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is  
Service to God"



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## Short certificate course in BHPI

CRP's Special Seating Unit (SSU) in collaboration with BHPI organized a short certificate training course on "Wheelchair Service Training (Basic Level)" from May 4 to 7, 2019.

The aim of the course was to make participants aware of, and implement, the new guidelines developed by WHO, regarding the importance of maintenance and accessibility for wheelchairs in different situations and providing the appropriate wheelchair to a user, in order to make best use of it. Fahmida Banu, Junior Consultant, Physiotherapy Department and In-charge of SSU, trained a total of 12 professionals on this course. Among the trainees, nine were overseas students studying in Masters in Rehabilitation Science at BHPI, a staff from Disabled Rehabilitation and Research Association and two staff from CRP.



*Wheelchair service delivery training and certificate distribution after successful completion*



*Open discussion on poster presentation*



*Group photo after the platform presentation*

## WCPT Congress 2019

Md. Shofiqul Islam from CIVIC trial project and 200-rep trial participated in the World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) congress at Geneva, Switzerland from 10th May 2019 to 13th May 2019. Four papers listed below from both CIVIC trial and 200-rep were presented in the conference. In parallel to congress, he participated in a meeting with Prof. Lisa Harvey where ongoing activities of CIVIC trial project were elaborately discussed. Also a brief but in-depth discussion was carried out regarding the results of recently completed 200-rep trial. Prof. Lisa has given direction how to complete the CIVIC trial on time in compliance with good clinical practice (GCP) and also given her valuable thought to check the feasibility study of future projects on advised areas. Md. Shofiqul Islam also did volunteer work at Physiotherapy Exercise and Physiotherapy Evidence Database (PEDro) stalls during the exhibition period.

### Oral Presentation

- MS Hossain, LA Harvey, MS Islam, MA Rahman, JV Glinsky, RD Herbert (2019) A prediction model to identify people with spinal cord injury likely to die within five years of discharge from hospital in Bangladesh. WCPT Congress, Geneva, Switzerland.
- LW Chen, JV Glinsky, C Kataria, MS Islam, CL Boswell-Ruys, S Denis, J Redhead, E Gollan, M Ben, MM Hossain, L Chaudhary, Y Xiong, S Gandevia, LA Harvey (2019) The logistics of collaborating on large clinical trials involving people with spinal cord injuries across Asia. WCPT Congress, Geneva, Switzerland.

### Poster Presentation

- LW Chen, JV Glinsky, C Kataria, MS Islam, CL Boswell-Ruys, S Denis, J Redhead, E Gollan, M Ben, MM Hossain, L Chaudhary, Y Xiong, S Gandevia, LA Harvey (2019) 200 Repetition of isolated muscle contractions for partially-paralysed muscles: Protocol of an RCT. WCPT Congress, Geneva, Switzerland.
- MS Hossain, MS Islam, MA Rahman, RD Herbert, S Muldoon, V Taylor, LA Harvey (2019) Spinal cord injuries in low and middle-income countries throw families into poverty: a cross-sectional study on a consecutive series of patients about to be discharged from a hospital in Bangladesh. WCPT Congress, Geneva, Switzerland.



## CRP Observed International Nurses Day

CRP Nursing College celebrated the international Nurse's Day on May 12 2019. The day started with a vibrant rally which was followed by a discussion. Runu Chowdhury, Principal and Syed Golam Hossain, Vice Principal of CRP Nursing College delivered their speeches in the programme. Their discussion focused on the importance of nurses in medical services and their responsibilities towards this profession. Afterwards, they celebrated Florence Nightingale's birthday by cutting a cake.



*International Nurses Day celebration by CRP Nursing College*



## CRP in VET Toolbox Hackathon 2019

The European Union has launched the VET Toolbox aimed at strengthening Vocational Education and Training (VET) systems in developing countries. The VET Toolbox supports labour market analysis and offers practical advice on strengthening the links between VET and the private sector, making VET more effective and relevant, including for those most in need. CRP's Executive Director attended a hackathon hosted by VET Toolbox on 23-24 May 2019 at Brussels, Belgium. A hackathon (also known as a hack day, hackfest or codefest) is a design sprint-like event in which computer programmers and others involved in software development, including graphic designers, interface designers, project managers, and others, often including domain experts, collaborate intensively on software projects. The goal of a hackathon is to create usable software or hardware with the goal of creating a functioning product by the end of the event.

This two-day out-of-the-box event brought together the unusual or usual suspects to tackle challenges on inclusion and public-private collaboration in Vocational Education and Training (VET). Under the track "Inclusion in VET" CRP's Executive Director worked in a group named "Thumbs Up" to find a solution for the challenge: How can we increase the inclusiveness of the labour market in order to guarantee VET learners from vulnerable groups equal access, equal opportunities and respond to their needs? In solution to that challenge, the team came with an idea to develop an innovative employer led approach in partnership with TVET providers and civil society especially for disability groups. A total of 65 people from different sectors and organizations participated in the event.

*From left discussion, group work and group photo*



## Story of a father and a son

By Maliha, Volunteer

This is the sad story of the father and son who met a terrible accident and lost their controls over their lower limbs after the tragedy.

65 years old Mohammad Ali and 28 years old Shahinur Rahman are from Debiganj Thana of Panchgarh district. Of a family of 6 members, they were the 2 of the 3 earning members. Mohammad Ali used to do agricultural works as well as perform the duties of an Imam in a local mosque. His son, Shahinur Rahman was a worker at a local company. They both held steady works that helped to run their big family.

On December 15th of 2018, the duo were heading on a microbus to the wedding of Ali's other son. On the way, the microbus clashed with a speedy bus and due to the impact, Mohammad Ali and Shahinur, sitting in the last seat, left with broken spines. They were immediately rushed to Rangpur hospital where they went through several tests. Tests revealed that Mohammad Ali's D-11 and D-12 sections of the spine was broken and Shahinur's T-63 section was broken. They went through operations.

On January 27th of 2019, they were advised to come to CRP, Savar. Both of them received physiotherapy, occupational therapy and counseling services during their 4 months stay at CRP. Their therapist says that although they will be wheelchair bound for their whole lives, if they try harder, they might be able to regain their lower limb functions a bit. Mohammad Ali's improvements are limited due to his age. On the other hand, his son Shahinur is very eager to his improvement and giving his fullest efforts.

Mohammad Ali plans to resume his work at his local mosque as a Quran tutor. On the other hand, Shahinur plans to receive vocational training on computer and then open a small IT business at his locality. They both believe that CRP has given them a new direction and hope to live their lives.



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