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Welcome to the *Building an Inclusive Development Community* project's E-newsletter sent every other month, published by Mobility International USA's (MIUSA's) International Development and Disability department, to foster communication between MIUSA and our Model Partner Organizations:



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Hors d'Oeuvres: To start us off

Meet our staff – Mobility International USA is an organization staffed primarily by people with disabilities, most of who are women with disabilities.

SUSAN SYGALL

Susan Sygall, Executive Director of Mobility International USA, is an internationally recognized expert in the area of international development and leadership programs for persons with disabilities. Ms. Sygall, who uses a wheelchair, has developed international programs with the US Department of State since 1983 to increase the number of participants with disabilities in international development and educational programs. She has provided technical assistance training and consulting on international development issues in countries such as Bosnia, Australia, Vietnam and Micronesia. Ms. Sygall served as a member of the InterAction Executive Committee and was instrumental to the inclusion of the Disability Amendments to the InterAction PVO Standards in 2000. Ms. Sygall has received numerous awards in recognition of her commitment to the rights of people with disabilities. Among these awards Ms. Sygall received a MacArthur Fellowship in 2000. This prestigious, unrestricted fellowship is awarded to a small number of talented individuals each year who have shown extraordinary originality and dedication in their creative pursuits.

KAREN HEINICKE-MOTSCH

Karen Heinicke-Motsch is the Program Manager of MIUSA's International Development and Disability Department. Karen is the principal editor of MIUSA's publication "Building an Inclusive Development Community: A Manual on Including People with Disabilities in International Development Programs." She joined MIUSA with almost twenty years of field experience in international development and disability in South East Asia, the Pacific and Latin America developing community based rehabilitation programs based on a human rights model. Karen speaks fluent Spanish, German and English.

CERISE ROTH-VINSON

Cerise Roth-Vinson is the Director of Administration and a member of MIUSA's International Development and Disability team. She received her M.A. in International Development from the University of Oregon with an emphasis on gender and international development in the Middle East and North Africa. Ms. Roth-Vinson has studied and lived in Yemen, Turkey and Morocco and speaks intermediate-level Arabic. She brings experience in training design and technical assistance and has particular expertise in working with women and at-risk youth. Ms. Roth-Vinson has coordinated MIUSA events including the International Symposium on Microcredit for Women with Disabilities and the upcoming Second International Women's Institute on Leadership and Disability.

CINDY LEWIS

Cindy Lewis is currently a Project Specialist on Gender & Disability with Mobility International USA. Since 1986, Cindy has coordinated programs and projects with MIUSA including topics such as gender issues and disability including income

generation, microcredit, and international development issues for women with disabilities. She is the author and co-author of numerous publications including *Loud, Proud & Passionate: Including Women with Disabilities in International Development Programs* and the *Loud, Proud & Passionate* video. Ms. Lewis, who also speaks Spanish, has also coordinated projects such as MIUSA's participation at the Beijing conference, International Women's Institute on Leadership and Disability (1997 and 2003), *Loud, Proud and Prosperous! Microcredit By and For Women with Disabilities: a Pilot Project* (2000-2003) in Zambia and Zimbabwe. She is now coordinating the Second International Women's Institute on Leadership and Disability (2003) with women with disabilities from all around the world.

KRISTIN HOOBLER

Kristin Hoobler is the Program Assistant with MIUSA's International Development and Disability Department. Kristin is primarily responsible for information requests, database updates, and the development of resources for disabled people and international development organizations. Kristin has a double Bachelor's degree in Intercultural Communication and Spanish. Kristin is currently finishing up her master's degree from the School for International Training and is writing her graduate thesis on *Best Practices in Inclusive Development –North-South Cooperation*.

Entrée: Coming up!

"Building an Inclusive Development Community" Manual

- ❖ A new publication from Mobility International USA and sponsored by USAID, will be available in June 2003 and is now available to pre-order for \$30 + \$5 U.S. S&H or \$12 international S&H. To order, contact Mobility International USA at info@miusa.org, or call (541) 343-1284. The Building an Inclusive Development Community manual is a "toolkit" for development agencies and others concerned with the inclusion of people with disabilities at all levels and in all areas of the international development process. The manual includes expert opinion, techniques and guidelines, resource lists, and examples of best practices from around the world. Topics include international policy, refugees and migration, disaster and emergency relief, health, school inclusion, civil society, accessibility, agriculture, budgeting for inclusion, and more.

