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GREETINGS FROM PROF CHANG-IL PARK, OUR NEW ISPRM PRESIDENT

Dear Past Presidents and members of ISPRM,

It is a great pleasure and an honor for me to have this opportunity to serve as President of ISPRM.

ISPRM has significantly developed since the merge between ARMA and AFPRM occurred in 1999, and the 1st World Congress in Amsterdam in 2001. Past Presidents and ISPRM leaders have tirelessly devoted themselves to strengthen ISPRM over the years, and on behalf of ISPRM, I deeply appreciate their hard work.

ISPRM has become a unique organization representing Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine throughout the World. Therefore, ISPRM has a great responsibility to achieve its mission and goals.

To reach our goals, we must do the following:

First, we need to increase ISPRM membership, as well as study the kinds of additional incentives we can offer to members.

Second, we must work hard to make the ISPRM World Congress the best of its kind in the field of PRM. To achieve this, we have to participate actively in the Congress and recruit the best speakers possible.

Third, ISPRM has a responsibility to enhance PRM in developing countries and regions. To do this, we need to develop an educational system that ISPRM member countries can support, thus allowing, the opportunity to receive quality PRM education for those who desire it.

Fourth, we need to establish a network for members and institutions to exchange knowledge, discuss patients and educational ideas, collaborate on research, as well as cooperate on data collection.

While our predecessors have built the groundwork for ISPRM, there are still many areas to improve. As President, I cannot do this alone. I need your advice and active participation. Your cooperation and support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you all for your hard work thus far and I look forward to working together to make ISPRM as strong as it can be.

Chang-Il Park

ISPRM President 2006-2008



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THE ISPRM AWARDS – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Werner Van Cleemputte, , ISPRM Executive Director

The nomination policy of the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ISPRM) stipulates that the Awards Committee must make recommendations to the Board of Governors for the Herman J. Flax Lifetime Achievement and the Sidney Licht Lectureship Awards.

The Award Committee, chaired by our Past President Linamara Battistella, herewith would like to make a **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**. ISPRM members in good standing can forward their nominees to the Central Office **by February 28, 2007 at the latest**. All nominations must be accompanied by a justification and a short CV of the candidates.

The Awards Committee will announce its decision at the upcoming ISPRM World Congress in Seoul, Korea.

THE ISPRM WORLD CONGRESS 2013 – CALL FOR TENDER

By Werner Van Cleemputte

It is undoubtedly a great challenge for a national society to organise the ISPRM World Congress in its country. Apart from the high scientific level the ISPRM World Congress also offers an opportunity to welcome a large number of colleagues from all over the world.

We kindly announce that the 2013 ISPRM World Congress is now open to bidding and we would like to encourage national societies to submit their bids.

An application to hold the 2013 ISPRM World Congress can be made by any active National Society, member of the ISPRM and **in good standing for at least two successive years** or any individual active ISPRM member **in good standing** fully backed by his or her national society.

Guidelines for how to submit a bid as well as the application requirements to hold the ISPRM World Congress are now available on our website www.isprm.org

The applications, i.e. an official letter or email from the National Society should be sent either by post or by email to the Central Office (see address below).

Deadline for applications: February 28, 2007

The application will be confirmed by the Central Office and the National Society will send a bid book in two copies as well as a budget proposal to the Central Office

Deadline for receipt of these documents: May 15, 2007

The National Society will be invited to make a presentation during the upcoming ISPRM Board Meeting in Seoul, Korea. Each presentation will take 10 minutes followed by 5 minutes question time.

Presentations will be made in alphabetical order. After the presentations, the venue for the 6th ISPRM World Congress in 2013 will be decided on by secret ballot.

Good luck!!



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WHAT IS THE AMERICAN PHYSIATRIST'S ROLE IN THE INTERNATIONAL PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION ORGANIZATION?

Joel DeLisa: Vice President

Attached you can find a very interesting article published by Joel Delisa in the November issue of the American Journal of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation: 2006;85:935-937.

THE 6TH MEDITERRANEAN PHYSICAL AND REHABILITATION MEDICINE CONGRESS 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRM MEDITERRANEAN CONGRESS (HERZLYIA 1996- ALGARVE 2006)

Jorge Lains, Chairperson, 6th Mediterranean Congress of the Mediterranean Forum of PRM (MFPRM) and vice-president of the Portuguese Society of PRM (SPMFR)

The 6th Mediterranean Congress, along with the Congress of the Portuguese Society of PRM, and the interim ISPRM Board meeting, took place in Vilamoura, Portugal, from October 18 to 21, 2006. A total of 620 participants from 46 countries, from the 5 continents, were present. 316 of the participants were Portuguese, representing 51% of all the participants. Among the active participants 40 colleagues came from Spain, 38 Turkey from, 29 from Israel, 20 from Greece, 15 from Serbia and 12 from USA. All colleagues from the developing countries had free or a waved registration (equal to amount of the expenses).

