Queen's Park 4**

***Objective:***

To determine what makes a successful advocacy program with perspectives from parents and young people.

***Chair:***

**Paul Manning** (New Zealand)

***Panel:***

**1. Angelette Akkermans**

*Advocacy among parents*

**2. Sunit Bagree and Sachu Ramalingam, Sightsavers**

*Global Advocacy for inclusion*

**3. Catherine Naughton, CBM**

*Working with existing initiatives for promoting inclusion*

**4. Yoshimi Horiuchi**

*Advocacy by stakeholders*

**Parallel Session 5: Community Based Rehabilitation**

**Room: Queen's Park 5**

***Objective:***

To provide an understanding of the latest CBR guidelines and experience of them in use

***Chair:***

**William Rowland**, Past President, WBU

***Panel:***

**1. Karen Heinicke-Motsch, CBM**

*CBM in action*

**2. Arnt Holte, First Vice President WBU**

*Chapter on empowerment, what does it mean?*

**3. Bhushan Punani, ICEVI Regional Chair, West Asia**

*Charting the shift in philosophy*

**4. Tigabu Gebramedin, Ethiopia**

*CBR practices*

**Friday, 16 November 2012**

**9:00 – 10.30**

**Room: Queen's Park Grand Hall**

**PLENARY SESSION 3 – EMPLOYMENT**

*(Simultaneous interpretation facility available)*

**Objective:**

To provide participants with an understanding of the initiatives underway to address the appalling rates of unemployment of persons who are blind or have low vision around the world.

**Chair:**

**Colin Low**, President ICEVI

**Keynote:**

**Karen Wolffe**, Consultant

*The importance of contributing to family and the community; barriers to employment; introduction to “Employability” program; transition from school to work*

**Panel:**

**1. ILO Representative**, Bangkok

*The initiatives of ILO in disability programs including the recently established network of business and disability*

**2. Maryanne Diamond**, Chair WBU Employment Working Group

*The WBU's employment initiative including: establishment of the resource bank, collection and use of case studies of successfully employed persons who are blind, peer and mentoring program in employment and information on the program Lions International has just got approval to support with AICB.*

**3. Rina Lamsyah**, Secretary General, Indonesia Union of the Blind

*The role parents, teachers, friends and others make towards positive attitudes of children/young person's moving from school to work.*

**4. Thomas Ng**, Founder, Genashtim Innovative Learning Pvt. Ltd

*Over the past 3 years, Thomas has created a virtual organization which today hires more than 40 PWD in Philippines, China, and Malaysia. PWD represent more than 50% of the people on Genashtim's payroll, including at the top management level, serving prestigious clients in more than 6 countries. Thomas will share with us his experiences in working with PWDs, and also what he feels could be done better*



**10:30 – 11:00 – Tea Break**

**11:00 – 12:30**

**PARALLEL SESSIONS**

**Parallel Session 1: Promoting and Developing Braille**

*(Simultaneous interpretation facility available)*

**Room: Queen's Park 3**

***Objective:***

To provide an analysis of the role of Braille as a means of accessing information in the 21st century

***Chair:***

**Marc Maurer, President/CEO NFB**

***Panel:***

- 1. A.K. Mittal,**  
*The role and work of the WBC*
- 2. Diane Wormsley,** Member WBC and ICEVI North America  
*Global research bibliography*
- 3. Josie Howse,** Department Education, NSW, Australia  
*Reading and writing through touch*
- 4. Kevin Carey,** Chair RNIB  
*Future of Braille*

**Parallel Session 2: Low Vision**

**Room: Queen's Park 1**

***Objective:***

To provide information about trends in low vision, to raise awareness about the issues faced by persons with low vision and to discuss how persons with low vision can be included more effectively within our organizations.

***Chair:***

**Penny Hartin, CEO WBU**

***Panel:***

- 1. Robyn Gaile**  
*Personal perspectives on low vision*
- 2. Beula Christy (India)**

*How Can we Deliver Effective Low Vision Services?*

**3. Nicola Crews** (United Kingdom)

*The RNIB Low Vision Kit*

**4. Celene Gyles**

*Caribbean eye care model*

**Parallel Session 3: Improving Access to Higher Education: A Case for Multi-Country Collaboration**

**Room: Queen's Park 2**

***Objective:***

To share outcomes of an ICEVI higher education initiative in Cambodia, Indonesia, the Philippines and Vietnam that has:

- Dramatically increased access to university education;
- Decreased stress and dropout rates of students;
- Expanded the number of inclusive and welcoming universities; and is,
- Making inroads at changing public and university policies that impact all students with disabilities.

***Chair:***

**Larry Campbell**, Immediate Past President, ICEVI

***Panel:***

1. **Aria Indrawati**, Indonesian Blind Union
2. **Dang Hoai Phuc**, Vietnam
3. **Lench Ann Perilla**, The Philippines
4. **Eriko Takahashi**, The Nippon Foundation, Japan
5. **Auray Aun**, Krousar Thmey, Cambodia

**Parallel Session 4: Human Resource Demands for Inclusive Development / Capacity Building**

**Room: Queen's Park 4**

***Objective:***

To identify the various types of professional development required in a changing environment.

