



International Bobath Instructors Training Association

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To: **All Basic Course participants**

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Re: **Evaluation of basic course participants**

At the start of your Basic Course on the Assessment and Treatment of Adults with Neurological Conditions (the Bobath Concept) you will be given a set of Learning Objectives. These objectives are common to all Basic Courses throughout the world and were approved by the General Meeting of IBITA in September 1997.

At the same General Meeting, the decision to evaluate Basic Course participants was confirmed. This evaluation process is necessary in order to control the extent to which the learning objectives have, in fact, been met. Such an evaluation has four advantages:

- It enables the Instructor to ascertain whether he or she has been successful in helping the participants to achieve the learning objectives.
- It enables the instructor to identify areas which the course participants have found difficult to understand or to apply in practice. These areas can then be addressed both during the rest of the current course as well as in future courses.
- It enables the participant to ascertain his or her progress and, if difficulties have been encountered in certain areas, to seek ways of overcoming these.
- It gives the successful course participants the confidence to use the Bobath approach in the assessment and treatment of their clients.

The Executive Committee realises that any evaluation process can be daunting to the course participants. Every effort will be made to ensure that the process is a positive one for both the Instructor and the participants. The objective is to ensure a high standard of course presentation by the Instructor and a high level of success by the participants. Please help us to achieve this by accepting the challenge of the tasks requested of you - the feedback is essential for your Instructors.

You will have received a Competency Profile for Basic Course Participants – a self-evaluating tool. Please use this actively to evaluate your own weaknesses and strengths and your progress through the basic course.

Since the evaluation process is now compulsory, IBITA-stamped course certificates will only be issued to those participants who complete the evaluation process successfully. We anticipate that this will be the majority of participants. If for any reason you do not complete the evaluation process, you will be issued a letter stating that you have attended the course, but will not receive the certificate. Course participants who do not complete the evaluation process successfully will be encouraged to present themselves for evaluation at a later date, after they have had time to consolidate their knowledge and put it into practice. We do hope that all course participants will eventually complete the requirements successfully and become eligible to attend Advanced Courses in order to further their knowledge and expertise.

It could happen that the participant is not in agreement with the decision of the course instructor or has other problems regarding the course. The first step in solving the problem would be a one to one discussion with the involved persons. If an agreement cannot be reached, all participants have the possibility of presenting their grievance to the IBITA Appeals/Grievance Committee. If you wish to use this procedure or require further information, please contact the Appeals/Grievance Committee Chairperson who is listed on the IBITA website, www.ibita.org

The Executive Committee hopes that you will enjoy the Basic Course and find the evaluation process to be a positive experience.

Yours sincerely,

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