The presence and the collaboration of all the members of the ISPRM Board allowed having some of the most significant figures of PRM in the world. Prominent colleagues and researchers presented the most updated data and state of the art about the several themes that are relevant on the clinical, academic and research fields in Rehabilitation Medicine, helping the congress to reach an outstanding scientific level. During the congress 272 lectures were presented, being 100 Keynote Lectures and 172 Oral Presentations.

During the pre-congress period the Scientific Committee selected the best 24 papers, from all the Oral Presentations. These papers were reviewed by an International Committee, composed by H Ring, Gerold Stucki, Franco Franchignoni and Stefano Negrini that selected the 11 best researches. During the Top Best Mediterranean Research Session, an International Jury and the audience voted for the Best Mediterranean Research Investigator Award, sponsored by the official journal of the Mediterranean Forum PRM - Europa MedicoPhysica.

The winning paper was: "The Effect of Cardiac Rehabilitation on Quality of Life, Anxiety and Depression in Congestive Heart failure", a research of our Turkish colleague, Yesim Kurtais. 248 posters were presented during the congress. The Portuguese Society PRM offered an Award to the 4 best posters done by PRM residents. The winners were: "Kinematic Analysis of Hyoid and Epiglottic Movement during Swallowing in Strokes" Tairyoon Han and als, from Korea; "Reorganization of language after focal lesion in children: Data from fMRI and Linguistic Tests", O. Elkana and als, from Israel; "Fibrodysplasia ossificans progressive – a case report", Isabel Crespo and Martins Augusto, from Portugal; "Devic's Disease – Case Study", Luis Filipe Guimaraes and als, from Portugal

In total 18 workshops about some of the most important themes in PRM were organized. The actuality of the themes and the possibility to learn with the experts in a very casual and practical way was very important and significant. Patients selected because of the complexity of their pathology were present in some of the workshops allowing a unique opportunity to learn in a real situation.

The social program was carefully prepared to show the Portuguese tastes and culture. Lunches were special moments to experience Portuguese food and wine. The dinners tried to be each day different, offering always something special. Folk music and folk dance, Coimbra Fado and a special "aquavision show" were a part of the social program.



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During the Gala Dinner Katia Guerreiro, an ophthalmologist colleague and one of the Portuguese best Fado singers offered us an unforgettable and touching night. Also during the Gala Dinner happened the President's Ceremony, one of the most remarkable moments where all the 6 presidents of the Mediterranean Congresses, the President of the Mediterranean PRM Forum, Nicolas Christodoulou, and our first Honorary Board Member and President of the First Mediterranean Congress, Haim Ring, received homage. This event will be remembered by all and it is an unforgettable moment of the history of the Mediterranean Forum PRM.

The President's Dinner was the opportunity to thank all the participants that willingly and voluntarily served the 6th Mediterranean Congress PRM with their knowledge and experience.

Participants enjoyed the Mediterranean Spirit: the pleasure of learning and teaching and, at the same time, the pleasure of being with friends and colleagues from all around the world and the pleasure of enjoying the social program. During the 6th Mediterranean Congress PRM we lived in a world without frontiers in accordance with the Mediterranean Forum slogan - Rehabilitation without frontiers and we look forward to meeting you all in Portorose (Slovenia) in 2008 for the 7th Mediterranean PRM Congress!



[Opening ceremony](#)



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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND CONGRESSES

Congresses with the ISPRM logo are endorsed by the ISPRM and offer reduced fees to ISPRM Members

- Congresses on **Stroke** http://www.internationalstroke.org/s_content.php?id=fb2002-03-04-1020
- Congresses on **Neurology** http://www.eurostroke.org/esc_main%20links.htm
- Congresses on **PM&R** <http://www.prm-calendar.org/Default.aspx>



4th ISPRM World Congress – June 10 - 14, 2007 in Seoul, Korea – www.isprm2007.org

