



**Welcomes you to**

**AN APPROACH TO BRAIN & MIND DISABILITY - *The Lifespan Perspective***  
 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December 2008

**Venue: Mary Shelvankar Hall, VHS Hospital, Rajiv Gandhi Salai (IT Highway), Taramani, Chennai- 600113.**

**Synopsis:**

Disorders of brain and mind are an important cause of disability across the lifespan. In children various forms of neurodevelopmental disability manifest and have an impact on normal functioning during critical stages of evolution. In the older person we see various forms of neurodegenerative disability that have a significant impact on patient and caregiver quality of life. This two day intensive course will take the biopsychosocial approach to brain and mind disability considering medical, psychological and social factors that are associated with neuropsychiatric disability and how they can be managed in the clinical setting. A galaxy of international experts will teach at this two day course which addresses a topic that is contemporary and clinically relevant, yet traditionally neglected.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

0800-0900 Hrs: **Registration**  
 0900 Hrs: **PLENARY SESSION**  
**The Disabled Brain and Mind- Viewed through the looking glass of epilepsy**  
 0900-0910 Hrs: Welcome and introductory remarks by the Chairperson : **Mrs. Poonam Natarajan, Chairperson - The National Trust for Multiple Disability & Mrs. Neeradha Chandramohan , Director - NIRPMD**  
 0910-0950 Hrs: An introduction to Brain and Mind Disability across the Lifespan - **Dr. ES Krishnamoorthy**  
 0950-1030 Hrs: **Appa Rao Oration- 2008**  
 Brain and Mind Disability- A Medical Perspective - **Prof. M. Kerr**  
 1030-1050 Hrs: Coffee  
 1050-1130 Hrs: **Dr. Lakshminarayanan Oration- 2008**  
 Brain and Mind Disability- A Psychological Perspective - **Prof. G Baker**  
 1130-1210 Hrs: **Dr. Krishnamoorthy Srinivas Oration- 2008**  
 Brain and Mind Disability- A Social Perspective - **Prof. A Jacoby**  
 1210-1240 Hrs: Brainstorming  
**1240-1315 Hrs: Presentation of Oration Awards and Honouring of Distinguished Invitees**  
 1315-1415 Hrs: Lunch & Poster viewing  
**1415 Hrs: Session III- The Multidisciplinary Evaluation of Brain and Mind Disability**  
 Chair: **Prof. A Jacoby and Prof. G Baker**  
 1415-1445 Hrs: Evaluating Social Disability - **Prof. A Jacoby**  
 1445-1515 Hrs: Evaluating Psychological Disability - **Prof. G Baker**  
 1515-1545 Hrs: Evaluating Neuropsychiatric Disability - **Prof. M Kerr**  
 1545-1615 Hrs: Discussion  
 1615-1645 Hrs: Coffee  
**1645 Hrs: Session IV: The Clinical Approach**  
 Chairs: **Prof. Sarada Menon and Dr. Udaya Mahadevan**  
 1645-1725 Hrs: The Clinical Approach to Psychiatric Disability  
**Dr. R. Thara**  
 1725-1805 Hrs: The Clinical Approach to Neurological Disability  
**TBA**  
 1805-1830 Hrs: Discussion  
**1830 Hrs: Traditional South Indian High Tea & Close**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2008**

1000 to 1200 Hrs: **Managing the Child with Neuropsychiatric Disability**  
 Chair: **Prof. Geetha Lakshmiathy**  
 - Drug Treatment: **Dr. M. Murugan**  
 - Behaviour Therapy: **Mrs. Shuba Mukund**  
 - Special Education: **Mr. Jalaludeen**  
 - Family Interventions: **Mrs. Arundhathi Swamy**  
 - Holistic Interventions: **Dr. Partheeban**  
 - Panel Discussion and coffee  
 1200-1300 Hrs: **Managing the Intellectually Impaired/ Brain Injured Young Adult**  
 Chair: **Dr. Sashikala Kannan**  
 Speaker: **Prof. M Kerr**  
 1300-1315 Hrs: Q & A  
 1315-1400 Hrs: Lunch & Poster viewing  
 1400-1600 Hrs: **Managing the Older Person with Neuropsychiatric Disability**  
 Chair: **Dr. Annie Shyam & Dr. Lakshminarasimhan**  
 - Drug Treatment: **Dr. Rema Reghu**  
 - Cognitive Retraining: **Dr. Keerthi Prabhu**  
 - Behavioural Management: **Mr. Thadeus Alphons**  
 - Physical Therapy: **Mr. Jerald M Yuvaraj**  
 - Family Interventions: **Mr. Jayendra Kumar**  
 - Panel Discussion  
**1600 Hrs Coffee and Close**

**Distinguished International Faculty Resource Persons - December 2008**



**Gus Baker**  
 Professor of Clinical Neuropsychology  
 University Department of Neurosciences  
 Walton Centre for Neurology and Neurosurgery  
 Liverpool, UK



**Michael Kerr**  
 Professor of Learning Disability  
 Consultant Neurologist  
 Behavior & Seizures in learning disability  
 Cardiff University  
 UK



**Ann Jacoby**  
 Professor of Medical Sociology  
 Division of Public Health  
 University of Liverpool, Liverpool  
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