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22nd ASCoN Conference 2023

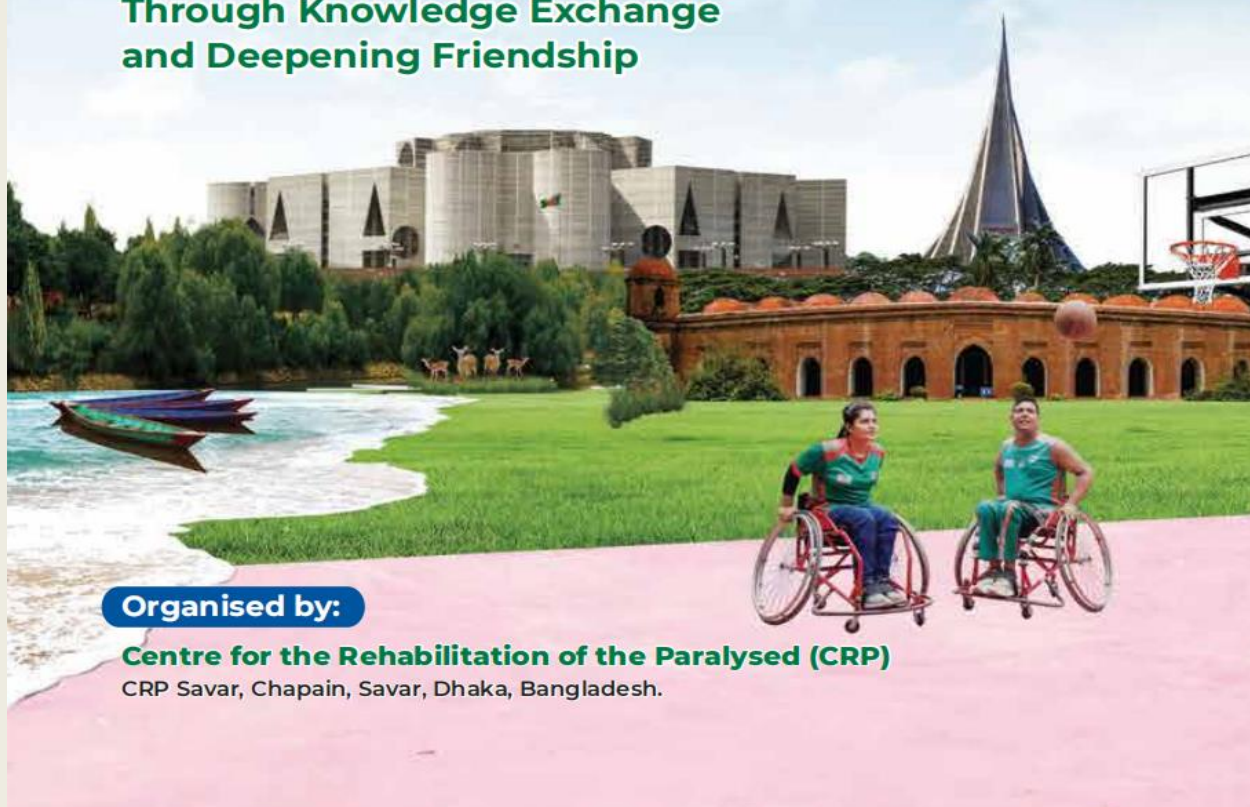
25th to 27th November

**Strengthening SCI Services
Through Knowledge Exchange
and Deepening Friendship**

Organised by:

Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP)

CRP Savar, Chapain, Savar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.





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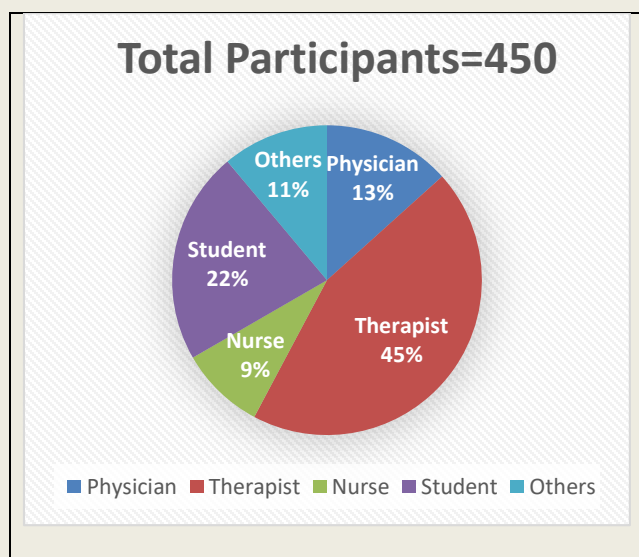
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Event Summary

The event, organised by the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP), Bangladesh, holds significant importance in the field of spinal cord injury (SCI) services and knowledge exchange. The theme of the event, **"Strengthening SCI Services through Knowledge Exchange and Deepening Friendship"** reflects the core objectives of the conference, which is scheduled to take place from 25th to 27th November 2023. This event aims to address the life-changing impact of SCI, which affects a substantial number of individuals globally each year. The majority of SCI cases are attributed to preventable causes such as road traffic accidents, falls from height, and violence, highlighting the urgent need for effective interventions and support systems for individuals with SCI.



According to the World Health Organization (WHO), between 250,000 to 500,000 individuals suffer from SCI annually, with a higher prevalence in low- and middle-income countries. Furthermore, individuals with SCI face a higher risk of premature mortality, emphasizing the critical need for timely and quality medical care. The mortality risk associated with SCI is influenced by various factors, including the level and severity of the injury, as well as the accessibility of medical care. Therefore, initiatives such as the 22nd Asian Spinal Cord Network (ASCoN) Conference 2023 played a pivotal role in addressing these challenges and advancing the quality of SCI services on a global scale.

The Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP) has been a leading organisation in Bangladesh, dedicated to serving individuals with SCI and other disabilities since its establishment in 1979. Over the years, CRP has been at the forefront of providing comprehensive treatment, rehabilitation, accessibility, assistive devices, and healthcare professional training for persons with disabilities. Moreover, CRP has actively collaborated with the government of Bangladesh to advocate for progressive policies and services aimed at fostering disability-inclusive practices at the national level.

The ASCoN, established in 2001, has been instrumental in promoting knowledge sharing and collaboration among organisations involved in SCI management across the Asian region. By affiliating with the International Spinal Cord Society (ISCoS), ASCoN has expanded its reach and impact, providing a platform for 75 network member organisations to exchange best practices and enhance SCI management strategies.



The annual ASCoN conference, hosted by different member organisations, serves as a key initiative to facilitate knowledge exchange and capacity building in the field of SCI management.

CRP hosted the 22nd Annual ASCoN Conference with the aim of bringing together a diverse group of national, regional, and international participants to share insights and best practices related to comprehensive Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) management. A total of 450 attendees from home and abroad participated in the conference. The conference focused on various aspects of SCI care, including pre-hospital and acute care, post-acute medical and rehabilitation management, and socio-economic inclusion. The conference comprised of 12 workshops, 5 plenary sessions, and 8 parallel sessions. Additionally, three presenters were awarded for their outstanding performance in different segments of the conference. CRP received donations from both national and regional levels to ensure the successful organization of this significant event, which holds the potential to advance the rights of individuals with disabilities in Bangladesh.

In conclusion, the 22nd ASCoN conference organised by CRP holds immense promise in advancing SCI services and knowledge exchange on a global scale. By fostering collaboration, sharing best practices, and advocating for inclusive policies, the event seeks to address the multifaceted challenges faced by individuals with SCI and contribute to the advancement of comprehensive SCI management practices. As stakeholders come together to participate in this event, the collective efforts and insights shared have the potential to drive positive change and enhance the quality of life for individuals with SCI in Bangladesh and beyond.

Conference at a glance

<i>Conference at a glance</i>	
1. Conference Organiser	Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP), Savar, Bangladesh
2. Funding Support	From local and international well-wishers
3. Venue	BRAC-CDM, Savar, CRP-Savar & CRP-Mirpur, Dhaka, Bangladesh
4. Number of Attendees	450 attendees registered for the conference
5. Number of Country	18
6. Plenary Session	5
7. Parallel Session	12
8. Workshop	8
9. Income	60 Lac
10. Expenditure	58 Lac
11. Award Winner	3

Honorable Guests List



22ND ASCoN CONFERENCE 2023 (25th to 27th November)

STRENGTHENING SCI SERVICES THROUGH KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE AND DEEPENING FRIENDSHIP

Chief Guest
PROF. DR. MD. SHARFUDDIN AHMED
Vice Chancellor
Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU)

Special Guests

MUSTAQUE AHMED
Trustee
Trust for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (TRP)

DR. FAZLUL HOQUE
Founder Convener, ASCoN
Spine Surgeon, Square Hospital

NADERA HAYAT BURHANI
Health Coordinator, ICRC

MUHAMMAD MUSHFIQUL WARA
Country Director
CBM Global Disability Inclusion Bangladesh

PROF. DR. APICHANA KOVINDHA
Co-founder
ASCoN

Guest of Honor
DR. VALERIE TAYLOR
Convener, 22nd ASCoN Conference 2023
Founder & Co-ordinator, CRP

Chaired By
PROF. DR. MOHAMMAD SOHRAB HOSSAIN
Chair, ASCoN 2023
Executive Director, CRP

Organised By: CRP, ASCoN, ISCoS

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Conference Objectives

The conference was held with a triple objective, which included:

1. Strengthening SCI Services

To create a platform for policymakers and experts to engage in insightful discussions, strengthen SCI services and human resource development for organizations and people working in SCI management in the Asia region, and carry out further policy analysis, scenario planning, and forecasting on SCI services.

2. Knowledge Exchange

To share information, ideas and knowledge of best practices in SCI management among members. Also provide an opportunity for foreign scholars, academics, physicians, therapists, novice learners from different regions, and local participants to exchange multidimensional aspects of SCI services and practice.

3. Deepening Friendship

To foster and emphasis strong relationships among the participants and member organizations, paving the way for future collaboration, learning, and building strong connections for organizational and policy development for SCI services.

Conference Outcomes

- ≈ Government bodies & stakeholders are aware about the rights & needs of persons with disabilities & SCI.
- ≈ Strengthen SCI services and management in national and international level.
- ≈ Increased percentage of representation & empowerment of persons with disabilities & SCI in different government and non-government services.
- ≈ Increased opportunities for participants to learn from each other and to establish linkages with their peers in neighboring countries.
- ≈ Increased skills, knowledge and confidence of participants in comprehensive spinal cord injury management.
- ≈ Promotion and demonstration of low cost- high impact models of service delivery and assistive devices, sports and art for people with disabilities.
- ≈ Lessons learning from people living with spinal cord injury in the community.
- ≈ Lessons learning and the development of methods to improve team management and documentation.
- ≈ Deepening friendship among member organizations for future development.
- ≈ Enhanced confidence of those who have been working in the field of SCI, disability and rehabilitation.

Conference Format

The conference comprised of 12 workshops, 5 plenary sessions, and 8 parallel sessions. Each speaker was given enough time to present their speeches and papers.

The conference was structured to foster discussion towards the participants around the core themes of the conference. This was achieved by hosting each session. Each day of the conference also allotted one hour for lunch, and 30 minutes for morning and afternoon tea to allow participants to continue their discussions after each session.

