Assistive technology experts, rehabilitation professionals and service delivery providers from around the world will be meeting in Toronto in June 2011.

In the coming years, more people will likely turn to accessible technology to mitigate the effects of their changing physical, sensory and cognitive abilities due to aging and/or functional limitations. Advances in rehabilitation technology are bringing about remarkable improvement in the quality of life for older people, especially those with disabilities, while emerging scientific advances enhance the possibility of aging-in-place, independence, easing caregiver responsibility, and assisting older adults with meeting the demands of daily living.

RESNA/ICTA, the Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America is organized to primarily focus on improving the potential of people with disabilities to achieve their goals through the use of technology. The 3rd International Conference on Technology and Aging (ICTA) has partnered with RESNA in FICCDAT 2011.

RESNA/ICTA 2011 will be an interdisciplinary gathering of individuals and companies who share a common interest in assistive technology, disability, and aging. Exploring the theme "Advancing Rehabilitation Technologies for an Aging Society", RESNA/ICTA 2011 will include internationally-renowned keynote speakers, instructional courses, scientific platform presentations, poster presentations, and the popular Fundamentals Course in Assistive Technology.

If you are working in the field of assistive technology or rehabilitation engineering, studying or just interested in the field, then this is the conference for you! You will be able to learn about the latest advances in technology solutions for persons with disability and network with others with similar interests while earning continuing education credit (CEUs).

Who should attend: This conference offers a unique opportunity for researchers, professionals including OTs, PTs and SLPs, policy makers, students in the fields of rehabilitation science, biomedical/rehabilitation engineering, computer science, academia and companies, manufacturers and suppliers. You will share ideas on current technology and its application as related to aging and disability while considering future challenges and how advancements in technology might help seniors maintain a quality standard of living.

Platform presentations, posters, and workshops will cover research advances in areas such as augmentative and alternative communication systems, intelligent homes, mobility devices and aids, cognitive devices, rehabilitation robotics, and tele-rehabilitation systems, as well as sessions devoted to professional issues, educational topics, networking and practical solutions.

Exhibition: The Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel has excellent facilities for exhibits. The conference is an international gathering of multi-disciplinary professionals working to provide technology solutions for persons with disabilities. The conference provides exhibitors the opportunity to demonstrate their products to recognized experts, and to collect their feedback. Join us for a unique gathering of professionals and consumers, and make the RESNA/ICTA conference an integral part of your marketing efforts!

Courses: RESNA will offer a series of half and full day pre-conference instructional courses.

RESNA promotes research, development, education, advocacy and provision of technology; and by supporting the people engaged in these activities. RESNA's membership ranges from rehabilitation professionals to consumers to students. All members are dedicated to promoting the exchange of ideas and information for the advancement of the use of assistive technology.

Abstract submission deadline: December 1, 2010

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International Conference on Best Practices in Universal Design will identify current research methods, design practices and knowledge gaps; disseminate best practices; and prioritize future needs. The conference will also include the State of the Science Conference for the Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Accessible Public Transportation that focuses on the design of "The Next Generation Accessible Bus".

Caregiving in the 21st Century Conference will generate and mobilize new knowledge on the well-being of caregivers and the status of international caregiver policies and practices, and facilitate the formation of new partnerships with the ultimate goal of improving caregivers’ lives.

2nd Advances in Neurorehabilitation Conference will focus on contemporary approaches to improving recovery after neurological injury across a broad professional spectrum, from biomedical and molecular therapies to high-tech employment of robotics and virtual reality.

Growing Older With A Disability Conference will share knowledge, create and enhance international recognition and collaborations across aging and disability networks, formulate action steps to improve the lives of older adults, persons with disabilities and their caregivers, and expand opportunities for full participation in society.

34th Canadian Medical and Biological Engineering Conference will present novel research, and cover current and emerging topics in the fields of biomedical and clinical engineering and new medical device technologies.

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