InterAction Forum: May 19 – 21, 2003, Washington, DC

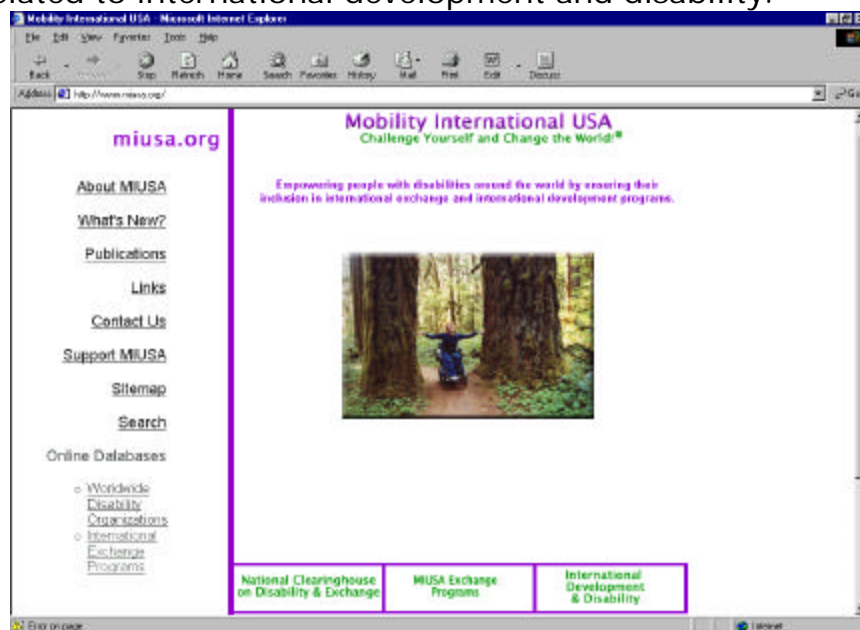
- ❖ **Mobility International USA staff will be attending the upcoming InterAction Forum** - look for our exhibit booth at the conference. We look forward to meeting with you and learning about your projects while we are in Washington, DC together. We'd like to sit together for

lunch on Tuesday with those of you who will be at the Forum. This will give us all the opportunity to get to know each other better.

- ❖ **The Gender, Disability and Development Institute: September 29 – October 3, 2003, Eugene, Oregon** – a five-day institute conducted during the MIUSA's Women's Institute on Leadership and Disability (WILD) program will bring representatives of MPOs and other development professionals together with women with disabilities who are emerging leaders in grassroots disability organizations in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe. MPO representatives will serve as resources for these new leaders, and will enjoy unique opportunities to learn about issues, exchange ideas, share success stories, develop collaborative strategies with women with disabilities from around the world and participate in local site visits. Space has been reserved for up to 4 representatives from each MPO (US or field staff). MPOs will be responsible for transportation costs to Eugene, but shared room and board will be provided, in MIUSA's characteristically casual style!

Desserts: What's New?

New MIUSA Website: Visit the new Mobility International USA website at **www.miusa.org**. Features include an online database, search function, and new resources related to international development and disability.



Recipe of the Month

Gazpacho

1 Kg (2.2 Pd) tomatoes
½ of a small French baguette
1 small green mild pepper
1 medium cucumber
1 clove garlic
Vinegar
Olive oil
Salt

- Soak the baguette in ¼ cup water until soggy.
- Remove skins and seeds of the tomatoes and dice them up very small. Put the diced tomatoes in a blender.
- Clean the pepper of all seeds and dice up very small. Add to the blender.
- Remove skin of the cucumber and dice up very small and add to the blender.
- Dice up the garlic and add to the blender.
- Squeeze out excess water from the baguette and add to the blender.
- Blend on a low setting until all ingredients are mixed together.
- Add a splash of vinegar, olive oil and salt to taste.

Depending on the consistency you would like: For a thicker gazpacho, add a bit more bread and for a thinner consistency, add a bit of water. ~ Mucho amor y una siesta. ~

Submitted by: Kristin Hoobler

(learned while studying in Spain as an exchange student)