Speakers

1. Dr. Valerie Taylor, Bangladesh
2. Prof. Dr. Md. Sharfuddin Ahmed, Bangladesh
3. Prof. Dr. Md. Taslim Uddin, Bangladesh
4. Prof. Dr. Badrul Alam Mondal, Bangladesh
5. Muhammad Mushfiqul Wara, Bangladesh
6. Nadera Hayat Burhani,
7. Dr. Fazlul Hoque, Bangladesh
8. Mustaque Ahmed, Bangladesh
9. Stephen Muldoon, Ireland
10. Dr. Mohammad Anwar Hossain, Bangladesh
11. Prof. Dr. Apichana Kovindha, Thailand
12. Nicky P. Kaur, India
13. Dr. Fatimah Ahmedy, Malaysia
14. Dr. P. K. A. Kithsiri, Sri Lanka
15. Esha Thapa, Nepal
16. Prof. Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain, Bangladesh
17. Shahnaj Sultana, Bangladesh
18. Prof. Dr. Lisa Harvey, Australia
19. Dr. Vyom Sharma, India
20. Prof. Dr. A. T. M. Aman Ullah, Bangladesh
21. Prof. Dr. Bum Suk Lee, South Korea
22. Prof. Dr. Badrul Alam Mondal, Bangladesh
23. Dr. Mohammed Wahidur Rahman, Bangladesh
24. Dr. Dirk van Kuppevelt, Netherlands
25. Dr. Fazlul Hoque, Bangladesh
26. Dr. Yorck Bernhard Kalke, Germany
27. Esha Thapa, Nepal
28. Prof. Dr. Ruth Marshall, Australia
29. Dr. Dirk van Kuppevelt, Netherlands
30. A. H. M. Noman Khan, Bangladesh
31. Lucy Robinson, England
32. Dr. Shanta Dixit, Nepal
33. Prof. Dr. Seong Woong Kang, South Korea
34. Prof. Dr. Wona Choi, South Korea
35. Dr. Jamal Uddin, Bangladesh
36. Dr. Joanne Glinsky, Australia
37. Dr. Chua Li-Shun, Malaysia
39. Dr. Monzurul Alam, Bangladesh
40. Md. Feroz Kabir, Bangladesh
41. Prof. Dr. Md. Taslim Uddin, Bangladesh
42. Dr. P. K. A. Kithsiri, Sri Lanka
43. Dr. Vyom Sharma, India
44. Teri Thorson, Canada
45. Md. Salim Rahman, Bangladesh
46. John Cherenksy, Canada
47. Prof. Dr. Md. Shah Alam, Bangladesh
48. Prof. Dr. Md. Anowarul Islam, Bangladesh
49. Prof. Dr. Luis Garcia, Spain
50. Prof. (Col. Rtd.) Dr. Abdul Awal Bhuiyah, Bangladesh
51. Prof. Dr. Syed Shahidul Islam, Bangladesh
52. Dr. Provash Chandra Saha, Bangladesh
53. Dr. Md. Rezaul Karim, Bangladesh
54. Dr. Md. Shahidul Islam Akon, Bangladesh
55. Dr. Sharif Ahmed Jonayed, Bangladesh
56. Dr. Akshad Al Masur Anon, Bangladesh
57. Dr. Md. Sarwar Jahan, Bangladesh
58. Dr. Syeed Uddin Helal, Bangladesh
59. Jan Varney, England
60. Dr. Jannatul Ferdouse Ivy, Bangladesh
61. Dr. Alamin, Bangladesh
62. Jackie Mcrae, England
63. Nekram Upadhyay, India
64. Noor Jahan Akhter Shapla, Bangladesh
65. Lutfun Nahar Liza, Bangladesh
66. Shohanool Neaz Imran, Bangladesh
67. Sanjida Subahan, Bangladesh
68. Syed Shakawat Hossain, Bangladesh
69. Arifa Jahan Ema, Bangladesh
70. Asif Iqbal, Bangladesh
71. Anwar Hossain, Bangladesh

38. Elma Burger, South Africa

Assistive Device Presenters

1. NeoFly customized wheelchair & NeoBolt outdoor mobility attachment Siddarth Daga-India
2. A Low-cost Open-source Manual Standing Wheelchair Shovan Parvez-Bangladesh
3. Basic Wheelchair with Tilt in space mechanism Fahmida Banu, Bangladesh
4. Indoor- Outdoor with motorized wheelchair Dayal Kanti Chakma, Bangladesh

Paper (Oral & Poster) Presenters

1. Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain, Bangladesh.
2. Dr Saikat Roy, India
3. Fatimah Ahmedy- Malaysia
4. Mahbuba Mehrin Mishu, Bangladesh.
5. Fariha Hossain Emu, Bangladesh.
6. Tanzina Akter, Bangladesh.
7. Lusana Afrin Nirjehr, Bangladesh.
8. Shubham A. Thokal, India.
9. Babet Roeling, Ralph Hamers, Netherland.
10. Maliha Akter, Nahid Parvez, Bangladesh
11. Nishat Akter, Bangladesh.
12. Khairul Islam, Bangladesh.
13. Nahar Afrin, Bangladesh.
14. Farjana Taoheed-Bangladesh
15. Md. Abu Khayer Hasnat, Bangladesh
16. Kulsum Akter, Bangladesh
17. Kumar Amitav, Bangladesh
18. Dr. Feroz Kabir, Bangladesh
19. Yothika Pengtha, Thailand.
20. Zannatul Mawa, Bangladesh
21. Md Muhibbur Rahman, Bangladesh
22. Shubham A. Thokal, India
23. Sumaya Noor, Bangladesh
24. Taslima Akter, Bangladesh
25. Lusana Afrin Nirjehr, Bangladesh
26. Nahar Afrin, Bangladesh
27. Nabila Tasnin, Bangladesh.
28. Prof. Dr. Taslim Uddin, Bangladesh.
29. Dr. Vyom Sharma, India.
30. Dr. Mohammad Anwar Hossain, Bangladesh
31. Sayma Azad, Bangladesh.
32. Md. Mozaffor Hossain, Bangladesh
33. Dr. Md Monzurul Alam, Bangladesh
34. Md. Liton Miah, Bangladesh.
35. Nishat Tasnim, Bangladesh.
36. Md. Emran Hossain, Bangladesh.
37. Jemina Shrestha, Nepal
38. Punam D Costa, Bangladesh
39. Md. Shaikhul Hasan, Bangladesh
40. Amena Rahman, Bangladesh
41. Sanzida Solaiman, Bangladesh
42. Md. Adnan Ibne Reza, Bangladesh
43. Saima Tasnim, Bangladesh
44. Thitirat Kusol, Thailand.
45. Rahmatul Bari, Bangladesh
46. Shahina Sarker, Bangladesh
47. Nupur Binte Lili, Bangladesh
48. Shahid Afrid, Bangladesh
49. Md. Akhlasur Rahman, Bangladesh
50. Vishakha Darak Thakkar, India
51. Faruq Ahmed, Bangladesh

Speakers Reflection and Requests

During the opening session of the 22nd ASCoN Conference, speakers highlighted the lack of facilities available for patients with acute spinal cord injuries in the country. Dr. Fazlul Hoque, the founder convener of ASCoN, stressed that these patients are widely neglected due to inadequate transportation services and a shortage of centers to provide them with proper care. The government hospitals also do not have the necessary facilities to accommodate and rehabilitate these patients. Therefore, Dr. Fazlul urged to take action and arrange facilities at government hospitals and specialized centers, he also requested to start Physiotherapy, Occupational, Speech & Language therapy courses in Medical Hospitals. . As the chief guest, Prof. Dr. Sharafuddin Ahmed, the vice chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU), pledged to initiate arrangements to provide services and rehabilitation for such patients at BSMMU. He also shared that upon arriving at the conference, they were welcomed by several people with special needs who presented them with bouquets. He expressed his gratitude towards CRP, as he believes that without their help, these individuals would have been bedridden for life. Mr. Ahmed stressed that people with special needs are not outsiders in society and that we must work together with them. Conferences such as this one create opportunities for knowledge sharing and learning about better ways to serve the disabilities. Mr. Ahmed also mentioned that disabilities can be treated through three approaches: education, financial or physiotherapy support, and psychological support. Mustaque Ahmed emphasized that its success will only be evident when the participants return to their respective countries and work towards achieving real change. Given that the world is constantly changing, and the population is increasing, it is important that we do not rely on others to solve our problems. Instead, we must work together to address the issues we face. As a special guest of the conference, Mr. Ahmed emphasized the need for collaboration to tackle these challenges. The Conference proved to be a beacon of hope for patients with Spinal Cord Injuries (SCI) as it aimed to initiate more treatment, rehabilitation, and research facilities for them. Mr. Stephen Muldoon, the Executive committee member- ASCoN, emphasized the importance of community care and follow-up in spinal rehabilitation. He pointed out that this area is often neglected, as we lost hope to follow-up. It's crucial to understand what happens to patients once they go home, whether they develop complications, and how we can support them. Without this knowledge, it's impossible to modify rehabilitation programs to suit their needs. Therefore, aftercare guidelines should be shared and followed to ensure patients receive appropriate care and support. Prof. Dr. Apichana Kovindha, one of the co-founders of ASCoN from Thailand, shared a powerful insight into the organization's success. According to her, the key factor was the strong emphasis on friendship, which has fostered an environment of open communication and mutual support among the members. As a result, ASCoN has become a hub of learning and knowledge sharing, enabling its members to grow and succeed together. It is no wonder that the organization has had such a significant impact, both locally and globally. Prof. Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain, the Executive Director of CRP, reiterated the importance of such conferences to improve the lives of SCI patients. Dr. Valerie Taylor, the Founder and Coordinator of CRP, and the Convener of the conference emphasized that while most patients cannot recover fully from SCI, they can still resume their normal life with the right knowledge and assistance. The conference aimed to inform patients of their capabilities and ways to bounce back in life. The Conference has surely paved the way for a brighter future for SCI patients.

OPD's Representation

An Organisation of Persons with Disabilities (OPD), also known as a Disabled Persons' Organisation (DPO), is a representative group where persons with disabilities make up the majority of the staff, board, and volunteers at all levels. During the 22nd ASCoN Conference 2023, several organisations from different countries came together to showcase their activities, successes, and challenges. Among them were the European Spinal Cord Injury Federation (ESCIF) from Switzerland, the Spinal Cord Injuries Development Association Bangladesh (SCIDAB), Shuborno Nagorik, and the Dream for Disability Foundation (DDF) from Bangladesh. During the conference, a person with a disability (SCI) bravely shared their experiences and inspired the audience to empower themselves in the future. It was a powerful reminder that, no matter the obstacles we face, we can overcome them and achieve great things.

Award Winners



Certificate handover to the award winners of oral presentation, poster presentation & assistive device competition of the 22nd ASCoN Conference 2023.



Title: Incidence, severity and time course of pressure injuries in people with spinal cord injuries in Bangladesh: A cohort study embedded in a clinical trial. Awarded for the best oral presentation.

Name: Punom D. Costa

Organization: Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP)

Country: Bangladesh



Title: Anxiety and Depression after Spinal Cord Injury (SCI); Is it a norm? An Analysis of Persons with SCI on Long Term Institutional Rehabilitation. Awarded for the best poster presentation.

Name: Dr. Saikat Roy

Organization: Military Hospital Kirkee.

Country: India



Title: Neo-Fly customized wheelchair & Neo-Bolt outdoor mobility attachment. Stood 1st in this category for offering seamless indoor & outdoor mobility for persons with spinal cord injury.

