

GSNV October Update 2002

Celebration

The latest production by GSNV newsletter editor, Stephanie Herbert was a delightful bundle, Josephine Grace delivered on August 11 at 11.06pm weighing in at 6lbs 7.5oz. Well done Steph and our congratulations go to the whole family.

Forum Addresses Consumer Participation

Eilis Hughes, GSNV Coordinator will be presenting a talk on Consumer Participation in Planning Clinical Genetic Services. The Forum is open to all and will be held 8.30 to 9.30am on the 10th Floor, RCH on October 11. All welcome for more details call the GSNV Office.

Intersex Seminar By Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome Support Group

The AISSGA will present a seminar on the evening of October 20 by Professor Milton Diamond about his research on AIS and the clinical management of people with intersex conditions. The forum will be open to those affected by intersex conditions and interested health care professionals. Members from the Turner's Syndrome, Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia and Klinefelter Syndrome support groups are particularly welcome to attend.

The AISSGA realises there is still considerable stigma about having an intersex condition, so because we would like as many people as possible who are affected by intersex conditions to attend this forum, the location will be available only to those who RSVP by contacting the AISSGA at (03) 9315 8809 or email aissg@iprimus.com.au

Inaugural World Autism Congress

Leading experts on autism from 29 countries will meet for the first time to discuss possible causes, prevention and new treatments at the inaugural World Autism Congress in Melbourne, November 10 to 14.

Topics to be covered at the Congress will include:

- Research, genetics and neuropsychology
- Diagnosis, assessment and early intervention
- Services, government funding, legislation, access and legal issues
- Therapy, education, treatments, new and successful methods
- Living with Autism

Registration information and full details of the program and speakers are available at the congress web site www.autismcongress.com

Living With Adrenomyeloneuropathy (AMN)

The Australian Leukodystrophy Support Group is presenting the inaugural ALDS Medical and Scientific Seminar on October 25 at the MS Nerve Centre, Railway Rd Blackburn. The free seminar is open to health professionals and ALDS Members and will cover a number of topics including, an overview of AMN, research update for AMN patients and ALD carriers and diagnosis and management of AMN psychiatric phenomena as well as others. For more information or to RSVP please contact ALDS, (03) 9584 7070 or email leuko@vicnet.net.au

Sensory Processing Seminar Series

Scope Victoria (formerly the Spastic Society of Victoria) will present a series of seminars by Dr Winnie Dunn, Professor and Chair of the Occupational Therapy Department University of Kansas, USA. They are also offering heavily discounted registration rates of \$55 for all one day seminars for carers, full time students and DSP recipients.

	<u>The Sensory Profile: Administration and Interpretation</u>		
October 16 –18 8.45 – 4.30	Therapists and psychologists only	\$750	Grand Hyatt Hotel
	<u>The Impact of Sensory Processing Issues for People with Developmental Disabilities</u>		
October 21 8.45 – 4.30	Therapists, psychologists, teachers, family members and carers	\$225	Carlton Crest Hotel
	<u>Best Practice In Early Intervention and School Settings</u>		
October 22 8.45 – 4.30	Therapists, psychologists, teachers, family members and carers	\$225	Carlton Crest Hotel
	<u>Sensory Processing In Daily Life: Issues for Home and School</u>		
October 25 8.45 – 4.30	Therapists, psychologists, teachers, family members and carers	\$225	Carlton Crest Hotel

For more information or for a registration form call Dinah Stimar at Scope on (03) 9536 4223 or email dstimar@scopevic.org.au

Training For Community Groups

The City of Moreland is providing a number of workshops for volunteers and committee members.

Level One - personal development for volunteers. Cost \$10 for six sessions.

Level Two - committees of management, recruiting and training volunteers, marketing and promotion, sponsorship and fundraising, legal issues, risk management.

Cost \$10 for six sessions.

Level Three - business and financial planning. Cost \$25 for six sessions.

Further information available from Geraldine Earle on (03) 9240 2367.

Disability Resources Centre Access Forum

People of all disabilities are invited to attend a forum to be held by the Disability Resources Centre to address issues and find solutions for access to the built environment (housing) and access to public transport including taxis. Share your views and experiences, help establish a set of objectives and develop a plan of action.

The forum will be held at the Supper Room, Melbourne Town Hall, November 21, 11.00am to 2.30pm refreshments and lunch provided. For more information or to RSVP call Richard or Anthony (03) 9417 3211 or email drcinc@connexus.net.au

Spread The Word

Does your group or organisation produce brochures or flyers? If so please send some on to the GSNV office so that we can keep our information relevant and up to date.

For more information on anything you've read here, please contact Eilís or Emma in the GSNV office on (03) 8341-6315 email info@gsnv.org.au