



Southern African Association for Learning and Educational Differences

SAALED is privileged to invite Roy McConkey as the guest speaker on the occasion of the National Annual General Meeting Friday, 23rd July 2010 at 14h30 for 15h00 Redhill School, Summit Road, Morningside, Johannesburg

- **Professor Roy McConkey presents:**
MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS
A review of successful strategies and discussion around changes required in parent-teacher expectations and roles.

Schools and parents have different priorities and ways of working. This presents formidable challenges to partnerships working, which is essential when pupils have special educational needs. Effective strategies have been identified but they are not easily implemented into the existing practice of teachers and parents. Possible solutions are explored for transforming home-school relationships.

- **ISEC 2010 Belfast** (www.isec2010.org). – *Supportive and Inclusion Education Congress to be held in Belfast – promoting Diversity and Inclusive Practice.* For the first time a SAALED team will be presenting at an International Congress. Please stay to enjoy the short video '**Through Different Eyes**' which forms part of the presentation.

Programme

14h30 - 15h00 :	Registration
15h00 - 16h15 :	Roy McConkey
16h15 - 16h45 :	National SAALED AGM
16h45 - 17h00 :	Tea break
17h00 - 17h30 :	Through Different Eyes (video)

Registration Fee

Members: R50.00 **Non Members:** R70.00

Banking Details:

Account: SAALED **Bank:** FNB **Branch:** Killarney
Code: 256 205 **Account No:** 620 726 252 32

Important: For catering purposes it is important to know numbers - please fax your registration form together with proof of payment to the SAALED office – 011 648 5779 or 086 681 3547

Queries : Jean James-Smith at SAALED – 011 648 5779

Professor Roy McConkey



Roy is Professor of Learning Disability at the University of Ulster, Northern Ireland; a post jointly funded by the Eastern Health and Social Services Board. A psychologist by training and a native of Belfast, he has previously held posts at the University of Manchester, in Dublin and in Scotland.

He has worked in the field of intellectual disability for over 30 years; initially with parents and families but latterly in the planning and delivery of services mainly for adult persons. He has authored, co-authored and edited over 15 books and published over 100 book chapters and research papers in learned journals.

He has acted as a consultant to UNESCO, UNICEF, WHO, Leonard Cheshire International, Save the Children (UK), Guyana Community Based Rehabilitation Project and the Norwegian Association on Mental Retardation. This work has taken him to some 20 countries in Africa, Asia and South America. He has ongoing links with universities in Taiwan, United Arab Emirates and Jordan and with NGOs in Guyana and Iran.

He has been an invited keynote speaker at International Conferences in Washington DC, Australia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tokyo, Finland and Ireland.

His research and development interests focus mainly on family support, community involvement, staff training and the evaluation of new styles of services for people with learning disabilities. He was recently elected a Fellow of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disability.

He has been a regular visitor to South Africa for nearly 20 years. The father of two grown children, his hobbies are walking, theatre and travel.