

This month's "Spotlight" starts with a quiz. Who is a total science fiction fanatic, is devoted to a 15 year old daughter named Morgan, has a Labrador dog named Jessie, holds dual Canadian and U.S citizenship, is a lawyer by trade, tends to be long-winded and pondersome when on the podium, wrote a book on the ICIDH, and travels so much that one never knows where he will turn up? Give up? The answer is Jerome E. Bickenbach, Ph.D, LL.B. He is often called "Jerry B" so he is not confused with the Gerry Hendershot, who is usually just called "Gerry". Dr. Bickenbach is a full professor in the Department of Philosophy and Faculties of Law and Medicine at Queen's University, and holder of the Queen's Research Chair. As a lawyer, Dr. Bickenbach was a human rights litigator, specializing in anti-discrimination for persons with intellectual impairments and mental illness. He is the author of *Physical Disability and Social Policy* (1993) and the co-editor of *Introduction to Disability* (1998), *Disability and Culture: Universalism and Diversity* (2000), *A Seat at the Table: Persons with Disabilities and Policy Making* (2001), *Quality of Life and Human Difference* (2003), and numerous articles and chapters in disability studies, focusing on the nature of disability and disability law and policy. He is a content editor for Sage Publication's 5 volume *Encyclopedia of Disability*. Since 1995 he has been a frequent consultant to WHO and is one of the writers of ICF. Despite these impressive credentials, Jerry B always enjoys a good lawyer joke! So send him one at <bickenba@post.queensu.ca>.