

## WHO REHAB 2030 - Call for Action

WHO REHAB 2030 - Call for Action held from 16<sup>th</sup> April to 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at Ramaiah Medical College



On 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018, Monday, the World Health Organisation conducted its WHO-Rehabilitation 2030-call for action meeting at the Ramaiah Medical College. The meeting included participants from various institutions from all parts of the world, especially those from the South East Asia region. Alarcos Cieza, the WHO co ordinator, Prevention of blindness, deafness, disability and rehabilitation, introduced the concept of

rehabilitation, its mode of delivery and the implications. Following this, there was an inaugural programme which was presided by Dr Jayaram M R, Chairman GEF, and was attended also by the principal and dean, Ramaiah Medical College, Dr Medha Y Rao, Dr Naresh Shetty , President , Ramaiah Memorial Hospital, Dr Prathab AG, Registrar, RMC, Dr Hemanth , Registrar RMC, Dr Narendranath, Chief Administrator, Ramaiah College Hospital. Also in attendance, were Dr Patanjali Nayar, Regional Advisor, WHO South East Asia Office and DR Murali Thyloth, Prof and HOD, Department of Psychiatry.

There were also representatives from various governmental and non governmental organisations in attendance.

Dr Medha Y Rao gave the welcome address where she emphasised the need for such programmes in rehabilitation and conveyed the fact that Ramaiah Medical College would be a willing participant in such programmes.

Dr Jayaram spoke about the good work that the Ramaiah group of institutions is already doing in the field of rehabilitation, with special mention regarding Spandana-the school for the underprivileged. He also expressed interest in the continued association of the World Health Organisation and the Ramaiah group of institutions.

This was followed by sessions by Jody Mills, Elanie Marks and Peter Feys on the packages of rehabilitation and the mode of delivery of these packages. There was active participation from all the delegates with healthy discussions.

The audience was divided into groups and various aspects of rehabilitation were discussed, with inputs taken from each and every delegate.

The aforementioned consultative multi-stake holder meeting was a resounding success , at the end of which decisions were made and strategies planned for better implementation of rehabilitation in the SEARO region.

The next three days (18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> April 2018) involved a technical working group meeting which involved specialists from more than 25 countries. The main focus was to list the health conditions and all possible interventions to deal with them, which included developmental, musculoskeletal, neurological and neurodegenerative conditions. The participants were divided into 4 groups and developed exhaustive intervention protocols.



Ramaiah Medical college was a proud host and sponsor of the WHO rehabilitation2030 meeting. The technical committee meeting was hosted and partially sponsored by Ramaiah Medical college. Faculties from

various departments involved in rehabilitation were given an opportunity to attend this meeting as observers and also had the experience to see the process of formation of guidelines and interventions by WHO.