**Press Release**

**REHACARE INTERNATIONAL 2021 has been cancelled –**

**the next date will be 14 to 17 September 2022**

**Messe Düsseldorf, in close cooperation with its exhibitors and partners, has decided not to hold the world-leading trade fair for rehabilitation and care this year. REHACARE, which was originally planned for 6 to 9 October 2021, will now take place next year at the Düsseldorf Trade Fair Centre according to the usual schedule, from 14 to 17 September.**

"We very much regret the cancellation of this year's REHACARE, but it is a meeting place for people who are particularly vulnerable to Covid-19. High sensitivity and great caution are required here. Under these special circumstances, REHACARE will not be able to do justice to its role as the leading trade fair and meeting place for the community around the topic of rehabilitation and care this year. The health and ability for all participants to reliably plan have the highest priority for us," explains Erhard Wienkamp, Managing Director of Messe Düsseldorf.

REHACARE is a source of information for many people with disabilities and chronic illnesses. At the last trade fair, these groups constituted a large share of our visitors. Many of the exhibitor’s employees are also in the at-risk groups for COVID-19.

Hannes Niemann, Director of REHACARE, is feeling optimistic about next year: “REHACARE’s lifeblood lies in the connections that people make and the personal exchanges that they have. From numerous discussions with our clients, we know that REHACARE is still seen as *the* meeting point for the community, and both visitors and exhibitors are longing to get back to having in-person discussions at the trade fair after many months of social distancing. We are very confident that REHACARE 2022 will be the successful experience that we are all looking forward to once again, a reputation that it has held among the community for decades.”

From 14 To 17 September 2022, the world’s biggest trade fair for rehabilitation and care will offer professional and private visitors alike the opportunity to come together to discuss all subjects regarding life with a disability and in old age. Whether you’re looking for mobility or everyday aids, tips for leisure, travel and sports, wearables for optimised rehabilitation methods in physiotherapy, care aids or intelligent assistance systems such as robots and exoskeletons, REHACARE will present innovations and trends that enable you to lead an independent life.

In addition, forums, meet-ups, seminars, lectures and panel discussions offer more information on current topics relating to disability and social politics. Topics such as technology that improves care, digital accessibility that creates equal opportunities for everyone, tips for aid provision for those insured by statutory health insurance bodies or Work 4.0 are all on the agenda, and far more. Art and culture, along with innovations in accessible living, also take centre stage at REHACARE. Many associations and foundations, such as BAG SELBSTHILFE (the National Association for Personal Autonomous Development), the state government of North-Rhine Westphalia, the Disabled and Rehabilitation Sports Association of North-Rhine Westphalia, Caritas, the social association VdK of North-Rhine Westphalia and the DAA Foundation for Education and Work are here at REHACARE to provide the visitors with help and advice.

Interested parties can find an information portal on “Independent Living” which is open all year round at [www.rehacare.com](http://www.rehacare.com) if you’re finding it tough to wait until the trade fair comes around.

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**Further information is available at** [www.rehacare.com](http://www.rehacare.com)

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