

## Early notice

### Special Issue of *Disability and Rehabilitation*

#### Person Centred Rehabilitation

November 2007

In February 2007, a stimulating international rehabilitation conference titled *Innovation in Rehabilitation: from Theory to Practice* was held in New Zealand. Taylor and Francis supported the conference and a two-day pre-conference 'think-tank' which brought fifteen internationally respected researchers/clinicians together to work on a very special issue of *Disability and Rehabilitation*.

For these two days, draft papers were presented and discussed within the group on topics including:

- Philosophical perspectives on person centeredness – what does it really mean?
- Service, advocacy, and adjudication: the ethical strain of balancing multiple stakeholder agendas in rehabilitation.
- Measurement issues in addressing patient oriented outcomes
- Politics, policy and payment – facilitators or barriers to person centered rehabilitation
- A 'Good Lives Model' of Clinical and Community Rehabilitation
- Caring: part of client-centered rehabilitation, lost art or embarrassed albatross?
- Continuity, transition and participation: preparing clients for life in their world
- Functional Diversity: Thinking beyond the boxes of disability and impairment

The ultimate goal of this issue is to present readers with an informative and challenging 'line in the sand' about where knowledge in these areas currently rests, and where future knowledge might need to go. As you read this announcement, the authors are revising and developing their manuscripts. Despite the tight timeframe, you will be able to read these very important papers by November 2007.

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