

Greetings

My sincere congratulations to the organisers of the 5th *International Conference of Biophilia Rehabilitation Academy.*

This Congress should not only encourage you to reflect and build on your past achievements, but to reassess your position and envision a more productive future for your organization. It will provide a forum for new ideas and practices to both educate and bring new awareness to various forms of disability.

Given fitting opportunities and support, I am certain that people with disabilities can live productive and meaningful lives. This assembly signifies your commitment to share with the government the common goal of uplifting the lives of people with disabilities.

The city of Perth provides an ideal location for this assembly, particularly in view of the recent presentation of the Nobel Prize for Medicine to local researchers, Drs Barry Marshall and Robin Warren. This decoration has not only brought regional but also global attention to Perth and Western Australia as a new centre for medical research.

I wish success to all presenters and participants, and anticipate the great many constructive outcomes of this Congress.

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