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**Subject: Request for Endorsement and Policy Participation in the 2nd INTERNATIONAL Tele Neurorehabilitation Conference (ITNRCON) & 14th IFNRCON 2026**Respected Sir,

Greetings from the Indian Federation of Neurorehabilitation (IFNR).

We are pleased to announce the upcoming **2nd INTERNATIONAL Tele Neurorehabilitation Conference (ITNRCON)**, to be **held jointly with the 14th Annual Conference of the Indian Federation of Neurorehabilitation (IFNRCON 2026) from April 9–12, 2026, at JW Marriott, Sahar, Mumbai.**

Despite growing awareness, **neurorehabilitation in India continues to face significant challenges**, including a **shortage of trained rehabilitation professionals, limited infrastructure**, and **geographical disparities** in access to care. Most specialized neurorehabilitation services are concentrated in urban tertiary centers, leaving vast rural and remote populations underserved. Additionally, financial constraints, lack of caregiver support, poor follow-up, and inadequate integration of rehabilitation into the public health system further limit patient outcomes.

In this context, **teleneurorehabilitation emerges as a transformative solution**. By leveraging digital health platforms, teleconsultation, remote monitoring, virtual therapy, and AI-driven interventions, it enables **continuity of care, scalable service delivery**, and **cost-effective access** across diverse settings. With proper policy support, digital infrastructure, and training, **telerehabilitation has the potential to bridge existing gaps, empower community-based models, and make neurorehabilitation accessible, inclusive, and sustainable** in line with India's Universal Health Coverage goals and WHO's Rehabilitation 2030 agenda.

The event is being conducted in collaboration with the **Neurorehabilitation and Telehealth Subsections of the Indian Academy of Neurology (IAN)** and the **Neuroscience Academy of Telecare & Artificial Intelligence (NATAI)**. International support is provided by the **Asia Oceanian Society of Neurorehabilitation (AOSNR), World Federation of Neurorehabilitation (WFNR),** and the **World Rehabilitation Alliance (WRA)** under WHO’s leadership.

The theme of the conference is:

**“Technology Supported Rehabilitation for All: Current Scenario, Emerging Trends”**



This conference aims to serve as a **convergence point for technology, clinical practice, and public health policy**. The scientific program includes:

• **Innovative and inclusive digital rehabilitation models**

**• National and global policy dialogues on telerehabilitation**

**• Integration of rehabilitation in universal health coverage (UHC)**

**• Human resource development through task shifting and teletraining**

**• Role of AI and telehealth in public-private partnerships and scalability**

Moreover, **IFNR is the national umbrella body** of the diverse specialties involved in neurorehabilitation and this conference gets on a single platform the national associations of these specialists who are **partners for the conference**: viz. **AIPMR** (Rehab Physicians), **IAP** (Physiotherapists), **AIOTA** (Occupational Therapists), **ISHA** (Speech Language & Hearing), **OPAI** (Orthotics & Prosthetics) etc.

We strongly believe that the event reflects **NITI Aayog’s vision of a Digital India and universal, equitable health access**. We are therefore writing to:

1. **Seek NITI Aayog’s kind endorsement of the conference**

2. **Invite policy experts to contribute to high-level policy panels and sessions**

3. Explore potential **collaboration on long-term strategies for digital rehabilitation access in tier 2/3 cities and rural India**

The conference will serve as a unique platform to align national digital health frameworks, including the **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission**, with the growing needs in neurorehabilitation and disability care.

A detailed brochure and formal invitation will follow shortly. We welcome the opportunity to coordinate further with your office to facilitate your participation.

With sincere regards,

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