

SPOTLIGHT ON PATRICK FOUGEYROLLAS

Born in Paris, France in 1951, Patrick Fougeyrollas, Ph.D. is a Social Anthropologist who has lived in Quebec, Canada since 1976. Patrick teaches and serves as Scientific Support Director at the University Institute of Rehabilitation of Quebec City, and Associate Professor in the Department of Rehabilitation and in the Department of Anthropology at Laval University. He is a researcher at the Rehabilitation and Social Integration Interdisciplinary Research Center. He is a founding member and President of the International Network on the Disability Creation Process (INDCP) and for years he has been an active member of international and North American committees related to rehabilitation, social integration, Disability Issues and Health Classification for the World Health Organization and the Council of Europe. He was a member of the board of the Canadian Center on Disability Studies from 1998 to 2003. He is member of the board of the Régie de l'Assurance-maladie du Québec.

Dr. Fougeyrollas is a social researcher specializing in the study of the interactive person/environment process determining the quality of social participation of persons with organic or functional differences. He is an active advocate in the International Disability Movement for the exercise of human rights and equalization of opportunities for people with disabilities. He developed the Quebec Governmental Disability Social Policy "On equal terms" (1985), and he produced a related VHS video with a mime as the star. With his team in Quebec he developed the Classification Disability Creation Process in 1989, and it urged full recognition of environmental factors, the clarification of personal factors, and clear conceptual distinction between activities and participation from extrinsic factors. Patrick attended the first ICF revision meeting held in Washington, D.C. in 1993, and since then has participated actively in the international debate around the revision of WHO-ICIDH and development of ICF. Patrick states that the INDCP is promoting the Quebec framework and DCP Classification because of its pedagogical approach and conceptual clearness, much of which is still missing from the ICF. Since, 1995, Patrick has developed new tools for measuring the quality of social participation and their physical and social environmental determinants. These tools are fully validated and have a strong influence and utility in rehabilitation and social research in disability social policy at the international level. Dr. Fougeyrollas plans to be at the Halifax ICF meeting and you can contact him at: pfougeyrollas@irdpg.gc.ca.