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"If your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt"

SCI in Alberta



The Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) office in Calgary (then the Canadian Paraplegic Association, Alberta) was the organizational home of the Alberta portion of the Man in Motion World Tour.

Their Core Services like most other provincial branches of Spinal Cord Injury Canada www.sci-can.ca include:

Rehabilitation Support and Service Coordination: To provide people with spinal cord injuries and other physical disabilities with the supports they need throughout life to transition effectively from injury to community, to home, to employment, to aging with a disability.

Community Development and Systemic Change: To provide advocacy and interventions to improve systemic response to priority needs and to build inclusive communities for people with spinal cord injury and other physical disabilities.

Aboriginal Services: To provide Aboriginal people with spinal cord injuries and other physical disabilities and their communities with equitable access to the supports and services they need.

Information Services: To provide people with spinal cord injuries and other physical disabilities with the information they need to make informed decisions and to access appropriate services. This includes an online Resource Guide with information and links to products and services of importance to people with disabilities.

Active Living: To provide people with spinal cord injuries and other physical disabilities with the support and opportunities they need to realize health benefits from engaging in regular physical activity.

Peer Program: To provide people with spinal cord injuries and other physical disabilities with support, guidance and role modeling from someone "who's been there."



Most recently we were reminded by Kasey Aiello (seen on the image to the left with her son Milo) of an annual event organized by SCI Alberta under their Peer Events programming.

They have invited people to the 2015 "Living Your Best Life" Peer Conference held in collaboration with the Foothills Hospital, taking place in Calgary on

September 24th, at the Carriage House Inn, 9030 MacLeod Trail S., Calgary from 2:00 to 8:00 pm.

There is a trade show component to the event and along with other products; Batec will have a presence there this year. We believe the dinner portion of the event is sold out, but more information may be available from marilyn.erho@sci-ab.ca or by calling 403-228-2001 or 403-228-7434.

OSOT Annual Event

The Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists (OSOT) has their annual conference coming up September 25th and 26th entitled **"Celebrate • Inspire • Achieve"**! It will be at the Ambassador Hotel and Conference Center in Kingston, ON. We look forward to attending this event with Westech and getting up to Ottawa afterwards.

If anyone in Bellville, Kingston, Brockville, Smith Falls, Perth, or the Ottawa area wants to get together and we have yet to arrange a time, please give us a call at the shop or send us an email.

OSOT Workshop

Registration is open for the third of three OSOT workshops for this year, "Understanding, Evaluating, and Justifying Your Prescriptions of Seating and Mobility Systems" with Sheila Buck.

It will be hosted in **Cambridge, Ontario on October 29** at the Holiday Inn. In addition to registrations for the event, OSOT has produced an exhibitor's package and it is available from us here, Kymberley KTrumper@osot.on.ca, or Seema ssindwani@osot.on.ca.

These events are open to OT's and other professionals working with people to meet their seating and mobility needs, all manufacturers, distributors, and dealers wanting an opportunity to exhibit.

The education curriculum is OSOT approved and is not an infomercial approach for any one product or company.

Progeo Visit



NOIR We recently had the opportunity to visit the folks at Progeo by RehaTEAM s.r.l. near Venice, Italy.



YOGA

Although somewhat familiar with their wheelchair product line it was a pleasure to see the work they are doing with Carbon Fibre, Aluminum, and Titanium.

Ironically, Progeo got their start when the product line they were promoting was no longer available to them; Luciano Nosella, a wheelchair user himself, teamed up



EGO with Gianfranco Pivato and made the decision to start manufacturing their own product and 20 years plus later they have an established line of products for the industry available worldwide.

We thank their international sales manager Leonardo Pivato for spending a day with us to visit the manufacturing facility and go over their line of chairs.

BATEC Community

We recently visited the www.Batec-Mobility.com facility in Barcelona and we were reminded again how end user



focused the company is and how much they promote community in everything they do. We were provided two Batec's to run back and forth to the factory in and it saved about 20 minutes per trip. By car to the Hotel Sant Cugat it is about a 40 minute drive and by Batec on the public transit it is about 20 minutes.

When we introduce new products to the market, people always ask about the name, where does it come from? The name BATEC in Spanish means "Heartbeat" and accurately reflects the feeling of the company founder Pau Bach when he solved the problem of getting from A to B as a newly injured C6 lesion! His mobility issues resolved, he could once again visit shops and restaurants on streets in his hometown!



Bits and Bytes

- 49 SCI AB Peer Conference Sept 24 Calgary;
- 49 Atlantic Rehab & Ed Conference Sept 23-25 Halifax, NS;
- 49 OSOT Conference Sept 25-26, Kingston, ON;
- 49 Sunrise RGK collaboration Day Oct 5 Concord, ON;
- 49 Rehacare Trade Fair/Show Oct 14-17 Dusseldorf, DE;
- 49 Variety Village Fall Luncheon Toronto, ON;
- 49 Saskatoon & Regina Shows Oct 20 & 22 SK;
- 49 Sunrise RGK Collaboration Day Oct 27, Concord, ON;
- 49 OSOT – Sheila Buck Oct 29, **Cambridge**, ON;
- 49 22nd CFPDP HOF Oct 30 TO with Galen G. Weston.

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