

***Return to Salamanca:***  
***Confronting the Gap: Rhetoric, Rights and Reality***  
**GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON INCLUSIVE  
EDUCATION**

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Inclusion International (II) is a global federation of family-based organizations advocating for the human rights of people with intellectual disabilities worldwide.

Inclusion International represents over 200 member federations in 115 countries throughout five regions Middle East and North Africa, Europe, Africa, the Americas, and Asia Pacific. II works with international agencies including the World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Bank, United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), International Labour Organization (ILO), United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF), amongst others.

Inclusion International, Inclusion Europe and the INICO- University of Salamanca in collaboration with FEAPS want to highlight the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Salamanca Statement by preparing a Global Report on Inclusive Education and organising a Global Conference on Inclusive Education in Salamanca on 21-23 October, during which the Report will be launched.

The Salamanca Statement was adopted during the *Global Conference on Special Education: Access and Quality* organised by UNESCO in June 1994. The Conference became the first global forum in which inclusion of disabled children in mainstream education system was explicitly requested. The Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities, adopted at the United Nations General Assembly on December 2006, establishes the right to inclusive education on International Laws.

### *Objectives of the Global Report are to*

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- Focus global agenda on inclusive education to next level through the knowledge and information achieved in several communities of the world, related to inclusive education practices and public policies
- Contribute to global commitment to offer education for all and guarantee that people with disabilities' right to education becomes a reality
- Establish how many children with intellectual disability are out of school
- Establish how many children with intellectual disability go to school, both in special or inclusive schools, including Nurseries, Primary, Secondary and higher education.
- Gather information on the successes and challenges experienced by inclusive education
- Propose strategies to implement good practices of inclusive education for every child with intellectual disability.

- Facilitate a meeting and discussion forum for representatives of international organisations, families from different countries and governments officials, multidisciplinary and open to professionals working on the field of inclusive education, inclusion in the workplace and inclusion in the community.
- Share information on the current status of Inclusive Education globally.
- Share good practices and successful strategies to help to implement of quality inclusive education.
- Develop networks and participation between education leaders from different countries so they can work together in promoting inclusive education.
- Share innovative experiences and facilitate exchange and communication.

## *Activities*

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### **Keynotes**

The speakers at the keynotes will be leaders from organisations, agencies and experts on Inclusive Education. These sessions will be informative, stimulating and interactive.

All the sessions will be in English or Spanish with simultaneous translation.

### **Divided Session Panels**

These sessions will be held during 2 days of the Conference and each day there will be 7 different panels. Individuals will be contacted directly by the Committee and these names will be published soon. We are **not** making a “Call” for proposals – but if you have ideas, we are interested in hearing from you. For more information please contact **Inés Escallon:** [escallon@rogers.com](mailto:escallon@rogers.com)

One of the panels will have simultaneous translation, the others will be held only in English or Spanish, the others will be held only in English or Spanish

### **Participation Request**

### **15 Round Tables Discussion Groups**

Each discussion group will have 15 to 20 persons. These sessions will take place on each of the three days of the Conference. Each conference participant will be assigned to a “**Round Table Discussion Group**” for the 3 days with the same facilitator and recorder for each session. In each session we will have a “**Designated Resource Person**”. These individuals will come prepared to share a specific program, strategy or initiative as a part of the session. The facilitator will however ensure that at least 70% of the time is spent in general discussion.

Two of the panels will have simultaneous translation, the others will be held only in English or Spanish

### **Participation Request**

### **Posters**

We are also able to have a **Poster Display Area**. We have some space available for displays, materials, handouts and posters with information on programs, initiatives and projects focused on inclusive education. We invite you to contribute to this effort. Let us know if you are interested in doing this.

Proposals must be sent before July 17th, 2009. You must fill the form "Poster participation request" that you can find below.

### **Request to send poster**

The people whose proposals have been accepted will be informed by the end of July and they must be registered for the Conference before 31 August, 2009.

### **Registration**

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There is space for only 400 participants at the Conference so please register as soon as possible.

Registrations will be available from 11 May, 2009 **exclusively on the website of the University of Salamanca via *Cursos Extraordinarios***.

### **Registrations**

The Conference fee is 300 Euros. Since the conference is self-financing, the fee cannot be waived for participants or presenters.

Since some of these places must be reserved to assure global participation, some restrictions on registration might be necessary for certain regions and/or countries. Places will be assigned by registration order, so we encourage you to do it as soon as possible.

You will need to show evidence of payment to be able to collect your accreditation for the Conference.

For more information on registrations please contact <i>Cursos Extraordinarios</i> - University of Salamanca on (34) 923 29 44 00 Extension 1174 and quote <b>(1680)</b> .
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### **Accessibility and People with Disability**

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All the facilities at Hospederia Fonseca are fully accessible.

If you have a hearing disability we would advise you to get in touch with the Secretariat of the Conference.

## *Hotels*

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Hotel bookings should be done as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

The Conference organisers are not responsible for any matter related to hotel bookings or travelling arrangements.

As a reference we will provide information on the website on different hotels in Salamanca you may wish to book.

### **Hotel information**

## *Organization*

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