

Teaching Materials and Services

Disability in the developing world—Course, July 1991, Nottingham, England

A multi-disciplinary forum for sharing ideas and information and looking at the issues around development and disability, 14–19 July 1991 (residential) in Nottingham (accessible venue).

For anyone concerned with disabled people in developing countries. Participants are welcome from the fields of therapy, education, health, advocacy, disability politics, employment, social work, etc. who are, or have been, working overseas or who are interested in the issues.

More details from: M Greenhalgh, Administrator, IDEA, William House, 101 Eden Vale Road, Westbury, Wilts BA13 3QF, England.

TALMILEP—Video catalogue

The TALMILEP Catalogue describes 25 videos on six subjects: Disability in leprosy, Health education, Leprosy, Rehabilitation, Research and Surgery.

For a catalogue apply: The Secretary, TALMILEP, DAHW Dominikanerplatz 4, D-8700 Wurzburg 11, Germany.

3-D leprosy wax models

Wax models showing deformities in the hands and feet of leprosy patients are available from: Mr V S Dhonde, 15 Survarna Kunj, Mahant Road Extn, Vile-Parle (East), Bombay 400 057, India. In order to be more accurate and obtain a life-like effect in models, patients suffering from the wasting of muscles and trophic ulcers in various stages were selected and impressions of their affected lesions were obtained by a special technique widely used by medical museums in Germany. Tuberculosis and family planning models are also available. Prices for leprosy models are Rs 900–950. For further details write to the above address.

Health Education/Promotion for Primary Health Care: a new 3-month certificate course

Health Education/Promotion is given a high priority on the Primary Health Care (PHC) agenda. There is a growing need for health workers to improve their health education/promotion skills. In response to this need a new 3-month certificate competency-based course in health promotion is being developed by the Education Resource Group for Health Systems, of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.

The course is for people such as health, education, environmental, agriculture and community workers, who already have some experience of working in health education/promotion. The course aims to improve the ability of workers to design, plan, manage, implement and evaluate health education/promotion programmes in the context of PHC. Methods of teaching will include groupwork, practical workshops and individual project work.

The first course will be held in January 1992, and thereafter annually. For more information write to: The Course Organiser (Health Education/Promotion for PHC), Department of International Community Health, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, Pembroke Place L3 5QA, UK. *Tel*: 051 708 9393; *Telex*: 0627095 UNILPL G; *Fax*: 051 708 8733.

Training courses and teaching materials, Marie Adelaide Centre, Pakistan

Dr Shaukat Ali, Director of Training at the Marie Adelaide Leprosy Centre, Marian Manzil, A.M. 21, Off Shahrah-e-Liaquat (Frere Road), PO Box No. 8666, Karachi 03, Pakistan, has supplied the following information on training courses and a remarkable range of locally developed teaching material:

'Our main course is still for paramedical workers (we call them HD technicians) but the scope and prospectus of the course has changed considerably over a period of 20 years. Now the course is of 2 years duration after Matric, and our Institute is affiliated with the National Institute of Health (NIH) Islamabad for the purpose of examination and awarding certificates. This course is now considered equivalent to FSc medical technology. Students are trained in basic sciences like Human Anatomy and Physiology, Clinical Leprosy, Nursing Procedures and Concomitant Diseases. Lately the subject of Community Medicine and Tuberculosis has been included in the curriculum as we plan to branch out into other health disciplines. Our tuberculosis control programme in Azad Kashmir and the trachoma control programme in Baluchistan has started bearing fruit. We also run short orientation courses for medical officers/nurses of a maximum 3 months duration.

Publications We have compiled the following books which have been printed by our Institute. Books published elsewhere were found not to be suitable because of the different working conditions and the present level of skills of our trainees.

