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Delegates of all 192 United Nations Members agree on new treaty to advance and protect the rights of people with a disability! "A Statement for the Secretary-General read, "the Secretary-General hails the agreement on a new treaty on the rights of persons with disabilities, reached by the General Assembly, as a historic achievement for the 650 million people with disabilities around the world. He notes that people with disabilities have hitherto lacked adequate protection, and hopes that this long overdue Convention will mark the beginning of a new era in which they will have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else. He urged rapid implementation."

More Info:

un.org/esa/socdev

RGK and Spinergy

RGK Wheelchairs, Ltd., has announced that they will now provide the new Spinergy Wire Wheel on Daily Use Models using 24" and 25" wheels. This wheel has Spinergy quality in wire construction. The 30 spokes are straight-pull, stainless steel, in silver with black low flange hubs with 1/2" sealed bearings. The black rim is custom double walled aluminum design in 20", 22", 24", 25", and 26". The hand rim is anodized aluminum, 6 Q-Tabs. This wheel is very reliable, attractive, and extremely strong. A great value!

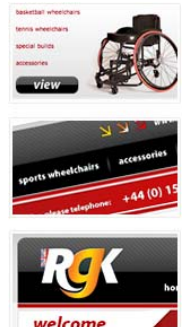
RGK Wheelchairs, Ltd., has also launched an addition to their web presence at a domain they have had since day one at <http://www.rgk-wheelchairs.co.uk>. This site is dedicated to market and promote demo products to the general population in the United Kingdom. Good job Conrad Designs!

Here in North America, we have had to wish Brandi Pinder all the success in the world as she was sought out for a Branch Manager position with Hewitt, where she had worked prior to coming on board with us. All the best Brandi and we look forward to seeing you at our trade shows and other events as time permits; after all, you will have to stay in touch to find out what happens in the industry like with Shoppers Home Health Care and Therapy Supplies. *Reportedly, Shoppers have acquired Therapy Supplies and, although going through the do diligent phase, it looks like the industry is in for a major change!*

REE 2006

The 12th Annual Rehab Equipment Expo is set for Tuesday September 12th at the Seaforth Armouries in Vancouver, BC.

G. F. Strong's, Ian Denison has assembled a fine group of professionals to educate, enlighten, and otherwise encourage information sharing between clinicians and consumers. You will see manufacturers, distributors, dealers, and other professionals while being able to participate in numerous sessions on MSI Prevention, Vocational Opportunities, Seating and Power Mobility, Getting and Keeping Fit, Wheelchair Skills, Education Resources, Management of Clients with ALS and Progressive NM Disorders, Communication Strategies, Wound Care, Medication Issues, Access to Art, Consumer Perspectives, Sexual Health, Pediatric Seating, Addictions and Trauma, Accessing Community Resources, Amputee Management, Active Living Choices, Wheelchair Maintenance and a Funding Panel with ICBC, Min of Children & Family Development, Min. of Employment & Income Assistance, Pacific Blue Cross, VAC, WCB. You will find us at Booth 56, 57, 58, and 59!



Join us at the
12th Annual Rehab
Equipment Expo
September 12th
Seaforth Armouries
1650 Burrard Street
Vancouver, B.C.
Booth
56, 57, 58, 59
Free Admission
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The Rick Hansen Institute web site reads, "August 24 marked the 20th anniversary of the day Rick Hansen and his team arrived in Newfoundland after maintaining an unbelievably grueling schedule for 17 months of wheeling around the world."

What an incredible event and story at:

www.rickhansen.com

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Glance Wheels Forging Ahead

Robert Fulton of Glance Wheels relays that their T6061 T-6 Spin Forged Billet Aluminum wheels are set to ship in September 2006. The wheel rim and center piece are single piece with the hub secured with aircraft Stainless Steel fasteners. They have the Classic, Cross, Sun, Triton, Terminator, Vortex, Destroyer, and Swish shown here.

He reports that, *"some of our wheels are lighter than the Spinergy LX and some are much heavier, but are intended for bariatric use. They do make a fashion statement, just like adding color to the frame or special details available from several manufacturers. Our rims are very strong for the weight. If you are very active, consider having the wheel Color Anodized for additional toughness. Current colors are: Red, Purple, Blue, Gold, and Black. People are very happy with the performance of our wheels. Try them!"*

For more information, check out the new site at: www.glancewheels.com

Active Living Alliance

Those of us enthused by the work of the **Active Living Alliance for Canadians with a Disability (ALACD)** were pressed into action over the last couple months to encourage the Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Health to review the financial situation as it relates to the ALACD. The focus of my letter addressed two concerns (1. funding announcement delays and 2. dedicated financial support) that are significantly impacting active living services for persons with disabilities and the operation of the ALACD.

The ALACD provides an important role in ensuring persons with disabilities have active living opportunities. Over the past 25 years, the ALACD has developed knowledge and resources that have been invaluable in ensuring that persons with disabilities (of all ages) have access to active living opportunities across Canada. I urged Minister Clement to support the Conservative's 1% physical activity platform promise and you can do so by sending an email to: Clement.T@parl.gc.ca

Bits and Bytes

- REE 2006 Vancouver Seaforth Armouries September 12, 2006;
- MedTrade Atlanta September 19-26, 2006;
- CSMC October 4-6, 2006;
- Shoppers in Calgary November 3 and Toronto November 20, 21, 2006.

BESPOKE PLUS helps market and promotes **RGK Wheelchairs**, **VARILITE®** Seating and Positioning Systems, **KENDA** Tires, **SPINERGY** Wheels, and other products through the North American company called **RGK Wheelchairs, Inc.** Back issues on www.4RGK.com .

If you have something that you think we should be expounding on, please contact the editor, Reg McClellan.