Name: Siddarth Daga

Organization: Neo-Motion Assistive Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

Country: India

Registrations

The conference was open for registration to physicians, therapists, nurses, policy makers, consumers, academics, and students. However, due to the nature of the conference, it was not suitable to be advertised or open for registration to the general public. Instead, invitations were directly sent to relevant contacts in the fields of SCI services. In total, 450 participants attended the conference, including paying attendees and complimentary conference attendees. Paying attendees included physicians, therapists, nurses, policy makers, consumers, academics, and students from various institutes at home and abroad. The attendees also consisted of Bangladeshi politicians, journalists, media personalities, influence-rs, and others.

Student Involvement

To encourage student participation in the conference, students were supported and subsidized registration costs. Students or emerging scholars accounted for approximately one quarter of participants.

Social Program

Conference Dinner (Gala Dinner)

Venue: BRAC-CDM, Savar **Day:** Saturday **Date:** 25 November, 2023 **Time:** 6:30-9:30 pm.

Conference participants were invited to attend the conference dinner, hosted following the first day of conference proceedings. Approximately 400 participants attended the dinner.

Conference Recordings, Media & Public Diplomacy

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From despair to **DETERMINATION**

Conference restores hope in patients with spinal cord injuries



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Aakash Ali injured his spine about a year ago and has been on a wheelchair for the past five months. For him, paralysis was nothing but a synonym of death.

Then came the 22nd Asian Spinal Cord Network conference, a three day event for people with spinal cord injury (SCI), which helped restore his determination to move forward amid adversity.

With the slogan "Strengthening SCI services through knowledge exchange and deepening friendship," the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP), who has been serving such patients since 1979, organised the conference at Brac CDM in Savar.

The Daily Star was the media partner of the event.

This newspaper yesterday spoke to several patients currently under treatment at CRP in Savar.

"Doctors from different countries informed us of ways to cope up with our shortcomings and live a good life. Paralysis no longer means death to me," said Akash.

Forty-year-old Rajan Sheikh, who also injured his

spine around the same time as Akash, echoed the same.

"I was depressed... but not anymore. I plan to return home and restart my grocery store to support my family of four," said Rajan, before he rode off on his wheelchair.

This conference aimed at initiating more treatment, rehabilitation and research facilities for patients with SCI, said Dr Mohammad Sohorab Hossen, executive director of CRP.

"While very few get to completely recover from such injuries, most patients can still resume normal life. But they are unaware of ways for rehabilitation. We work to inform them of their capabilities and ways to bounce back in life," said Dr Valerie Taylor, founder and coordinator of CRP and convener of the conference.

The last day of the event hosted eight discussions, with participation of over 400 individuals from 20 countries. The conference concluded yesterday with a wheelchair basketball tournament and a cultural programme, attended by Dr Enamur Rahman, state minister for disaster management and relief as chief guest.

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PATIENTS WITH SPINAL CORD INJURY Not enough facilities to address their woes Speakers tell conference, stress for strengthening services

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Patients with acute spinal cord injury remain widely neglected due to lack of facilities in the country, said speakers at an international conference yesterday.

"The acute SCI (spinal cord injury) patients remain neglected as there are only a few centres to provide services to them. If any accidents happen, often there are no transportation services to take them to nearby hospitals. Even government hospitals do not have adequate facilities to accommodate and rehabilitate them," said Fazlul Hoque, spine surgeon and also founder convener of the Asian Spinal Cord Network (ASCoN).

He said this while addressing the opening session of three-day 22nd ASCoN Conference.

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deepening friendship," the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP), who has been serving such patients since 1979, organised the conference at Brac CDM in Savar. The Daily Star was the media partner of the event.

Dr Fazlul urged the director-general of the Directorate General of Health Services to take steps to arrange facilities at government hospitals and specialised hospitals for patients with spinal cord injury.

Speaking as the chief guest, Prof Dr Sharafuddin Ahmed, vice-chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, pledged to initiate arrangements at BSMMU to provide services and rehabilitation for such patients.

Highlighting improvements in the health sector, Prof Sharafuddin said Dr He

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Not enough facilities to address

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the government is working to enhance facilities at hospitals to bring persons with disabilities into the country's mainstream and improve their lives.

Dr Valerie Taylor, founder and coordinator of CRP and convener of the conference, mentioned that delegates from different countries would exchange knowledge regarding services for patients of spinal cord injury at the conference, fostering friendship among those working with such

patients.

Mustaque Ahmed, trustee at the Trust for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed, said, "When we started providing services to such patients, there were no available services for them in the country. But the situation has now improved a lot. Even so, still many people need help badly, and we are working to support them."

He urged the relevant government authorities to prepare a database of such patients to facilitate their

services to them.

He also called upon all to work together for the betterment of such patients.

Chaired by Prof Dr Mohammad Sohrab Hossain, the opening session was also addressed by Nadera Hayat Burhani, health coordinator at ICRC; Prof Dr Apichana Kovindha, co-founder of ASCoN; and Muhammad Mushfiqul Wara, country director of CBM Global Disability Inclusion, among others.

প্রথম আলো

সেবাকেন্দ্র অপরিাপ্ত, ভোগান্তিতে মেরুদণ্ডে আঘাত পাওয়া রোগীরা

২২তম এসকন সম্মেলন

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২০টির বেশি দেশের প্রতিনিধিসহ চার
শতাধিক ব্যক্তি সম্মেলনে অংশ নেন।

নিজস্ব প্রতিবেদক, সাতার

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২২তম এশিয়ান স্পাইনাল কর্ড ইনজুরি নেটওয়ার্ক
(এসকন) সম্মেলন ২০২৩-এর উদ্বোধনী অনুষ্ঠানে
বিশিষ্ট স্পাইনাল সার্জন ফজলুল হক এসব কথা
বলেন। তিনি বলেন, সরকারি মেডিকেল কলেজে
মেরুদণ্ডে আঘাত পাওয়া রোগীদের আবাসনের
সুযোগ নেই। সরকারি মেডিকেল ও অন্যান্য
বিশেষায়িত হাসপাতালে তাঁদের কীভাবে
চিকিৎসাসেবা নিশ্চিত করা যায়, তা নিয়ে সরকারি
প্রতিষ্ঠানগুলোকে ভাবতে হবে।

‘জ্ঞানের বিনিময় ও বন্ধুত্বের গভীরতার মাধ্যমে
মেরুদণ্ডে আঘাত পাওয়া রোগীদের পরিষেবা
শক্তিশালী করা’ প্রতিপাদ্যে এবারের এসকন
সম্মেলনে ভারত, শ্রীলঙ্কা, অস্ট্রেলিয়া, থাইল্যান্ড,
দক্ষিণ কোরিয়া, জার্মানি, আয়ারল্যান্ড,
সুইজারল্যান্ড, নেদারল্যান্ডসসহ বিশ্বের ২০টির
বেশি দেশের প্রতিনিধিসহ চার শতাধিক ব্যক্তি অংশ
নেন। সম্মেলনের প্রথম দিনে গতকাল শনিবার
বিভিন্ন দেশ থেকে আসা বিশেষজ্ঞরা মেরুদণ্ডের
আঘাত নিয়ে বিভিন্ন গবেষণা প্রতিবেদন তুলে
ধরেন।

সম্মেলনে প্রধান অতিথির বক্তব্যে বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ
মুজিব মেডিকেল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের (বিএসএমএমইউ)
উপাচার্য মোহাম্মদ শারফুদ্দিন আহমেদ বলেন, আজ
বেশ কয়েকজন বিশেষ চাহিদাসম্পন্ন ব্যক্তি ফুলের
তোড়া দিয়ে আমাদের বরণ করে নিয়েছেন।
সিআরপি সহযোগিতা না পেলে তাঁরা হয়তো
শয্যাশায়ী জীবনযাপন করতেন। তিনি বলেন,
বিশেষ চাহিদাসম্পন্ন ব্যক্তিরা সমাজের বাইরের কেউ
নন। তাঁদের সহযোগিতা করতে হবে। তাঁদের সঙ্গে
নিয়ে একত্রে কাজ করতে হবে। এ ধরনের সম্মেলন
জ্ঞানের আদান-প্রদান, অসুস্থদের সেবা দেওয়ার



সম্মেলনের উদ্বোধনী অনুষ্ঠানে বক্তব্য দেন সিআরপির প্রতিষ্ঠাতা ও কনফারেন্সের সমন্বয়কারী
ভ্যালেরি এ টেইলর। ছবি: প্রথম আলো

উন্নত উপায় সম্পর্কে জানার সুযোগ তৈরি করে
দেবে। তিনিটি বিষয়ের মাধ্যমে পক্ষাঘাত নিরাময়
হতে পারে। ওই বিষয়ে প্রকৃত শিক্ষা, আর্থিক বা
ফিজিওথেরাপির বিষয়ে সহযোগিতা ও মনস্তাত্ত্বিক
সহযোগিতা।

বিশেষ অতিথির বক্তব্যে ট্রাস্ট ফর দ্য
রিহাবিলিটেশন অব দ্য প্যারালাইজডের (টিআরপি)
ট্রাস্টি মুস্তাক আহমেদ বলেন, সম্মেলনে
অংশগ্রহণকারীরা নিজ নিজ দেশে ফিরে বাস্তবধর্মী
পরিবর্তনে যখন কাজ করবেন, তখনই এ সম্মেলনের
সফলতা আসবে। প্রতিনিয়ত বৈশ্বিক পরিবর্তন হচ্ছে,
জনসংখ্যা বাড়ছে। এখন সমস্যা সমাধানে অন্যের
ওপর নির্ভর করে থাকলে চলবে না। সম্মিলিতভাবে
নিজেদেরই সমস্যা সমাধানে কাজ করতে হবে।

সম্মেলনে শুভেচ্ছা বক্তব্য দেন সাতারের
পক্ষাঘাতগ্রস্তদের পুনর্বাসন কেন্দ্রের (সিআরপি)
প্রতিষ্ঠাতা ও ২২তম এসকন সম্মেলনের সমন্বয়কারী
ভ্যালেরি এ টেইলর। তিনি বলেন, সম্মেলনে
উপস্থিত প্রত্যেকেরই ভিন্ন ভিন্ন প্রত্যাশা আছে।
নিজেদের মধ্যে তথ্যের আদান-প্রদানের মাধ্যমে
প্রত্যাশা পূরণের সুযোগ তৈরি হবে। একে-অপরের
মধ্যে বন্ধুত্বের সেতুবন্ধ তৈরি হবে, যার মাধ্যমে

এবারের সম্মেলন সফলতা পাবে।

সম্মেলনে বিশেষ অতিথি ছিলেন সিবিএম
গ্লোবাল ডিজঅ্যাবিলিটি ইনস্টিটিউশনের কান্টি
ডিরেক্টর মুহাম্মদ মুশফিকুল ওয়াহা, ইন্টারন্যাশনাল
কমিটি অব দ্য রেডক্রসের (আইসিআরসি)
হেলথ কো-অর্ডিনেটর নাদিরা হায়াত বুরহানি,
সহপ্রতিষ্ঠাতা আপিছানা কোব্বিকা, ২২তম
এসকন সম্মেলনের সভাপতি অধ্যাপক মোহাম্মদ
সোহরাব হোসেন।

