

The World Bank Disability & Development Team, HDN Education, EAP and ECA  
invite you to attend a BBL presentation and discussion on:

## **Improving Postsecondary Education for Deaf Men and Women Around the World**

**Who:** Dr. T. Alan Hurwitz, RIT Vice President for NTID and Dean/CEO of NTID  
Dr. James J. DeCaro, Professor and Director, PEN-International  
Professor E. William Clymer, Coordinator, PEN-International  
**When:** Thursday, November 4, 2004 12:30 - 2:00 PM  
**Where:** World Bank, G Building, Room 7-161  
**Chair:** Joshua Beal, Consultant, ECSHD  
Nina Bhatt, Consultant, EASSD

**Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 31st**

Interested external guests, please RSVP via email or phone to: Asuka Sato  
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### **Abstract:**

The Postsecondary Education Network-International (PEN-International) is the first-of-a-kind international partnership of colleges and universities (primarily in developing countries) serving the postsecondary education needs of deaf and hard-of-hearing students. Web technology, faculty training, telecommunications technology, information technology and instructional/educational technology are being used to:

1. Improve teaching and learning for deaf students
2. Increase the application of innovative technology to teaching students
3. Expand career opportunities for deaf students

The Nippon Foundation of Japan has partnered with the National technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester institute of Technology to establish the network through more than \$4 million in grants.

Faculty development in deaf education, educational/instructional technology, support services, English as a second language, and communication strategies have been implemented around the world. Training is delivered in partner countries, the USA and via distance technology. Most training materials and workshops (including videos) are available on the PEN-International web site (<http://www.pen.ntid.rit.edu>).

PEN-International was established in 2001 and is currently works with partner institutions in Russia (Bauman Moscow State Technical University), China (Tianjin University of Technology, Changchun University, and Beijing Union University), Philippines (DLSU College of St.

Benilde), Czech Republic (Charles University), Thailand (Ratchasuda College of Mahidol University), and Japan (Tsukuba College of Technology). During the next several years, the network will be expanded to include other developing countries and additional institutions in current partner countries.

The PowerPoint presentation and discussion session will highlight those components of PEN-International that have made it successful, and will also present concepts that can be generalized to serving other groups of individuals who are differently abled.

**Presenter:**

Dr T. Alan Hurwitz is vice president for RIT and CEO/Dean of its National Technical Institute for the Deaf. He served as NTID's dean for the last five years and in a variety of other key roles for most of NTID's 35-year history. Hurwitz came to NTID in 1970 after working for McDonnell Douglas Corporation. He has served as the president of the National Association of the Deaf (USA) and as president of the World Jewish Deaf Federation. He holds degrees in engineering and education.

Dr. James J. DeCaro is the director of PEN-International. Prior to holding this post he served as NTID's dean for 14 years—two of those years as interim director as well. He holds degrees in engineering and instructional technology. He has been a Rotary Foundation Scholar in England and a Fulbright Scholar in Sweden. He is an honorary professor at Tianjin University of Technology (China) and holds an honorary doctoral degree from Bauman Moscow State Technical University.

Professor E. William Clymer is coordinator of PEN-International—a post he has held since 2001. He is a nationally recognized instructional developer who has worked at NTID since 1975. He was the originator of the NTID International Technology Symposium and has chaired all four of these major educational gatherings in Rochester, New York. He holds degrees in both photography and instructional technology, and he possesses an MBA. He has also taught business and finance to deaf students at RIT.

**Disability Accommodations:**

An ASL interpreter will be provided. For other accommodation requests, please contact us by October 31<sup>st</sup> at [ASato@worldbank.org](mailto:ASato@worldbank.org).

**Location:**

The venue is the World Bank G Building. The entrance is on G Street, between 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Streets. (Please see Map below) The room is on the 7<sup>th</sup> Floor. The closest Metros are Farragut West and Farragut North.

**Security:**

Visitors' Passes will be available for registered guests at the G Building front desk. Please bring your photo ID with you.

