International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment

World Conference and General Assembly

Call for Papers

“Inclusion in diversity: Equity and accessibility for all”

14-17 November 2024  ♦ Ahmedabad, INDIA
President’s Message

It is with much pleasure that I extend to you on behalf of the Executive Board of ICEVI an invitation to join us in Ahmedabad, India for our World Conference and General Assembly, in November, 2024. The Host Committee is already hard at work and determined that the World Conference will be a great learning experience.

We are delighted that Ms Siân Tesni has agreed to serve as Chair of the Programme Committee and we hope that many of you will respond to this “Call for Papers” by submitting an abstract for consideration.

I have known and worked with many members of the Host Committee for years and can assure you that this is a group that will spare no effort in assuring you a warm welcome and a fabulous Indian experience.

I look forward to welcoming you to the 2024 World Conference and sharing insights into current research and practice in blindness, low vision, deafblindness, and multiple disability with visual impairment (MDVI).

Sincerely,

Frances Gentle
President, ICEVI

Programme Committee’s Invitation

On behalf of the Programme Committee for the ICEVI 2024 World Conference, it is my great pleasure to invite you to respond to this Call for Papers by submitting an Abstract no later than 30 November 2023.

The theme of the conference is “Inclusion in Diversity: Equity and Accessibility For All”.

To support this overall theme, the Programme Committee is seeking abstracts for high quality presentations.

Types of presentations:

- Oral Presentations
- Interactive workshops
- Poster sessions

We look forward to receiving your abstract for consideration no later than 30 November 2023.

Siân Tesni
Chair, Programme Committee
Conference Aims

Inclusion in Diversity: Equity and Accessibility For All

- To promote dialogue on issues and practices that reflect the conference theme of “Inclusion in Diversity: Equity and Accessibility For All”.
- To facilitate the exchange of ideas, experience, research and practice through formal and informal interactions.
- To explore the status of equitable, quality education, habilitation and rehabilitation for children and young people with blindness, low vision, deafblindness, and multiple disability at national, regional and global levels.
- To facilitate interaction with international experts, researchers and practitioners in the field of visual impairment as they respond to the conference theme.

We invite you to submit an abstract on one of the themes listed below that are linked to the overall conference theme of “Inclusion in Diversity: Equity and Accessibility For All”. The themes include presentations related to blindness, low vision, deafblindness and MDVI.

A. Accessibility  
B. Equity of Access to and participation in Education (lifelong learning)  
C. Innovations  
D. Assessment Procedures  
E. Community Based Inclusive Development Approaches  
F. Life Skills  
G. Access to ICT and Adaptive / Assistive Technology  
H. Professional Collaboration / Multidisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Teams  
I. Advocacy / International Declarations  
J. Climate Change  
K. Health

On your abstract form, you will be asked to state your area of focus, the topic and type of presentation. For example

Area : Access to Literacy through Alternative Formats  
Topic : Methods of teaching braille to children with multiple disabilities  
Type of Presentation : □ Oral Presentations  
□ Interactive workshops  
□ Poster sessions
Programme Presentation Descriptions

**Oral Paper presentation (lecture)**
You are invited to submit an abstract in English, no longer than 200 words, describing a presentation of approximately 15-20 minutes in length. All abstracts must be linked to one of the themes listed above.

Abstracts on similar topics will be grouped together within a parallel session.

**Interactive Workshops**
A workshop presents an opportunity for a ‘hands-on’ interactive, participatory session. Workshops will be allocated 45 minutes and the abstract must demonstrate how the presentation fits the above criterion.

**Posters**
A Poster offers the opportunity to present research findings, special projects, programme descriptions, educational materials or equipment etc., in an informal way.

**Translation**
There will be stage translation of the plenary presentations only into English, French and Spanish languages. Simultaneous translation using headsets will not be available. No translation will be available for concurrent sessions.

The following equipment will be available for the presentations: **Overhead projector, Laptop**

**Requirements for Abstract Submission**
Please complete the ‘Official Abstract Form’ and submit online using the ICEVI website [www.icevi.org](http://www.icevi.org) / Conference website [www.icevi2024wc.org](http://www.icevi2024wc.org) or by email or post to the Conference Secretariat by **30 November 2023**. The Programme Committee will review all abstracts submitted when creating the conference programme. All types of presentation will be considered equally.

The Programme Committee can only accept Abstracts that are written in **English**. If accepted, the abstract will appear in print in the exact form as it is received.

**Pre and Post Conference Workshops**
The Programme and Host Committees are planning for Pre and Post conference workshops on a variety of topics. More information on the workshops will be posted on ICEVI website and the dedicated ICEVI Conference Website.
For abstract submission by email or post, contact:

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