***Chair:***

**Kathleen Huebner**

***Panel:***

1. **Cheryl Kamei-Hannan**, California State University  
*Technology for Personnel Preparation*

**2. Steve Lagrow**

*The reality of O&M on the ground*

- 3. Kim Zebahazy**, University of British Columbia, **Silvia Correa Torres** and **Paula Conroy**, University of Northern Colorado *Decision-Making Thought Processes While Teaching: Implications for O&M and TVI Personnel Preparation Programs*

**4. Unn Kristin Ljøner Hagen**

*Experiences following independent living training programs*

**Workshop: Technology / Education - Are we ready for the future?**

**Room: Queen's Park 5**

**Chair:**

**Carl Augusto**

**Panel:**

- 1. Sean Tikkun**, Northern Illinois University  
*Guidelines for the preparation and adaption of multimedia materials for students who are blind or have visual impairments*
- 2. Mike May**, CEO, Sendero Group  
*Presentation and practice demonstration of GPS from the iPhone to the PC.*
- 3. Cheng Hock**  
*How can we use GPS?*
- 4. Prof. Toriyama**  
*Innovative classroom experiences*
- 5. Elena Gaston**, ONCE Education Officer  
*Use of technologies in the Classroom*

**12:30 – 2:00 – Lunch**

**2:00 – 3:30**

**WBU General Assembly Closing Ceremonies**

**Room: Queen's Park Grand Hall**

**ICEVI Regional Meetings**

<b>Africa</b>	<b>Room: Queen's Park 4</b>
<b>East Asia</b>	<b>Room: Queen's Park 5</b>
<b>Europe</b>	<b>Room: Queen's Park 6</b>
<b>Latin America</b>	<b>Room: Saithip</b>
<b>NA/C</b>	<b>Room: Bangkok Panorama 1</b>

**Pacific**                      **Room: Bangkok Panorama 2**  
**West Asia**                    **Room: Imperial China 11**

**3.30 – 4.00 - Tea**

**4:00 – 5:30**  
**WBU Executive Meeting**  
**Room: Sakura**

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**7:30 – 11:30**  
**Gala Dinner**  
**Room: Queen's Park Grand Hall**

## **Programme Details of EFA-VI (Education for All Children with Visual Impairment) - Strategic Planning Day**

**Saturday, 17 November 2012**

**9:00 – 5:00**  
**Room: Queen's Park 2, 3**

The objective of the day will be, through interactive discussion, to lay the foundation for developing detailed plans for implementing ICEVI's EFA-VI Strategy for inclusion of the educational needs of all children with visual impairment in national EFA plans. The aim will be to share and reflect on lessons learned from implementing EFA-VI and identify critical success factors, issues and challenges and effective strategies for addressing them. The discussion will be informed by drawing on the experience of those involved in implementing EFA-VI on the ground as well as the reactions of stakeholders internal and external to ICEVI and WBU. Participants will be provided in advance with a detailed programme and objectives for the day, a brief account of the background to EFA-VI and the latest version of the EFA-VI strategy, and an indicative

list of questions for discussion in break-out groups.

**General Facilitator:**

**Sheila Lewis**, United Kingdom

**9:00 – 9:20**

**Opening Session**

**Introductory Addresses:**

- **Colin Low**, President, ICEVI
- **Maryanne Diamond**, President, WBU
- **Michelle Sullivan**, Head of Office, AusAid East Asia Region

**9:20 – 9:40**

**Background and Introduction to the Draft EFA-VI Strategy**

**Colin Low**, President, ICEVI

**9:40 – 10:30**

**Success Factors, Issues and Challenges 1 -A View from the Coal Face**

Moderator: **M.N.G. Mani**, CEO, ICEVI and Executive Director, EFA-VI Global Campaign

**Presenters:**

1. Commitment of Governments in promoting education of children with disabilities - The Vietnam experience – **Duc Minh**, Vietnam
2. Importance of sub-regional structures and networking in the EFA-VI initiative - **Lucia Piccione**, Regional Chair, ICEVI Latin America
3. Working with larger initiatives on education - A win-win situation - **Elizabeth Kurian**, Chief Executive, Sightsavers - India
4. It is so near and so far - Challenges of EFA-VI in Africa - **Martin Osangiri**, EFA-VI Regional Coordinator, Africa

**10:30 – 11:00**

**Success Factors, Issues and Challenges 2 -An Overview:**

- **The political dimension** – Larry Campbell, Immediate Past President, ICEVI
- **Gathering and understanding the data, setting targets and measuring success** – Jill Keeffe, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, ICEVI
- **Human/material resources challenges in achieving quality education** – Kay Ferrell, University of Northern Colorado

11:00 – 11:30 - Tea Break

11:30 – 12:30

**Reaction to the Strategy - Panel discussion followed by Interaction**

**Panellists:**

- Catherine Naughton, CBM
- Adelaide Addo-Fening, Sightsavers
- Manuela Kraeuter, Light for the World
- Adrien Boucher, UNESCO, Bangkok

12:30 – 2:00: Lunch

2:00 – 3:30

**Working Group Discussions on the issues which will help to shape the Way Ahead - one or two facilitators per group**

3:30 – 4:00 - Tea Break

4:00 – 5:00

**Presentation of Reports and Suggestions for Way Forward**

5:00 – 5:30

**Close of Session**

## **ICEVI General Assembly & Executive Committee Meetings**

**Sunday, 18 November 2012**

9:00 – 12:00

**ICEVI General Assembly  
Room Queen's Park 1**

12:00 – 1:30 - Lunch

1:30 – 4:00

**ICEVI Executive Committee Meeting  
Room Queen's Park 4**

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