- 1 Leprosy skill book. A practical guide for clinical methods in the hospital and field. Includes method of examination, making of diagnosis, management of complication and record keeping.
- 2 Clinical leprosy, Vol I and II. A theory book on leprosy, describes cause, signs and symptoms, complications and management of leprosy in detail with illustrations and easy to understand language.
- 3 Tuberculosis skill book. Deals with clinical methods in tuberculosis like method of examination, sputum collection, smear making, staining and AFB reading. Also dispensing of medicines and record keeping.
- 4 Physiotherapy book. Deals with the complications in leprosy and its physical management.
- 5 Nursing. A short book on nursing problems in the hospital ward and field, includes attending to patients comfort, dressing, injections and local application of drugs.
- 6 Anatomy book. A brief and concise book on descriptive and applied human anatomy. Deals with all the system with special emphasis on nerves and muscles of extremities.
- 7 Tuberculosis manual for Azad Kashmir. A short practical guide for what to do in the field while running a TB field control programme in the Himalayan mountains.
- 8 MDT manual. A practical guide on multidrug therapy in leprosy. Deals with medicine dispensing, logistics, possible hazards and their prevention.
- 9 Watch those eyes/manual for prevention of blindness. Short handbooks for a prevention of blindness programme in Baluchistan, geographically largest but most deprived, dry and arid province of Pakistan. Deals with preventable eye conditions and their management like trachoma, vitamin deficiency related conditions, glaucoma and cataract.
- 10 Alphabetical diary for case management in leprosy. All the pathological conditions in leprosy and their management are arranged in alphabetical order in an easy to find way. Alphabets are displayed on a 'cut in' margin like standard reference books and dictionaries.
- 11 Alphabetical diary for concomitant diseases. Common medical conditions seen in the field with reference in lecture books.
- 12 Drug and dosage, Index Vol I, II. Handbooks of commonly used drugs with dose, indications and side-effects for quick reference in the field.
- 13 Tuberculosis in theory. As the name suggests, it deals with description of signs, symptoms, diagnosis and management in detail.
- 14 Laboratory book. A practical guide for common laboratory procedures like routine blood,

urine and stool examination. Special emphasis is given to sputum smear reading and skin smear reading for AFB.

- 15 Pharmacology book. A theory book on drugs dealing with chemical structure, properties, kinetics, dose, indications and side-effects of commonly used drugs.

Three books on basic science i.e. physics, chemistry and biology are given to the students in their preparatory phase enabling them to gain a better understanding of science subjects.

Each subject has a work book besides the books mentioned earlier. These work books are designed in such a way that students can use them in their spare time without the help of an instructor and with the help of exercises, fill in the blanks and pursue other practical activities thus gaining a clear insight into the subject.'

ILEP training: Karigiri and ALERT

From 1990 the ILEP Training Discipline will organize two types of workshops: (a) to help leprosy workers better understand the psychological, social and cultural aspects of the disease leprosy and how these affect the lives and socioeconomic status of patients; and (b) to improve their skills in communicating with patients, families and communities.

The first workshop, called the 'Basic Workshop on the Health Education and Psychosocial Aspects of Leprosy' lasts 2 weeks and is offered once a year at the Leprosy Training Centers ALERT (Ethiopia), 1992 date to be announced, for African participants and Karigiri (India), 14–24 October 1991, for Asian participants. The second workshop is aimed at those who will assume responsibility for teaching or training other health workers in communication skills or psychosocial aspects. This Workshop is called 'Workshop on the Methodology of Teaching Health Education and Psychosocial Aspects in leprosy' and is also for 2 weeks. Training sites for this workshop are ALERT, 2–13 September 1991, and Karigiri, 1992 date to be announced.

All workshops are conducted in English. Preparatory work prior to the workshop is required. Background documents and handouts are provided at the training site. Small group work, case histories and video with feedback are extensively used.

Please apply as soon as possible to your ILEP Coordinator or to Dr L Van Parijs, Educational Expert and Trainer, 22 Av Helleveld, 1180 Brussels, Belgium. Places are limited to 20 participants. The dates for 1992 will be announced in October 1991.

The changing face of leprosy. Film

An item on the above was published in *Lepr Rev*, 1990; **61**:412, under 'Leprosy—the misunderstood disease'. In a recent revision the title was changed to 'The changing face of leprosy'. It shows the extent of the problem, the cause, signs and symptoms of leprosy, the reasons for nerve damage and how to avoid them, the curability of the disease, the need for rehabilitation in some old cases and how it can be done, health education aspects and the on-going MDT Projects and their effects. The film projects the positive approach to the problem. Here and there, one can note advice about the prevention of other communicable diseases and protection of health.

The film is 21 minutes in length and is available in five languages, Kannada, Tamil, Telegu, Hindi and English. For further details apply: The Project Officer, Katharina Kasper Leprosy Control Scheme, 16 Hutchins Road, Cooke Town, Bangalore 560 005, Karnataka, India. Tel: 566695.

Bombay Leprosy Project

Dr R Ganapati has kindly written to tell us of the Project's landmark in the field of medical education. Namely, on 14 December 1990 the Project opened a centre in the LTMM College, Sion Hospital with the object of involving medical students more effectively in leprosy control programmes. This is another step towards leprosy being treated in general medical institutions and not in leprosy hospitals.