আজ রোববার সম্মেলনের দ্বিতীয় দিনে
মেরুদণ্ডে আঘাত পাওয়া রোগীদের চিকিৎসা ও
পুনর্বাসনে দিকনির্দেশনা নিয়ে ৯টি পর্বে আলোচনা
করা হবে। এ ছাড়া সম্মেলনে উপস্থাপিত সবচেয়ে
গুরুত্বপূর্ণ গবেষণা প্রতিবেদন ও গবেষণাকে পুরস্কার
দেওয়া হবে। আগামীকাল সোমবার সাতারের
সিআরপিতে একই বিষয়ে বিভিন্ন ধরনের কর্মশালা
অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। সন্ধ্যায় সাংস্কৃতিক অনুষ্ঠানের মাধ্যমে
শেষ হবে এসকন সম্মেলন।

সিআরপির আয়োজনে ও প্রথম আলোর
সহযোগিতায় সম্মেলনে মিডিয়া পার্টনার হিসেবে
আছে বেসরকারি টেলিভিশন চ্যানেল ২৪ ও ইংরেজি
দৈনিক দ্য ডেইলি স্টার।

প্রথম আলো

মেরুরজুতে আঘাতের কারণে ভুগতে হয় দীর্ঘ সময়

এসকন সম্মেলন ২০২৩

সরকারি মেডিকেল ও অন্যান্য
বিশেষায়িত হাসপাতালে তাঁদের কীভাবে
চিকিৎসাসেবা নিশ্চিত করা যায়, তা নিয়ে
সরকারি প্রতিষ্ঠানগুলোকে ভাবতে হবে।

নিজস্ব প্রতিবেদক, সাতার

দেশে স্পাইনাল কর্ড ইনজুরি বা মেরুদণ্ডে আঘাত
পাওয়া রোগীদের বিষয়ে তেমন কোনো তথ্য নেই।
দেশে পর্যাপ্ত সেবাকেন্দ্র না থাকায় চরম ভোগান্তির
শিকার হচ্ছেন রোগীরা। মেরুরজুতে আঘাতের
কারণে তাঁদের দীর্ঘ সময় ভুগতে হয়। এমনকি আহত
ব্যক্তিকে চিকিৎসাকেন্দ্রে নেওয়ার জন্য পর্যাপ্ত
পরিবহনব্যবস্থাও নেই।

গতকাল শনিবার ঢাকার সাতারের আশুলিয়ায়
ব্র্যাক সিডিএমে ২২তম এশিয়ান স্পাইনাল কর্ড
ইনজুরি নেটওয়ার্ক (এসকন) সম্মেলন ২০২৩-এর
উদ্বোধনী অনুষ্ঠানে বিশিষ্ট স্পাইনাল সার্জন ফজলুল
হক এসব কথা বলেন। তিনি বলেন, সরকারি
মেডিকেল কলেজে মেরুরজুতে আঘাত পাওয়া
রোগীদের আবাসনের সুযোগ নেই। সরকারি
মেডিকেল ও অন্যান্য বিশেষায়িত হাসপাতালে
তাঁদের কীভাবে চিকিৎসাসেবা নিশ্চিত করা যায়, তা
নিয়ে সরকারি প্রতিষ্ঠানগুলোকে ভাবতে হবে।

সাতারের পক্ষাঘাতগ্রস্তদের পুনর্বাসন কেন্দ্রের
(সিআরপি) প্রতিষ্ঠাতা ও ২২তম এসকন সম্মেলনের
সমন্বয়কারী ভ্যালেরি এ টেইলর শুভেচ্ছা বক্তব্য দেন।
প্রধান অতিথি ছিলেন বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিব মেডিকেল
বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের (বিএসএমএমইউ) উপাচার্য মোহাম্মদ
শারফুদ্দিন আহমেদ। বিশেষ অতিথি ছিলেন সিবিসি
গ্লোবাল ডিজঅ্যাবিলিটি ইনক্লুশনের কান্ট্রি ডিরেক্টর
মুহাম্মদ মুশফিকুল ওয়াহিদ, ইন্টারন্যাশনাল কমিটি অব
দ্য রেডক্রসের (আইসিআরসি) হেলথ কো-অর্ডিনেটর
নাদিরা হায়াত বুরহানি, স্পাইনাল সার্জন ও এসকনের
প্রতিষ্ঠাতা আহম্মাদ ফজলুল হক, সহপ্রতিষ্ঠাতা
আপিছানা কোবিল্লা, ট্রাস্ট ফর দ্য রিহাবিলিটেশন অব
দ্য প্যারালাইজডের (টিআরপি) ট্রাস্টি মুস্তাক আহমেদ,
২২তম এসকন সম্মেলনের সভাপতি অধ্যাপক মোহাম্মদ
সোহরাব হোসেন।

ভ্যালেরি এ টেইলর বলেন, সম্মেলনে উপস্থিত
প্রত্যেকেরই ভিন্ন ভিন্ন প্রত্যাশা আছে। নিজেদের
মধ্যে তথ্যের আদান-প্রদানের মাধ্যমে প্রত্যাশা
পূরণের সুযোগ তৈরি হবে। একে-অপরের মধ্যে
বন্ধুত্বের সেতুবন্ধন তৈরি হবে, যার মাধ্যমে এবারের



সম্মেলনের উদ্বোধনী অনুষ্ঠানে বক্তব্য দেন সিআরপির প্রতিষ্ঠাতা ও কনফারেন্সের সমন্বয়কারী
ভ্যালেরি এ টেইলর। ছবি: প্রথম আলো

সম্মেলন সফলতা পাবে।

মুস্তাক আহমেদ বলেন, সম্মেলনে
অংশগ্রহণকারীরা নিজ নিজ দেশে ফিরে বাস্তবধর্মী
পরিবর্তনে যখন কাজ করবেন, তখনই এ সম্মেলনের
সফলতা আসবে। প্রতিনিয়ত বৈশ্বিক পরিবর্তন হচ্ছে,
জনসংখ্যা বাড়ছে। এখন সমস্যা সমাধানে অন্যের
ওপর নির্ভর করে থাকলে চলবে না। সম্মিলিতভাবে
নিজেদেরই সমস্যা সমাধানে কাজ করতে হবে।

অধ্যাপক মোহাম্মদ শারফুদ্দিন আহমেদ
বলেন, আজ বেশ কয়েকজন বিশেষ চাহিদাসম্পন্ন
ব্যক্তি ফুলের তোড়া দিয়ে তাঁদের বরণ করে
নিয়েছেন। সিআরপির সহযোগিতা না পেলে তাঁরা
শয্যাশায়ী জীবনযাপন করতেন বলে তিনি মনে
করেন। তিনি বলেন, বিশেষ চাহিদাসম্পন্ন
ব্যক্তির সমাজের বাইরের কেউ নন। তাঁদের
সহযোগিতা করতে হবে। তাঁদের সঙ্গে নিয়ে একত্রে
কাজ করতে হবে। এ ধরনের সম্মেলন জ্ঞানের
আদান-প্রদান, অসুস্থদের সেবা দেওয়ার
উন্নত উপায় সম্পর্কে জানার সুযোগ তৈরি করে
দেবে। তিনটি বিষয়ের মাধ্যমে পক্ষাঘাত নিরাময়
হতে পারে। ওই বিষয়ে প্রকৃত শিক্ষা, আর্থিক বা
ফিজিওথেরাপির বিষয়ে সহযোগিতা ও মনস্তাত্ত্বিক
সহযোগিতা।

‘জ্ঞানের বিনিময় ও বন্ধুত্বের গভীরতার মাধ্যমে
মেরুদণ্ডে আঘাত পাওয়া রোগীদের পরিষেবা
শক্তিশালী করা’—প্রতিপাদ্যে এবারের এসকন
সম্মেলনে ভারত, শ্রীলঙ্কা অস্ট্রেলিয়া, থাইল্যান্ড,
দক্ষিণ কোরিয়া, জার্মানি, অস্ট্রেলিয়া, সুইজারল্যান্ড,
নেদারল্যান্ডসসহ বিশ্বের ২০টির
বেশি দেশের প্রতিনিধিসহ চার শতাধিক ব্যক্তি অংশ
নেন। সম্মেলনের প্রথম দিনে আজ বিভিন্ন দেশ
থেকে আসা বিশেষজ্ঞরা মেরুরজুতে আঘাত নিয়ে
বিভিন্ন গবেষণা প্রতিবেদন তুলে ধরেন।

আজ রোববার সম্মেলনের দ্বিতীয় দিনে
মেরুদণ্ডে আঘাত পাওয়া রোগীদের চিকিৎসা ও
পুনর্বাসনে দিকনির্দেশনা নিয়ে ৯টি পর্বে আলোচনা
করা হবে। এ ছাড়া সম্মেলনে উপস্থাপিত সবচেয়ে
ভালো গবেষণা প্রতিবেদন ও গবেষককে পুরস্কার
দেওয়া হবে। সোমবার সাতারের সিআরপিতে একই
বিষয়ে বিভিন্ন ধরনের কর্মশালা অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।
সন্ধ্যায় সাংস্কৃতিক অনুষ্ঠানের মাধ্যমে এসকন
সম্মেলন ২০২৩ শেষ হবে।

সিআরপির আয়োজনে প্রথম আলোর
সহযোগিতায় সম্মেলনের মিডিয়া পার্টনার হিসেবে
আছে বেসরকারি টেলিভিশন চ্যানেল ২৪ ও ইংরেজি
দৈনিক ডেইলি স্টার।

প্রথম আলো

মেরুদণ্ডে আঘাতপ্রাপ্তদের নতুন জীবনে প্রশিক্ষিত করতে হবে

এসকন সম্মেলনের সমাপনী

এবারের সম্মেলনে ভারত, অস্ট্রেলিয়া, জার্মানি, সুইজারল্যান্ডসহ বিশ্বের ২০টির বেশি দেশের অর্ধশতাধিক অংশগ্রহণকারীসহ চার শতাধিক ব্যক্তি অংশ নেন।

নিজস্ব প্রতিবেদক, সাতার

স্পাইনালকর্ড বা মেরুদণ্ডে আঘাত পেলেও কিছু সেক্টর রয়েছে, যেখানে এ ধরনের রোগীরা সহজেই ফিরে যেতে পারেন, যেমন আইনজীবী, শিক্ষক। তবে যারা কৃষক, দিনমজুর শ্রেণির তাঁরা পূর্বের কাজে ফিরে যেতে পারেন না। তাঁদের নিয়ে ভাবতে হবে; তাঁরা যে কাজগুলো করতে আগ্রহী, সে অনুযায়ী তাঁদের প্রশিক্ষণ দিতে হবে। তাঁরা কীভাবে তাঁদের পরিবারকে সহযোগিতা করতে পারেন, পরিবারের পাশে দাঁড়াতে পারেন, সেগুলো নিয়েও ভাবতে হবে।

