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The Importance of Promoting Thinking Skills for the 21st Century

Chicago, IL April 21, 2009 - Dr. Reuven Feuerstein will lecture live via video conference at iRi's Critical Thinking Summer Seminars in Troy, MI. Feuerstein is an internationally renowned cognitive psychologist who first challenged the common belief that Intelligence is fixed and cannot be changed. Since Feuerstein's first challenges to the theories of fixed intelligence more than 50 years ago, his theories have given impetus to intelligence and brain research that support his belief in the structural cognitive modifiability of human intelligence.

Over the last five decades, Feuerstein's has designed systematic cognitive intervention/ programs that have been implemented and validated in schools and clinical settings in over 80 countries. Feuerstein's systematic teaching methods and student materials' for "teaching for intelligence" are recognized by Robert Sternberg, Howard Gardner, Robert Marzano, and other experts on intelligence around the world.

By special arrangement in a two-way video conference live from Jerusalem, Reuven Feuerstein will lecture and engage participants to learn best practices for changing the structures of students' minds. Participants attending this video lecture will:

- **Understand** why intentional development of cognitive abilities is especially critical for students in the 21st century.
- **Discover** how to use Mediated Learning Experience (MLE) in a classroom or clinical setting to promote students' thinking abilities.
- **Develop** a deeper understanding of Feuerstein's theories and their implications for enhancing all students' learning potential in the 21st Century.
- **Engage** in Q&A directly with Professor Feuerstein and seminar participants

Participants are also invited to select from specific focus seminars based on Feuerstein's programs. All programs are headed by leading Feuerstein trainers both nationally and internationally recognized. Each of the seminars is designed to show practical application for general education, special education, psychologists and other education professionals.

There is no additional fee required for Feuerstein's presentation. All courses that day will begin after the video lecture. Enrollment is limited due to space constraints. Pre-registration is required as space is limited for this inspirational keynote lecture by the most notable student of Piaget whose theories and practices are influencing change in educational practice around the world.

To register, go to www.iriinc.us click on **Learn2enablelearning** and "**Register Online**". To complete registration click "**Register Now**" in the upper right hand corner of the web page. For more information on this program, please contact iRi conference staff members' toll free at 877.474.4900 or 847.835.4206.

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