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Announcements

The World Health Organisation (WHO) Launches Priority Assistive Products List

On 24 May 2016 during the 69 World Health Assembly along with other distinguished delegates, H.E. Saira Afzal Tarar and H.E. Margarita Guevara, Health Ministers from Pakistan and Ecuador respectively, launched the WHO Priority Assistive Products List.

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Snapshot

Meeting of Barrier-free Cities in Prague

On 27th and 28th June 2016 Barrier-free city for all, a working group of Eurocities, held its 14th meeting in Prague, this time focused on accessibility of visually impaired people. The agenda was tight and following three topics were given a prominence: the Czech System of Environment Adaptations, European Accessibility Act (EAA) and Shared Spaces.

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News from the European Guide Dog Federation on assistance dogs in taxis.

As you can see from the article reproduced below, when Uber taxis consistently refuse guide dogs in America they had to pay a \$225,000 fine. This will certainly have made them sit up and take notice.

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National news

Belgium - The BrailleTech Exhibition Making life easier for visually impaired people

From Thursday the 13th until Saturday the 15th of October, Brailleliga/Ligue Braille organises BrailleTech. Join the exhibition and discover a huge range of technical aids that make life easier for visually impaired people.

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Netherlands - Survey "High on the Research Agenda"

Eye Association Netherlands is involved in three research programmes.

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Scotland (RNIB)

Ken Reid from East Lothian in Scotland has already raised almost half of the £7,500 total in donations he is aiming for in support of RNIB 'Talking Books'.

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Feature

Describing audiodescription

Blind and partially sighted people watch television and use a range of audiovisual media services, just like anyone else. However, in order to be able to do so, they need, amongst other things, for these services to have audio description available. What is audio description, you may well ask?

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