ঢাকার সাতারে অনুষ্ঠিত তিন দিনব্যাপী ২২তম এশিয়ান স্পাইনালকর্ড ইনজুরি নেটওয়ার্ক (এসকন) কনফারেন্স-২০২৩-এর সমাপনী দিনে এসব কথা বলেন সিআরপির প্রতিষ্ঠাতা ও সম্মেলনের সমন্বয়কারী ভ্যালেরি এ টেইলর। তিনি বলেন, আকস্মিকভাবে দুর্ঘটনার পরে স্পাইনালকর্ড ইনজুরি বা মেরুদণ্ডে আঘাতপ্রাপ্ত অধিকাংশ ব্যক্তি মনে করেন তাঁদের জীবনটা সেখানেই শেষ। আসলে এখান থেকেই শুরু। তাঁদের পাশে দাঁড়ানো, তাঁদের সহযোগিতা করার এবং নতুন জীবনে কীভাবে নিজেকে মানিয়ে নিতে হবে, সেই শিক্ষার শুরু হয়। সমাজের জন্য এসব ব্যক্তির গুরুত্বের বিষয়টি তাঁদের বুঝিয়ে বলতে হবে। তাঁদের বোঝাতে হবে যে তাঁরা নানা ধরনের কাজ করতে সক্ষম। তাহলে তাঁরা মানসিকভাবে শক্তি পাবে, বুঝতে পারবে তাঁদের কিছু করার সক্ষমতা রয়েছে।

আন্তর্জাতিক এ সম্মেলনের বিভিন্ন দিক তুলে ধরেন ভ্যালেরি এ টেইলর। তিনি বলেন, ‘আন্তর্জাতিক এ সম্মেলনে অংশগ্রহণকারী বিভিন্ন দেশের ব্যক্তিরা স্পাইনালকর্ড ইনজুরি বা মেরুদণ্ডে আঘাত পাওয়া ব্যক্তিদের চিকিৎসার ক্ষেত্রে তাঁরা কী ধরনের চিকিৎসাসেবা দিচ্ছেন এবং আমরা কী করছি, সেসব তথ্যের আদান-প্রদান হয়েছে।’

‘জ্ঞান বিনিময় এবং বন্ধুত্বের গভীরতার মাধ্যমে মেরুদণ্ডে আঘাতপ্রাপ্ত রোগীদের পরিষেবাগুলোকে শক্তিশালী করা’ প্রতিপাদ্যে তিন দিনব্যাপী এ সম্মেলনের শেষ দিন সাতার ও মিরপুরে পক্ষাঘাতগ্রস্তদের পুনর্বাসন কেন্দ্রে (সিআরপি) আটটি বিষয়ের ওপর কর্মশালা হয়। কর্মশালা শেষে সাতার সিআরপিতে বিকেল সাড়ে চারটার দিকে বাল্কেটবল গ্রাউন্ডে ২২তম এসকন অ্যান্ড ইন্টারন্যাশনাল ডিজঅ্যাবিলিটি ডে স্পোর্টস ফেস্টিভাল ২০২৩ আয়োজন করা হয়। এতে সিআরপিতে চিকিৎসাসহীন মেরুদণ্ডে আঘাতপ্রাপ্ত ব্যক্তিরা হুইলচেয়ারে বসে বাল্কেটবল খেলা প্রতিযোগিতায় অংশ নেন। পরে সিআরপির রোডওয়ে হলে তিন দিনব্যাপী সম্মেলনের সমাপনী অধিবেশনের আয়োজন করা হয়। সম্ভ্রাত্য একই স্থানে সাংস্কৃতিক অনুষ্ঠানের মধ্য দিয়ে আন্তর্জাতিক

এ সম্মেলন শেষ হয়।

ইঞ্জিনচালিত ট্রিলির ওপর থেকে পড়ে মেরুদণ্ডে আঘাত পেয়ে পাঁচ মাস ধরে সিআরপিতে চিকিৎসা নিচ্ছেন আকাশ আলী। হুইলচেয়ারে সম্মেলনে অংশ নেন তিনি। প্রথম আলোকে আকাশ আলী বলেন, ‘শ্যালো ইঞ্জিনচালিত ট্রিলির ওপর থেকে পড়ে পা অবশ হয়ে যায়। ইটিতে পারি না। এই অনুষ্ঠানে অংশ নিয়ে জেনেছি কীভাবে হুইলচেয়ার ব্যবহার করতে হবে। সামনের দিনগুলোতে চলতে হবে। কোন কোন কাজ করা যাবে না।’

সিবিএম গ্লোবাল ডিজঅ্যাবিলিটি ইনক্লুশনের কান্ডি ডিরেক্টর মুহম্মদ মুশফিক ওয়ারা বলেন, ‘মেরুদণ্ডে আঘাতপ্রাপ্ত এবং সব প্রতিবন্ধী ব্যক্তিদের জন্য একটি একীভূত সমাজ গঠনে আমাদের সবাইকে সম্মিলিতভাবে কাজ করতে হবে। আমরা মনে করি, প্রতিবন্ধী ব্যক্তিদের জন্য নির্বাচন প্রবেশগম্যতা নিশ্চিত করা ইনক্লুসিভ (অন্তর্ভুক্তিমূলক) কর্মকাণ্ডের জন্য একটি উজ্জ্বল দৃষ্টান্ত হতে পারে। তাই সরকার এবং কর্তৃপক্ষের কাছে আমাদের আবেদন থাকবে, নির্বাচনে প্রবেশগম্যতা নিশ্চিতকরণের মাধ্যমে মেরুদণ্ডে আঘাতপ্রাপ্ত ব্যক্তি তথা সব প্রতিবন্ধী ব্যক্তির অংশগ্রহণ নিশ্চিত করার।’

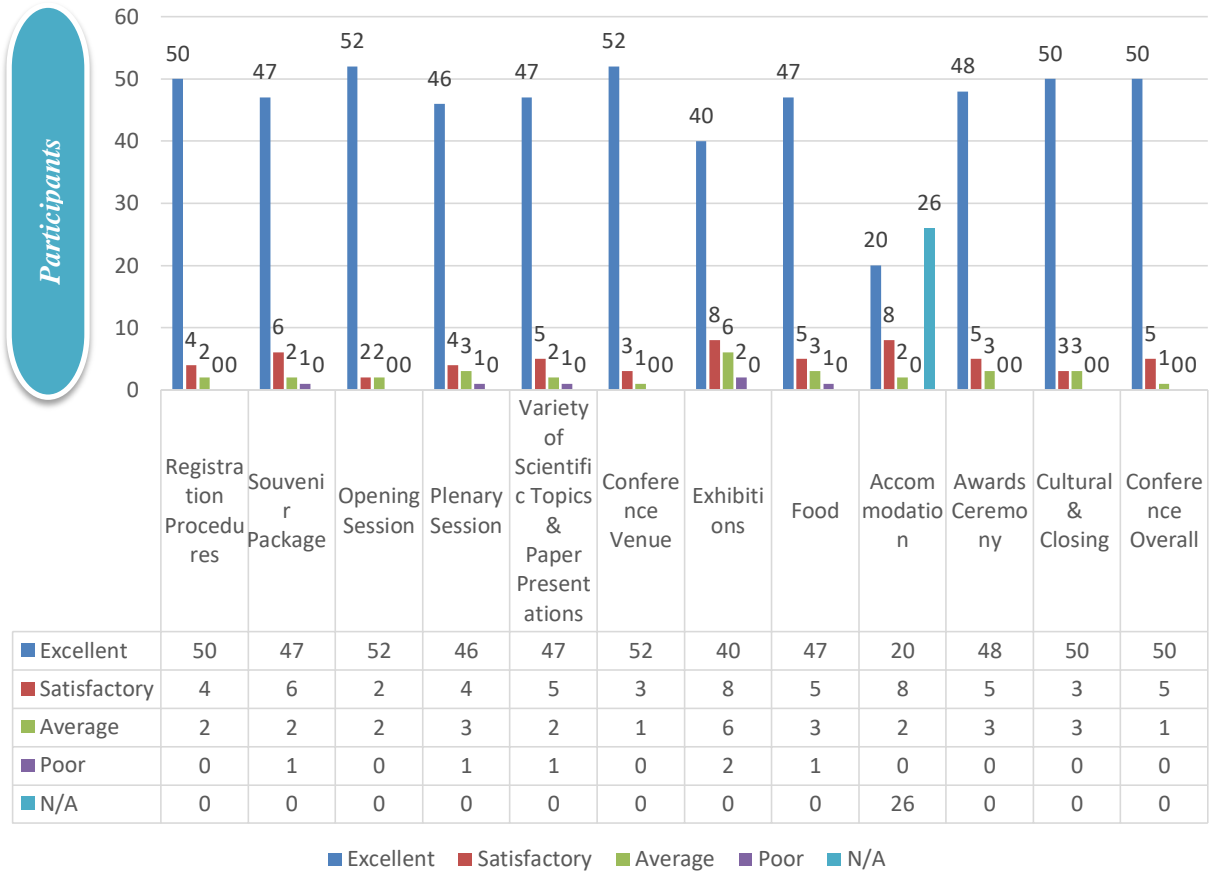
সিআরপির নির্বাহী পরিচালক ও এসকন কনফারেন্সের সভাপতি মোহাম্মদ সোহরাব হোসেন বলেন, ‘যারা মেরুদণ্ডে আঘাত পান, তাঁদের চিকিৎসা, তাঁদের পুনর্বাসন এবং চিকিৎসা নেওয়ার পর পরবর্তী সময়ে হুইলচেয়ার এবং সহায়ক ডিভাইস নিয়ে কীভাবে জীবন যাপন করবেন, সেসব গুরুত্বপূর্ণ বিষয় নিয়ে আন্তর্জাতিক এ সম্মেলনে আলোচনা হয়েছে। বিশেষ করে বিভিন্ন দেশের গবেষণা এবং সাম্প্রতিক চিকিৎসা নিয়ে আলোচনা হয়েছে। এ কনফারেন্স মেরুদণ্ডে আঘাতপ্রাপ্ত ব্যক্তিদের চিকিৎসা ও পুনর্বাসনের ক্ষেত্রে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ভূমিকা রাখবে।’

সমাপনী অধিবেশনে উপস্থিত ছিলেন দুর্যোগ ব্যবস্থাপনা ও ত্রাণ প্রতিমন্ত্রী এনামুর রহমান। তিনি বলেন, বর্তমান সরকার বিশেষ চাহিদাসম্পন্ন ব্যক্তিদের পুনর্বাসনের লক্ষ্যে বিভিন্ন ধরনের পদক্ষেপ গ্রহণ করেছে। প্রতিবন্ধীদের ভাতাসহ বিভিন্ন ধরনের সুযোগ-সুবিধা দেওয়া হচ্ছে। সমাজের মূল স্রোতধারার সঙ্গে তাঁদের মিলিয়ে দিতে বিভিন্ন ধরনের পদক্ষেপ নেওয়া হচ্ছে।

তিন দিনব্যাপী এ আন্তর্জাতিক সম্মেলনে যারা মেরুদণ্ডে আঘাতপ্রাপ্ত হন, তাঁদের চিকিৎসা, পুনর্বাসন এবং চিকিৎসা নেওয়ার পর পরবর্তী জীবন হুইলচেয়ারে এবং সহায়ক ডিভাইস নিয়ে কীভাবে জীবন যাপন করবেন, সেসব গুরুত্বপূর্ণ বিষয় নিয়ে আলোচনা হয়। বিষয়ের ওপর বিভিন্ন দেশের গবেষণা এবং সাম্প্রতিক চিকিৎসা নিয়ে আলোচনা হয়। এই আলোচনায় দেশি-বিদেশি বিশেষজ্ঞরা একসঙ্গে তাঁদের গবেষণায় প্রাপ্ত তথ্য উপস্থাপন করেন। একে অপরের সঙ্গে আলোচনা করেছেন।

