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## Valerie's birthday celebrated at CRP

As 8th February, 2019 was public holiday, this year CRP's Founder, Valerie Taylor's birthday was celebrated on 7th February 2019. CRP's staff, patients and volunteers wished her a very happy birthday on the occasion. To celebrate the day CRP's staff with disabilities organized a colourful cultural programme at the Reddaway Hall of CRP. A special performance was given by a team of 12 foreign volunteers wishing her a very happy birthday with a Bangla song. After the cultural programme Valerie cut her birthday cake and thanked all for this wonderful surprise.



*Valerie's birthday celebration at CRP*

## Conference and Day long Workshop on Pressure Ulcer Prevention

CRP organized a conference and a daylong workshop on "Pressure ulcer prevention" on 10th February, 2019 at its headquarter in Savar. The slogan for the workshop was "Together we can work to stop the pressure".

A total of 110 nurses from different government and non-government medical colleges and hospitals across the country participated in the workshop. The programme was inaugurated by the honourable State Minister of the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, Dr. Md. Enamur Rahman, MP as the chief guest. The special guests were Professor Md. Taslim Uddin, Chairman, Dept of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PMR), Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) and Tandra Sikder, Director General, Directorate General of Nursing and Midwifery. CRP's Executive Director Md. Shafiq-ul Islam greeted the guests and the programme was chaired by Dr. Valerie A. Taylor, Founder, CRP.

Facilitators and speakers from home and abroad conducted the conference and workshop. Among them Jan Varney, Serious Incident Investigator, UK, Prof. Taslim Uddin, Chairman, PMR, BSMMU, Naheen Shah, Registered Dietician, UK, Prof. Md. Sharif Hasan, Plastic Surgeon, Dr. Sayeed U Helal, Neurosurgeon, Tarafder Sunil, Nursing Superintendent are mentionable.

There were presentations on several issues, practical interventions and group works for disseminating the knowledge on prevention and proper management of pressure ulcers. According to the participants, the workshop was very fruitful for them. They assured to share their knowledge with their coworkers in their working area so that they could implement their learning in their respective workplaces together.



*Valerie speaking in the presence of guests on dias*



*Group work*



*Presentation of Md. Sharif*



*Participants and audience*





Bangladesh Health Professions Institute (BHPI) and Nursing College of CRP organised an orientation programme for the newly enrolled students on February 16, 2019. The chief guest of the programme was Professor Dr. Khan Abul Kalam Azad, Honourable Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Dhaka. Muhammad Saidur Rahman, Chairman, Trust for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (TRP); Mustaque Ahmed, Member, TRP; CRP's Founder and Coordinator, Dr. Valerie A. Taylor and Executive Director, Md. Shafiq-ul Islam attended the programme as the special guests. Head of Education and Principal of BHPI, Prof. Dr. Md. Omar Ali Sarkar chaired the programme. All the teachers, new students, their parents and staff of BHPI and Nursing College were present. Some students along with their parents shared their experiences of being at CRP.

Guests, students and parents at the orientation programme

### Scrap Metal Exhibition: Duets in metal and water

The two weeks scrap metal sculpture fountain exhibition held from 22nd February to 7th March, 2019 was hosted by the British Council in its beautiful garden. The series of metal sculptured fountains are mostly made with the scraps from the mobility aid making workshop of the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP) in Savar. Aiming to up cycle and bring in positive environmental effects of water features, this first of its kind; 3rd in the series and 4th exhibition in same line is the 15th solo of Arham Ul Huq Chowdhury, a volunteer since 2000. Ms Alison Blake, British High Commissioner to Bangladesh, Andrew Newton, Deputy Director of British Council Bangladesh and Valerie A. Taylor, Founder of CRP attended the opening ceremony of the exhibition.



From left Tanvir Alim, Arham Ul Huq Chowdhury, Alison Blake, Valerie Taylor and Andrew Newton



Students of William and Marie Taylor School at the exhibition



## Seminar on Evidence Based Physiotherapy Practice in Orthopaedics & Neurology

A seminar on “Evidence based Physiotherapy practice in Orthopaedics and Neurology” held on 26th February 2019, at the conference room in CRP. The program was initiated by Master of Physiotherapy 4th batch students (session 2017-18) and organized by the Department of Physiotherapy of Bangladesh Health Professions Institute (BHPI). Md. Shafiq-ul Islam, Executive Director of CRP was present as the chief guest and Professor Md. Obaidul Haque from BHPI, Md. Shahadat Hossain from BPA and Md. Bahauddin Baizid from SAIC were present as special guests. The program was chaired by Mohammad Anwar Hossain. 15 speakers presented scientific papers and practice guideline focusing on recent advances of global physiotherapy practice. 60 audiences including practitioners, Masters in Rehabilitation Science and Masters in Physiotherapy students joined the programme. The speakers avowed that, with an increase of back pain, arthritis, stroke, and non-communicable diseases, the emerging role of Physiotherapy is being prominent. There is necessity of evidence-based practice for the professionals to benefit patients, health care system, organization, and profession. Hence, there are also some barriers including time, resources and scope of higher studies that need to be promoted for service towards excellence in the rehabilitation sector in Bangladesh. The seminar was patronized by CRP and sponsored by the Centre for Autism and Rehabilitation for Persons with disabilities (CARD).



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