

## Special points of interest:

- Around 650 million people live with a disability.
- 90% of children with disabilities in developing countries do not attend school.
- The global literacy rate for adults with disabilities is as low as 3%, and 1% for women with disabilities.
- In some countries, up to 25% of disabilities result from injuries or violence.

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## Editorial

According to the latest statistics from the United Nations, approximately 10 percent of the entire population lives with a disability. This defines them as the largest minority that exists, and these figures are constantly increasing. In terms of the education of persons with disabilities, it is distressing to see that about 90 percent of children that have a disability do not acquire an education in developing countries, according to UNESCO. Such figures are severe and lead to the need for informing the public on the problems and issues affecting such persons.

The **Institute of Entrepreneurship Development** is constantly fighting for the equal inclusion of



all individuals and minority groups. Everyone has a right to education, and employment, even though unemployment amongst persons with disabilities reaches an extreme 80 per cent in some countries. The belief that persons with disabilities will not be able to complete their job activities and tasks at hand holds for many employers. Therefore, we must all collaborate and join hands to help inform the public on persons with disabilities and override the prejudice and misconceptions that exist. Everyone deserves an opportunity to live a normal life.

For this reason, we would like to invite you all to contribute with your beliefs, views and ideas. Feel free to

contact us and we will include your input within the next newsletter

.Source: <http://www.un.org/disabilities/default.asp?id=18>

## Current Developments—LDV EMC\_Pro

On the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2007 the third inter-state meeting in Athens was held for the programme Leonardo Da Vinci “European Marketing Professional Certification”. The Institute of Entrepreneurship Development participated in the meeting of the programme along with institutions from Greece, Spain, Italy, Romania and Poland. During the meeting, among other issues, the procedure that will be followed for the certification of marketing professionals, as well as the design of the website and dissemination plan of the programme was discussed.



In addition, the procedure for the pilot application of the test was discussed. Anyone that has the desire and has Marketing knowledge can participate in this phase. The procedure of the pilot test will not have a financial implication on the participants and will begin in January 2008.

The programme will have duration of two (2) years and will be completed in September of 2008.

### Special points of interest:

- Almost 53,000 children are estimated to have died worldwide in 2002 as a result of homicide.
- As many as 80 to 90% of children suffer physical punishment in their homes.
- Only 2.4% of the world's children are legally protected from corporal punishment in all settings.
- Each year, between 133 and 275 million children witness frequent violence between their parents.
- Estimates from 2000 suggest that 5.7 million children participated in forced or bonded labor.

### Calendar of Events:

- World Aids Day- Dec. 1, 2007
- International Day of Disabled Persons- Dec. 3, 2007
- World Legal Forum- Dec. 10, 2007- The Hague Netherlands
- Mainport Security Conference 2007- Dec. 12, 2007- Rotterdam Netherlands
- 2008 Faculty Student Multidiscipline Global Conference- Jan. 11, 2008- Pretoria South Africa

## Violence Against Children

Violence against children is a widespread problem that is unjustifiable and uncalled for. However, statistics concerning the issue portray that it is a matter of urgency. Even though violence against children can be avoided, the fact that violence is often accepted by society leads to an increase in incidents and a disagreement to the human rights of all individuals, no matter their age, race or religion.



The study that was conducted for the United Nations presented with shocking findings. Even though statistics, including the fact that approximately 53,000 children in 2002 died from homicide, present with figures beyond imagination, they do not always take into account the real situation since much violence is not reported being that children are afraid to report it and since violence against children is accepted in society, sometimes individuals feel there is no need to report it. We are deficient in the presence of a clear “legal prohibition of corporal punishment”.

As a result of the study, recommendations were presented, including and not limited to the following:

- Reinforcement of national and local obligation, dedication and engagement.
- Prevention of violence against children
- Encourage peaceful beliefs and increase the level of awareness
- Offer recuperation and social reincorporation assistance

There are more recommendations and greater detail on the highly controversial and significant issue of violence against children which can be read online on the site that is presented below.

Source: [http://www.crin.org/docs/VAC\\_Summary.pdf](http://www.crin.org/docs/VAC_Summary.pdf)

## Current Developments– KAPPA 2000

The **Institute of Entrepreneurship Development** in cooperation with the **Centre for Development of Culture for Adapted Sports (K.A.P.P.A. 2000)** has realized two workshops bringing together institutions and individuals to discuss issues that largely affect persons with disabilities and to take action towards the provision of better conditions and a better quality of life for these individuals.



The first workshop held on October 22, 2007 and had as a theme “The Role of Sports in Education – Institutions and Roles for the Social Inclusion of Persons with Disability”, while the second one, held on November 19, 2007 was titled “Opening the way towards Culture”. The final workshop will take place on December 3<sup>rd</sup> so as to discuss the proposals and suggestions that were raised so far and the actions of sensitization to be taken to ensure against the discrimination of individuals with disabilities in all aspects and especially labor.

## International Day of Disabled Persons



In light of the International Day of Disabled Persons, which has been proclaimed by the United Nations since 1992 on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the **Institute of Entrepreneurship Development** would like to remind you all of the upcoming day and its importance. This day brings together organizations, institutions, people, governments and general communities that have to do with disability. It is a day in which we can all take action, inform the public, and take action towards the inclusion of persons with disabilities and the maintenance of their rights.

Each year, the European Commission supports various events at both national and European levels. In 2006, for example, the theme was *Youth=Future. Let's make an equal future for all.* This year the *Inaugural National Disability Awards* will take place as a celebration and acknowledgement of the assistance and accomplishments of individuals with disabilities in society.

<http://www.idpwd.com.au/>

For those of you who are interested and would like further information or would like to contribute you can visit the site for the "International Day of People with Disability" provided below.

Source: [www.idpwd.com](http://www.idpwd.com)

## Cooperating Institutions

The Cracow University of Economics is one of five schools of economics in Poland, being one of the four largest universities in Crakow. The school has academic rights to confer scientific degrees of doctor of economic sciences in economics, management and commodity science, and postdoctoral degrees in economics and management sciences.



Beside teaching, scientific and research activities are the University's principal functions. The University has been involved in international research projects, 5th Framework Programme of the EU, and UN programs. They are also member of a number of international university networks.

The Cracow University of Economics presently has 140 partners all around the world. They cooperate with universities and various international organizations from Europe, Americas and Asia. Cooperation with universities from the European Union member states is most intensive. However, for years the University has developed traditional contacts with partners from Southern and Eastern Europe and from the United States. In the era of globalization, one of the University's priorities is to develop common projects with present partners and initiate cooperation with universities from all around the world.

**"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." -- Mark Twain**

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## Useful Websites

- Global Development Network

<http://www.gdnet.org/index.php>

- European Disability Forum

<http://www.edf-feph.org/>

- Violence Against Children: UN Secretary General's Study

<http://www.unviolencestudy.org>

- Youth Challenge International

<http://www.yci.org/>

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