এবারের এসকন সম্মেলনে ভারত, শ্রীলঙ্কা, অস্ট্রেলিয়া, থাইল্যান্ড, দক্ষিণ কোরিয়া, জার্মানি, আয়ারল্যান্ড, সুইজারল্যান্ড, নেদারল্যান্ডসহ বিশ্বের ২০টির বেশি দেশের অর্ধশতাধিক অংশগ্রহণকারীসহ চার শতাধিক ব্যক্তি অংশ নেন। সিআরপির আয়োজনে প্রথম আলোর সহযোগিতায় এ সম্মেলনের মিডিয়া পার্টনার চ্যানেল-২৪ ও ইংরেজি দৈনিক দ্য ডেইলি স্টার।

Feedback from the Participants



1. Which part of the conference was most linked to you?

During the 22nd ASCoN Conference 2023, participants identified the following topics as being most relevant to them:

1. Psycho-social Rehabilitation 2. Plenary Session 3. Poster Presentation (Nominated for Award) 4. Workshop 5. Knowledge-sharing session from respected delegates from different countries 6. Almost all parts 7. PNO-related session, SCI research presentation, knowledge sharing from different countries 8. Conference venue 9. Admin part 10. Scientific session and Assistive device exhibition and competition 11. Workshop 6 on Speech Characteristics, Voice, and Swallowing for SCI 12. Paper presentation related to the role of Speech and Language Therapy services 13. Aftercare of spinal cord injury 14. Accessibility limitation in the government sector 15. Scientific Topics & Paper Presentations; Exhibitions 16. Workshops and Plenary session 17. Scientific Presentation 18. Network and communication 19. Last Day

SLT workshop 20. Emerging researcher in this field 21. Scientific topics and paper presentation 22. Presentation, cultural & closing session 23. Secondary complications of SCI 24. Research, orthosis, exhibitions 25. Assistive device workshop 26. Parallel session: Affordable & Accessible SCI Service 27. Workshop: Assistive device; Occupational Therapy & Return to Work 28. Overall organization 29. Nursing 30. Speech characteristic, Cognition, Physiotherapy session 31. Paper Presentation 32. Opening ceremony 33. Poster Presentation & Poster Exhibitions 34. Food

2. What was your favorite scientific session?

PTSD paper presentation - Plenary Session 5: Paper Presentation - ASCoN-ISCoS Observership Award - My favorite scientific session was the award-winning scientific session. - The knowledge-sharing session from respected delegates from different countries motivated me to learn about SCI and do research in the near future. - The competitive scientific session. - Assistive device and mobility device - UTI management - Best paper session - Selected scientific session for awards - Aftercare Guideline - all the speakers' presentations. I cannot mention one speaker's name as all the speakers gave very informative presentations. - Scientific paper presentation - Chest physiotherapy - Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Services across ASCoN region in the last 22 years: Advances made and challenges faced. - Physical, Occupational, and Psychosocial Aspects of Spinal Rehabilitation - Recent Advancements in Spinal Rehabilitation (Intervention) - Organization of Persons with Disabilities (OPD) Challenges and Success - Poster and Assistive Device Display - Occupational Therapy and Return to Work - Assistive Devices - Physical, Occupational, and Psychosocial Aspects of Spinal Rehabilitation - Cardio-respiratory session - Cervical Spinal Cord Injury related to voice and swallowing - NLUTD - SCI treatment guidelines developed by AUS - Current SCI rehabilitation services in different countries. - Breastfeeding experience among mothers with spinal cord injury in Bangladesh. - The third-day workshop - My favorite session was the Plenary Session 1: Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Services across ASCoN region in the last 22 years: Advances made and challenges faced. I also really enjoyed the SCI Consumer workshop. - All sessions are good. - Guidelines of SCI management - Medical management and Secondary complications of SCI - Medical management of Spinal Cord Injuries - The presentation of the physicist of Malaysia - Urinary Complications - Secondary Complication of SCI - Aftercare - Physiotherapy scientific session - Effectiveness of Task-oriented Training to improve upper limb function/recovery among Spinal Cord Injury Tetraplegic patients - Discussions of researchers from different countries about spinal cord injury and modern assistive technology - Paper Presentation: ASCoN-ISCoS Observership Award - Recent advancements in spinal rehabilitation. - Scientific paper presentation - Logical question-answer session between presenters and the judges. - Top 10 presentations - Chest therapy - Speech characteristics of patients with cervical spinal cord injury in Bangladesh. Nahar Afrin, Bangladesh. - All Plenary & Parallel Sessions - Oral presentation for nominated best paper. - Presentation - Observation Award session - All poster presentations - CIVIC trial research I loved most because they have collected data through maintaining proper procedure and segregated the result for the betterment of the population. - Neuro-urological management - Speech and Language therapy and foreigner, Physiotherapy session. Almost all of the sessions were very informative and knowledgeable. - Plenary Session & Variety of Scientific Topics & Paper Presentations

3. What scientific topics would you like to see in the next conference?

Life after SCI: Changes and Overcome - Use of robots in SCI patient management - Evidence-based SCI rehabilitation - Evidence-based physiotherapy management - The impact of rehabilitation services in community-dwelling SCI patients. - Acute management of SCI - Urinary infection management - Few more surgical topics; research on acute and subacute phases of SCI - Pressure ulcer management and aftercare - Raising awareness about the role of Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) Services for SCI Patients. In many countries, people do not know about the involvement of SLT in aftercare, reducing mortality rates, and other sectors. - Advanced physiotherapy treatment approaches - Sports therapy & Rehabilitation - Community re-integration and mainstreaming through accessibility and use of technology, mental health support, etc. regarding persons with SCI. - Pediatric-related topics - More on accessibility, social integration, and cardio-respiratory - Cervical spinal cord injury related to voice and swallowing - Psychological aspects of SCI - AI in the field of rehabilitation - Uses of artificial intelligence (AI) in SCI rehabilitation - Pediatric-related spinal cord injury - The experiences of people with Spinal Cord Injury in various aspects - I would like to see a session around the subject of management, administration, funding, and HR management of Spinal injury Centers. To include speakers from various ASCoN countries who are actually responsible for the overall management of services. The sharing of experiences would provide valuable learning for all. Psychological effects and benefits of good mental health in SCI patients. - Specific treatment guidelines for every health professional of SCI patients. - Swallowing management for acute SCI patients - Spasticity management - Advancement in neurosurgery and stem cell applications in spinal cord regeneration. - Assistive devices and uses of robotics in advance mobility in Spinal Cord Injury. - Speech, Voice, and Swallowing Management of SCI (Medical management) - Community reintegration and livelihood engagement - More new research papers - Pediatric-related spinal cord injury - Upgrade management of breathing difficulties and other complications, basically reproductive system, and also what kind of family support mostly they need. - System strengthening for SCI rehabilitation service inclusion - SCI with Spina Bifida (child) - More subjects related to speech therapy's role. - Participation and presentation of prosthetics and orthotics and psychosocial counselors - More speech and language therapy topics should be included - Qualitative study, RCT, case control - Current Research and Priority area of SCI. Recent Advancement in Spinal Rehabilitation (Intervention) - Epidemiology of spinal cord injury. - Use of external modalities to improve the treatment. - Mostly related to P&O and assistive device technology. - Virtual reality - In the next conference, I would like to see more and more advanced equipment that helps the patient to perform his/her activities independently. - Urological Management - Speech and Language therapy and swallowing, Occupational Therapy - New technology upgrade for sensory and motor learning - Motor learning techniques with artificial intelligence in humans with SCI."

4. What types of exhibitions would you like to see at next year's conference?

Use of technology for developing quality of life after spinal cord injury (SCI) - Art by SCI patients - Exhibition of historical places of the host country - Latest treatment techniques and inclusion of SCI patients in the community - Affordable assistive technology that helps SCI people in their activities of daily living (ADLs), including local low-cost modalities for ADLs beyond wheelchairs, such as agronomical adjustments - Assessment procedures used in different countries - Health accessories related to patient management - Low-tech and high-tech assistive devices from different countries - Therapeutic tools or materials that can aid in community re-integration - Innovation with real-life implications - Recent advancements in spinal rehabilitation - Olympic games of disabled men and women - More

advanced technologies that are affordable, accessible, and convenient for persons with SCI - Physical, occupational, and psychosocial aspects of spinal rehabilitation - Exhibition stalls from different organizations to increase awareness - Practical demonstration of different accessibility and technology - Speech and language therapy exhibitions - Robotics and adaptive assistive devices - Uses of artificial intelligence (AI) in SCI rehabilitation - Product made by beneficiaries after life skill training - Daily living tools for SCI persons, low-cost cardiac exercise tools, and an art exhibition - Robotic technology use in SCI rehabilitation - Exhibition of assessment tools and treatment approaches used by different professionals for SCI patients - Grand awards ceremony - Inclusion of SCI in the community - Recent advances in SCI - Unique and advanced equipment, such as new electrical devices for SCI patients - Different kinds of booklets and materials - Advanced prosthetics and orthotics, mobility devices, and respiratory technology from a first-world country.

5. Area of Improvement or Additional comments?

Utilize technology for developing Quality of Life (QoL) after Spinal Cord Injury (SCI). - Organize a friendly debate competition between the host and visitor participants to raise awareness about Spinal Cord Injury. - Engage more staff who have direct experience in SCI area for better coordination and engagement. - Conduct workshop sessions with highly trained delegates. - Increase the number of participants and improve the scope of international collaborative studies for professionals. Provide consultancy sessions for international grants for research, higher education, and increase the number of awards. Categorize the award nominations. - Communication with participants needs improvement. - Need more foreign expertise in different areas of SCI management or after-care. - Add more poster and paper presentations according to different departments, for example, all paper or poster presentations related to physiotherapy in the same parallel session. - In current research and priority areas of SCI, involve all the departments who have a role in the management and rehabilitation of SCI, individually. - Attach a certificate of attendance or participation in ASCoN Conference to increase professional involvement. - Communicate with experts more and ensure their presence at the conference. - Provide practical demonstrations of spinal rehabilitation. - Involve more different professionals, media partners, voluntary organizations, linked associations, and policymakers. - Improve the transport system. - Highlight recent advance areas of SCI. - Improve the food and management. - Provide more volunteers to assist or guide guests, especially PWD's, and improve time management. - Improve the workshop sessions. - Make registration and food collection procedures more disabled-friendly. - Avoid "live" sessions in the future conferences and focus on pre-recorded sessions. Share evaluation results with participants and particularly with Esha and her team in Nepal who will host next year's conference. - Congratulations to the organizers for the excellent organization of ASCoN 2023, including communication, overall program, conference package, conference fees, transport, and logistics. Special mention to Sohrab, Abdullah, Arifa, Mizan, and Shahnaj. Also grateful to Dr. Fazlul Hoque, Assoc Prof Apichana Kovindha, and Stephen Muldoon for their valuable inputs towards strengthening national, regional, and international collaboration. - Congratulations to whoever got the media involved. The publicity and awareness-raising were fantastic. Well done Team ASCoN 2023. Proud to be an ASCoNiac. Extending the time of the ASCoN conference and workshop would be beneficial for better interaction. - Everything was satisfactory. - Improvements can be made in the souvenir package and time management.



