

International Federation of Adapted Physical Activity (IFAPA)

IFAPA recommendations with respect to accessibility in conducting ISAPA

- Accommodations: Hotel providers should be addressed the special needs of symposium guests with respect to physical accessibility
- Conference venues
 - a. Meeting rooms and Auditoriums
 - i. Physical accessibility
 - ii. Audiovisual accessibility
 - b. Dining and party halls
 - i. Physical accessibility
 - ii. Food selection to cope with special needs such as those of individuals with diabetics or different religions.
- Passageways to and from accommodations to conference venue;
- Transportation;
- Media (web-site, folders, communications, maps, book of abstracts & proceedings).
- It is recommended to send a questionnaire to all participants, asking them to indicate whether they have a disability (checking one of several items) or not. Such a questionnaire was successfully implemented during the recent NAFAPA by Prof. Jane Taylor at Lakehead, Canada.
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- Physical accessibility refers to (1) wide and open passageways (at least 80 cm wide); (2) spacious elevators and toilets to enable maneuverability of wheelchair users; (3) availability of alarm bells nest

to toilets and showers; (4) dining tables at proper height and wither full service dining or provision of aids to ensure respectable food collecting during self-service meals; (5) choosing passageways without stairs or slippery surfaces;

- Audiovisual accessibility refers to: (1) projecting the text of lectures on a screen or providing simultaneous sign-language for individuals with deafness; (2) having personal translators for individuals with limitations of verbal information processing.