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Dear Colleagues

Indian Academy of Cerebral Palsy is holding its 3rd annual conference at Nagpur, Central India from Nov 21st to 23rd (Fri-Sun) 2008. Like all scientific academics we intend to foster discussion, expression of ideas to nurture improved education, organizational tips, networking methods, continuing medical education and update to bring about awareness of scientific progress made by multi disciplinary specialties. By doing so we intend to push forward the movement, for the better care of persons with cerebral palsy in India across all levels. The need of the hour is to find mentors for the younger generation of professionals and therefore we intend to bring together a galaxy or reputed speakers both of national and international expertise to deliberate on the theme of the conference. The theme of the conference is - FROM INTENTION TO ACTION FAMILY CENTRED SERVICES Very often in physician centered or eminence and vehemence based medical service practices families tend to have confused priorities at the cost of the child as well as themselves. A shift to a family centered service model will empower the families to understand cerebral palsy as a development disorder and decide on interventions appropriate to the family's competence. To achieve this goal both professionals and parents need to be trained differently. The deliberations of the conference will endeavor at defining and evolving methodologies towards this end. Lastly the families need to adapt interventions to their lives and not their lives to interventions. Optimization of development of persons with cerebral palsy should be the goal rather than normalization. We welcome you all to the Orange city of Nagpur. Do come and enjoy the pleasant weather and also satisfy your academic thirst.

Your sincerely,
Dr. G. Sashikala

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No matter what accomplishments we make, somebody help us.