- CRP did a great job; the conference was well-organized. - More faculties from neurosurgery, physical medicine, rehabilitation, and orthopedics should be involved. - CRP has done excellent work in successfully arranging this international conference, and it was a great success. Congratulations! - Scientific paper presentations could be more advanced to provide a learning opportunity for rehabilitation professionals. - Thank you for organizing such a nice conference. Best wishes for the next one in Nepal. - Food needs improvement, and more vegetarian options should be available. - Workshop sessions need improvement. - Abstracts of presentations should be provided via email or pen drive. - The sound system needs improvement. - Time management needs improvement. - Auditorium design needs improvement for better projector visibility. - Paper selection and workshop need to be more resourceful. - It would be better to keep a general reward for all presenters (oral and poster) to encourage participation in the next conference. - A well-decorated venue for the plenary sessions, enriched souvenir package, and food. - Award quantity needs improvement. - Overall coordination and engagement of more staff who directly work in the SCI area. - Pre-planned workshops should strictly follow the timeframe. - Slope sitting should be provided for better audience concentration. - Increasing registration is suggested if possible. - More resource persons, certificates, and awards should be given to every presenter to encourage participation.

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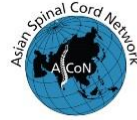
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Conclusion

The 22nd ASCoN Conference in 2023 is a significant event for SCI research. It brings together experts from around the world, allowing them to showcase their research, exchange ideas, and establish new partnerships. The conference is carefully curated to offer diverse opportunities for attendees to engage in scientific inquiry, broaden their knowledge, and contribute to the advancement of the SCI field. At the conference, attendees learn about the latest developments, innovations, and trends in SCI research, as well as gain insights into the challenges and opportunities facing the field. Leading researchers, clinicians, and policy-makers share their experiences and knowledge, providing valuable insights and perspectives. The conference features a range of activities such as scientific sessions, poster presentations, workshops, and networking events. These activities allow attendees to engage with their peers, share their research, and establish new collaborations. The 22nd ASCoN Conference in 2023 is an exceptional opportunity for anyone interested in SCI research to gain valuable knowledge, insights, and connections. Attendees leave the conference with a deeper understanding of the field, new research collaborations, and a renewed sense of purpose to contribute to the advancement of SCI research.

Title	Program Schedule for the 22ndASCoN Conference-2023 (Draft)	
Theme	<i>Strengthening SCI Services through knowledge exchange and deepening friendship.</i>	
Date	25th to 27th, November-2023	
Venue	BRAC-CDM, Khagan & CRP-Savar, Dhaka, Bangladesh	
Time	Program	Place
(November 25, Saturday-2023)		
Day-1		
08.00 – 09.30	Registration and Guests reception	
9.30-10.50	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Plenary Session-1</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Services across ASCoN region in the last 22years: Advance made and challenges.</u></p> <p>Chair: Prof. Dr. Badrul Alam Mondal, Bangladesh</p> <p>Co-chair: Stephen Muldoon, Ireland</p> <p>Coordinator: Dr. Mohammad Anwar Hossain, Bangladesh</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Dr. Apichana Kovindha, Thailand Nicky P. Kaur, India Associate Prof. Dr. Fatimah Ahmedy, Malaysia Dr. P. K. A. Kithsiri, Sri Lanka Esha Thapa, Nepal Prof. Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain, Bangladesh Prof. Dr. Bum Suk Lee, South Korea 	
10.50-11.10	<u>TEA BREAK</u>	
11.10-11.50	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Plenary Session-2</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Current Research and Priority area of SCI</u></p> <p>Chair: Prof. Dr. Md. Taslim Uddin, Bangladesh</p> <p>Co-chair: Associate Prof. Dr. Fatimah Ahmedy, Malaysia</p> <p>Coordinator: Shahnaj Sultana, Bangladesh</p> <p>Speakers:</p>	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Dr. Lisa Harvey, Australia (Recorded) 2. Prof. Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain, Bangladesh 3. Prof. Dr. Apichana Kovindha, Thailand 4. Dr. Vyom Sharma, India 	
	Opening Ceremony	
11.50– 11.55	Welcome Speech by- Dr. Valerie Taylor Convener 22 nd ASCoN Conference2023 & Founder & Coordinator CRP	
11.55- 12.05	Video documentary on SCI	BRAC-CDM
12.05– 12.10	Speech: Prof. Dr. Apichana Kovindha , ASCoN Co-founder	
12.10– 12.15	Special Guest: Muhammad Mushfiqul Wara <i>Country Director</i> Christian Blind Mission Global (CBMG) Disability Inclusion	
12.15– 12.20	Special Guest: Nadera Hayat Burhani <i>Health Coordinator</i> International Committee of The Red Cross (ICRC)	
12.20– 12.25	Special Guest: Dr. Fazlul Hoque Founder Convener ASCoN & Spine Surgeon.	Auditorium
12.25– 12.30	Special Guest: Mustaque Ahmed <i>Trustee</i> Trust for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (TRP)	
12.30– 12.35	Chief Guest: Prof.Dr. Md. Sharfuddin Ahmed <i>Vice Chancellor</i> Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (<i>BSMMU</i>)	
12.35– 12.45	Speech: ASCoN and CRP-Bangladesh Prof. Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain Chair- ASCoN 2023 & Executive Director, CRP	
12.45– 13.00	Cultural program	
Scientific Paper Presentation		

14.10 – 15.40	<p style="text-align: center;">Parallel session:1</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>After care</u></p> <p>Chair: Prof. Dr. Md. Taslim Uddin, Bangladesh</p> <p>Co-chair: Associate Prof. Dr. Fatimah Ahmedy, Malaysia</p> <p>Coordinator: Sk. Moniruzzaman, Bangladesh</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The cost of providing a community-based model of care to people with spinal cord injury, and the healthcare costs and economic burden to a households of spinal cord injury in Bangladesh. Md. Akhlasur Rahman, Bangladesh. 2. Impact of community reintegration on self-esteem and life satisfaction among rehabilitated persons with spinal cord injury- a cross sectional survey. Vishakha Darak Thakkar, India 3. Relation between functional independence and community integration of people with spinal cord injury in Bangladesh. Ehsanur Rahman, Bangladesh. 4. Experience of performing instrumental activities of daily living at community of adults with paraplegia following rehabilitation: a qualitative phenomenological study Sumaya Noor, Bangladesh. 5. Experience of participating in accessible garden of persons with spinal cord injury: a qualitative study. Taslima Akter, Bangladesh. 6. Life satisfaction and socioeconomic situation among individual with spinal cord injury at community setting in Bangladesh. Faruq Ahmed, Bangladesh. 	<p>BRAC-CDM</p> <p>Meeting Room-1</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Parallel session:2</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Physical, Occupational And Psychosocial Aspects Of Spinal Rehabilitation</u></p> <p>Chair: Prof. Dr. Apichana Kovindha, Thailand</p> <p>Co-chair: Nicky P. Kaur, India</p> <p>Coordinator: Muhammad Millat Hossain, Bangladesh</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does quality of life (qol) in persons with traumatic spinal cord injury correlate with functional outcome; a prospective 	<p>BRAC-CDM</p> <p>Meeting Room-2</p>

	<p>analysis of factors affecting qol in patients with Asia ‘a’ neurology undergoing long term institutional rehabilitation. Dr Saikat Roy, India</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Influence of self-efficacy and self-esteem of spinal cord injury patients at CRP- an ICF based study. Mahbuba Mehrin Mishu, Bangladesh. Lived experience of elderly individuals with paraplegia: a qualitative study Fariha Hossain Emu, Bangladesh. Experience of male individuals with spinal cord injury regarding opposite-gender occupational therapist during institution-based rehabilitation. Tanzina Akter, Bangladesh. Breastfeeding experience among the mother with spinal cord injury in Bangladesh. Lusana Afrin Nirjahn, Bangladesh. “Exploring the mediating role of resilience in the relationship between depression, and life satisfaction in persons with spinal cord injury” Shubham A. Thokal, India. 	
	<p>Parallel session: 3</p> <p>Secondary complications of SCI</p> <p>Chair: Prof. Dr. A. T. M. Aman Ullah, Bangladesh</p> <p>Co-chair: Prof. Dr. Bum Suk Lee, South Korea</p> <p>Coordinator: Md. Mozaffor Hossain, Bangladesh</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of nursing students on prevention of pressure ulcers. Babet Roeling, Ralph Hamers, Netherland. (Recorded) Prevalence of Xerostomia among Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) and their oral health related quality of life Maliha Akter, Nahid Parvez, Bangladesh Cognitive impairment among spinal cord injury patient in Bangladesh. Nishat Akter, Bangladesh. Characteristics of postural hypotension among the sci patient’s attendance at Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP), Bangladesh. Khairul Islam, Bangladesh. Speech characteristics of patients with cervical spinal cord injury in Bangladesh. Nahar Afrin, Bangladesh. 	<p>BRAC-CDM</p> <p>Auditorium</p>

	<p>6. The relationship between mental health variants and physical functional level among persons with spinal cord injury in Bangladesh. Nabila Tasnin, Bangladesh.</p>	
15.40 – 16.00	TEA BREAK	
16.00 – 17.00	<p>Parallel Session:4</p> <p><u>Medical Management & Secondary Complications of SCI</u></p> <p><u>Medical Management of Spinal Injuries</u></p> <p>Chair: Prof. Dr. Badrul Alam Mondal, Bangladesh</p> <p>Co-chair: Dr. P. K. A. Kithsiri, Sri Lanka</p> <p>Coordinator: Dr. Sayeed Uddin Helal, Bangladesh</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The lived experience of People with spinal cord injury: Bangladesh part of the International Community Survey 2023: Preliminary Data. Prof. Dr. Taslim Uddin, Bangladesh. 2. Utility of Hip Surveillance For Heterotopic Ossification in Traumatic Spinal cord Injury; A Retrospective Analysis of Prevalence and Predictors in Patients Undergoing Long Term Institutional Rehabilitation Dr. Vyom Sharma, India. 3. Cardio-respiratory and Physical Functioning status in Post-COVID Spinal Cord Injury Patients: An Inception Cohort Dr. Mohammad Anwar Hossain, Bangladesh 4. Effectiveness of oral hygiene protocol on oral health for the patients with Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Sayma Azad, Bangladesh. 5. Effectiveness of Task-oriented Training to improve upper limb function/recovery among Spinal Cord Injury Tetraplegic patient Md. Mozaffor Hossain, Bangladesh 	BRAC-CDM Meeting Room-1
	<p>Parallel Session:5</p> <p><u>Recent Advancement in Spinal Rehabilitation (Intervention)</u></p> <p>Chair: Dr. Dirk van Kuppevelt, Netherlands</p> <p>Co-chair: Prof. Md. Obaidul Haque, Bangladesh</p>	BRAC-CDM Meeting Room-2

16.00 – 17.00	<p>Coordinator: Md. Sazzad Hossain, Bangladesh</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An open design of a programmable electrical stimulator for transcutaneous stimulation therapy to restore function after neurological injury Dr. Md Monzurul Alam, Bangladesh. 2. Effectiveness of scapular mobilization to reduce shoulder pain among the patients with Spinal Cord Injury. Md. Liton Miah, Bangladesh. 3. Understanding how a community-based intervention for people with spinal cord injury in Bangladesh was delivered as part of a randomised controlled trial: a process evaluation Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain, Bangladesh. <p>Rehabilitation and Assistive Devices & Assistive Technologies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Perception About Accessibility In The Community Among Wheel Chair Users With Spinal Cord Injury Nishat Tasnim, Bangladesh. <p>Sports Therapy and Rehabilitation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Factors influencing sports participation for physical activities of people with spinal cord lesions. Md. Emran Hossain, Bangladesh. 	
16.00 – 17.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Parallel Session:6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Poster Presentation (Nominated for Award)</u></p> <p>Panel of Judges-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Fazlul Hoque, Bangladesh (Chair) 2. Kirumbara Liyanage Jeewantha Sasika Bandula, Sri Lanka (Secretary) 3. Dr. Yorck Bernhard Kalke, Germany 4. Esha Thapa, Nepal <p>Coordinator: Mohammad Morshedul Quadir, Bangladesh</p>	BRAC-CDM Auditorium
(November 26, Sunday-2023) Day-2		
09.00 – 09.10	<p>Speech by Prof. Dr. Ruth Marshall, Australia , Ex-President ISCoS (Recorded)</p>	BRAC-CDM

9.10– 10.00	<p>Plenary session 3</p> <p><u>Neurogenic Lower Urinary Tract Dysfunction (NLUTD) Guideline</u></p> <p>Chair: Prof. Dr. A. T. M. Aman Ullah, Bangladesh</p> <p>Co-chair : Dr. Sayeed Uddin Helal, Bangladesh (Coordinator)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Dr. Apichana Kovindha, Thailand Associate Prof. Dr. Fatimah Ahmedy, Malaysia 	
10.00– 10.50	<p>Plenary session 4</p> <p><u>Aftercare Guideline</u></p> <p>Chair: Prof. Dr. Taslim Uddin, Bangladesh</p> <p>Co-chair: Dr. Mohammad Anwar Hossain, Bangladesh</p> <p>Coordinator: Sk. Moniruzzaman, Bangladesh</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Stephen Muldoon, Ireland Dr. Dirk van Kuppevelt, Netherlands Shahnaj Sultana, Bangladesh 	Auditorium
10.50– 11.10	TEA BREAK	
11.10- 13.00	<p>Plenary session 5</p> <p><u>Paper Presentation: ASCoN-ISCoS Observership Award</u></p> <p>Panel of Judges-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Harvinder Singh Chhabra, India (Chair) Dr. Yorck Bernhard Kalke, Germany (Secretary) Prof. Dr. Apichana Kovindha, Thailand Stephen Muldoon, Ireland Dr. Dirk van Kuppevelt, Netherlands <p>Coordinator: Mohammad Morshedul Quadir, Bangladesh</p>	BRAC-CDM Auditorium
13.00-14.00	LUNCH AND PRAYER BREAK	BRAC-CDM BBQ Open deck

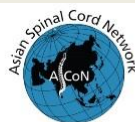
14.00 – 15.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Parallel Session:7</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Organisation of Persons with Disabilities (OPD) Challenges and success</u></p> <p>Chair: A. H. M. Noman Khan, Bangladesh</p> <p>Co-chair: Lucy Robinson, England</p> <p>Coordinator: Md. Tauhidul Islam, Bangladesh</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> European Spinal Cord Injury Federation (ESCIF), Switzerland Spinal Cord Injuries Development Association Bangladesh (SCIDAB), Bangladesh Shuborno Nagorik, Bangladesh The Ability People, India (Recorded) Dream for Disability Foundation (DDF), Bangladesh 	Auditorium
	<p style="text-align: center;">Parallel Session:8</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Accessible and Affordable health for SCI</u></p> <p>Chair: Dr. Shanta Dixit, Nepal</p> <p>Co-chair: Dr. Monzurul Alam, Bangladesh</p> <p>Coordinator: Md. Feroz Kabir, Bangladesh</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain, Bangladesh Prof. Dr. Badrul Alam Mondal, Bangladesh Dr. Fazlul Hoque, Bangladesh Prof. Dr. Md. Taslim Uddin, Bangladesh Dr. P. K. A. Kithsiri, Sri Lanka Dr. Vyom Sharma, India Esha Thapa, Nepal 	Meeting Room 1
	<p style="text-align: center;">Parallel Session:9</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ISCoS-ASCoN IDaP Project: Findings and Future Plan</u></p> <p>Chair: Stephen Muldoon, Ireland</p> <p>Co-chair: Esha Thapa, Nepal</p> <p>Coordinator: Dr. Md. Rashedul Karim, Bangladesh</p>	Meeting Room 2

	Speakers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Harvinder Singh Chhabra, India 2. Countries Representative of ISCoS-ASCoN IDaP Project 	
15.00-16.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Parallel Session:10</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Neuro-Urological Management: Different countries perspective</u></p> <p>Chair: Prof. Dr. Apichana Kovindha, Thailand</p> <p>Co-chair: Dr. P. K. A. Kithsiri, Sri Lanka</p> <p>Coordinator: Dr. Akter Hossain, Bangladesh</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Dr. A. T. M. Aman Ullah , Bangladesh 2. Prof. Dr. Bum Suk Lee, South Korea 3. Dr. Mohammed Wahidur Rahman, Bangladesh 	Meeting Room 1
15.00-16.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Parallel Session:11</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Poster and Assistive Device Display</u></p> <p>Panel of Judges-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Fazlul Hoque, Bangladesh (Chair) 2. Kirumbara Liyanage Jeewantha Sasika Bandula, Sri Lanka (Secretary) 3. Dr. Yorck Bernhard Kalke, Germany 4. Esha Thapa, Nepal <p>Coordinator: Mohammad Morshedul Quadir, Bangladesh</p>	Auditorium
15.00-16.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Parallel Session:12</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Learning and Sharing: Community Reintegration</u></p> <p>Chair: Prof. Dr. Omar Ali Sarker, Bangladesh</p> <p>Co-chair: Associate Prof. Dr. Fatimah Ahmedy, Malaysia</p> <p>Coordinator: Syed Shakawat Hossain, Bangladesh</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teri Thorson, Canada (Recorded) 2. Md. Salim Rahman, Bangladesh 3. John Cherensky, Canada (Recorded) 	Meeting Room 2

16.00-16.20		TEA BREAK		Auditorium
16.20-17.00		<div>1. Announcement of Best Paper and Best Poster Award including Fellowship Award</div> <div>2. Prize Giving Ceremony (Assistive Device Competition)</div> <div>3. Closing Remarks and Official Handing Over</div>		
17:00		ASCoN Executive Meeting		
		(November 27, Monday- 2023)		
		Day-3		
Time				Place
09.00 – 13.00	09.00 – 13.00	<div>Workshop 1:</div> <div>Surgery Workshop</div> <div>Speakers:</div> <div>1. Dr. Md. Fazlul Hoque, Bangladesh</div> <div>2. Prof. Dr. Md. Shah Alam, Bangladesh</div> <div>3. Prof. Dr. Md. Anowarul Islam, Bangladesh</div> <div>4. Prof. Dr. Luis Garcia, Spain</div> <div>5. Prof. (Col. Rtd.) Dr. Abdul Awal Bhuiah, Bangladesh</div> <div>6. Prof. Dr. Syed Shahidul Islam, Bangladesh</div> <div>7. Dr. Provash Chandra Saha, Bangladesh</div> <div>8. Dr. Md. Rezaul Karim, Bangladesh</div> <div>9. Dr. Md. Shahidul Islam Akon, Bangladesh</div> <div>10. Dr. Sharif Ahmed Jonayed, Bangladesh</div> <div>11. Dr. Akshad Al Masur Anon, Bangladesh</div> <div>12. Dr. Md. Sarwar Jahan, Bangladesh</div> <div>13. Dr. Syeed Uddin Helal, Bangladesh (Coordinator)</div>		CRP-Mirpur: Conference Hall
		09.00 – 13.00	09.00 – 13.00	<div>Workshop 2:</div> <div>Nursing Care for Spinal Cord Injury</div> <div>Speakers:</div> <div>1. Prof. Dr. Apichana Kovindah, Thailand</div> <div>2. Jan Varney, England (Recorded)</div> <div>3. Dr. Jannatul Ferdouse Ivy, Bangladesh</div>
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10:30-11:00		<p>4. Dr. Alamin, Bangladesh</p> <p>5. Dr. Md. Rashedul Karim, Bangladesh (Coordinator)</p> <p>6. Mr. Tarafder Sunil, Bangladesh</p>	
09.00 – 13.00		<p>Workshop 3:</p> <p><u>Chest Therapy</u></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Dr. Seong Woong Kang, South Korea 2. Prof. Dr. Wona Choi, South Korea 3. Dr. Jamal Uddin, Bangladesh 4. Md. Muzaffor Hossain, Bangladesh (Coordinator) <p>Workshop 4:</p> <p><u>Physiotherapy Practice Guideline for SCI Management</u></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Joanne Glinsky, Australia (Recorded) 2. Farjana Tauhid, Bangladesh (Coordinator) 	CRP-Savar: BHPI Library building -408
09.00 – 13.00		<p>Workshop 5:</p> <p><u>Occupational Therapy and Return to Work</u></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Chua Li-Shun, Malaysia (Recorded) 2. Dr. Dirk van Kuppevelt, Netherlands 3. Elma Burger, South Africa (Recorded) 4. Syed Shakawat Hossain, Bangladesh 5. Kamrunnahar Koly, Bangladesh (Coordinator) 6. Arifa Jahan Ema, Bangladesh 	CRP-Savar: BHPI Library building -302
TEA BRE AK 10:30-11:00	09:00-10:30	<p>Workshop 6:</p> <p><u>Speech Characteristic, Voice and Swallowing for SCI</u></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jackie Mcrae, England (Recorded) 2. Sanjida Subahan, Bangladesh 3. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Bangladesh (Coordinator) 	CRP-Savar: BHPI Library building -306

		<p>Workshop 7:</p> <p><u>Assistive Devices</u></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nekram Upadhyay, India 2. Fahmida Banu, Bangladesh (Coordinator) 3. Noor Jahan Akhter Shapla, Bangladesh 4. Lutfun Nahar Liza, Bangladesh 5. Shohanool Neaz Imran, Bangladesh 	SCI Patient Hall, CRP-Savar
		<p>11:00- 13:00</p>	
		<p>Workshop 8:</p> <p><u>SCI Consumer Workshop</u></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lucy Robinson, England “Change management, how to create the future” 2. Nicky P. Kaur, India “Psychosexual Counselling” 3. Md. Abdul Zabbar, Bangladesh (Coordinator) “Psychosocial Response to SCI” 4. Asif Iqbal, Bangladesh “Discovering Power in Me (DPM)” 5. Anwar Hossain, Bangladesh “Benefits of SCI in Bangladesh” 	
09.00 – 13.00	09.00 – 13.00		
<p>TEA BRE AK 10:30- 11:00</p>			
13.00-14.00		LUNCH AND PRAYER BREAK	CRP-Savar: Canteen
14.00 – 16.00		Visit CRP Activities / Sight Seeing/ Shopping/	CRP-Savar/ National Monument/Sena Market
16.00-16.15		TEA BREAK	
16.15-17.00		Sports Competition	CRP-Savar: Basket Ball Ground
17.00 – 17.20		Closing Remarks of 22nd ASCoN Conference-2023	CRP-Savar:



		Reddaway Hall
17.20.00-19.10	Cultural Program	CRP-Savar: Reddaway Hall

Abbreviations

SCI: Spinal Cord Injury

CRP: Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed

BHPI: Bangladesh Health Professions Institute

BRAC-CDM: Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee- Centre for Development Management

BSMMU: Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University

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Conference Overall					

3. Which part of the conference was most linked to you?

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