5th ISPRM World Congress – May 9 -13, 2009 in Istanbul, Turkey

6th ISPRM World Congress – June, 4 – 9, 2011 in San Juan, Puerto Rico

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- **National Congress of the New Zealand Rehabilitation Association and National Institute of Rehabilitation Research.** 16-18 February, Rotorua Convention Centre, Rotorua, New Zealand. Visit: www.creative-events.co.nz
- **3rd Annual Update Symposium on Clinical Neurology and Neurophysiology**, 19-21 February, Tel Aviv, Israel. Info meetings@isas.co.il
- **17th Annual Convention of the Philippine Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine**, 28 Feb - 1 March, Marco, Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines. Info: cemby@yahoo.com
- **1st European Meeting on Rehabilitation Medicine in Physical Activities, Sport & Spa** 22-25 March, Bad Hofgastein, Salzburg, Austria. Visit www.emrmpa.org or contact Veronika Fialka-Moser at emrmpa2007@medacad.org
- **41st Comprehensive Review Course in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (81.75 CME credits)** of Baylor College of Medicine / The University of Texas Medical School PM&R Alliance, March 24 – April 1, Holiday Inn Select Hotel near Greenway Plaza, Houston, Texas. Info: PMandR@bcm.edu



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- **13th National Congress of the Italian Medical Society of Paraplegia**, 15-18 April, Udine, Italy, visit www.somipar.it
- **1st European Meeting on Rehabilitation Medicine in Physical Activities, Sports and Spa**. 22 – 25 March, Bad Hofgastein, Salzburg, Austria. Visit www.emrmpa.org
- **4th International Congress of the Cuban Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Society**, March 26-30, Havana, Cuba. Visit www.disabilityworld.org/07-08_01/conferences/pmrconf.shtml or contact jorge.martin@infomed.sld.cu
- **19th Annual Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Board Review Course** (80 CME credits) of Kessler Medical Rehabilitation Research and Education Corporation (KMRREC), April 18-27, Westminster Hotel, Livingston, New Jersey. Info: cdavide@kmrrec.org
- **45th Congreso SERMEF (Spanish Society on PM&R)**, May 22-25, Tarragona, Spain – Congress in Spanish only info: m.velazquez@torresparado.com
- **Implementing the Evidence - 15th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine**. May 22- 25, Sydney, Australia. Info: AFRM@racp.edu.au
- **ISSLS 2007**, Annual Congress of the **International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine**, 12-17 June, Hong Kong. Contact: issls@medicongress.com – www.issls.org
- **The Festival of International Conferences on Caregiving, Disability, Aging and Technology (FICCDAT)**, 16-19 June 2007, Toronto, Canada – info read.jamie@TorontoRehab.on.ca
- **7th World Congress on Brain Injury, IBIA**, 17-21 June, Jerusalem, Israel: Contact: ibia07@kenes.com
- **46th ISCOS ASM and 10th NoSCos Congress**, 27 June-1 July, Reykjavik, Iceland. Visit: www.sci-reykjavik2007.org
- **12th World Congress of the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics**, July 29 - August 3, Vancouver, Canada. Visit: www.ispo.ca/congress
- **9th Congress of European Federation for Research in Rehabilitation (EFRR)**, 26 to 29 August, Budapest, Hungary. Theme: "Partnership in rehabilitation research"- Contact: Prof. Lajos Kullmann, l.kullmann@rehabint.hu
- **69th Annual Assembly of the AAPMR**, 27-30 September, Boston, USA – visit www.aapmr.org

**EuroSpine 2007, 2-5 October 2007, Brussels, Belgium
Heizel Congress Center – visit: www.medicongress.com**

- **Annual Congress 2007 SOFMER (French Society on PM&R)**, 4-6 October 2007, Rennes, St Malo, France (lectures in French only) - contact gdekorvin@cpa-sante.com

**6th Interdisciplinary World Congress on Low Back Pain, 7-10 November 2007,
Barcelona, Spain. Visit www.worldcongresslbp.com**

- **The Best of Both Worlds: Partnerships in Rehabilitation 2007**, hosted by Epworth Hospital and Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre, 14th-16th November 2007, Melbourne, Australia. Visit www.rehab2007.com

**4th National Convention and Scientific conference of the Bangladesh Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (BAPMRCON 2007), November 15-16, 2007;
Dhaka, Bangladesh. Contact: Mohd Taslim Uddin taslim@bdcom.com**



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First Asia and Oceania Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (AOSPRM), May 15-19, 2008, Beijing, China. Info: www.aocprm2008.com

European Congress on Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, 4 - 7 June 2008, Brugge, Belgium - visit www.medicongress.com

- **1st World Congress on Pain**, 17-22 August 2008, Glasgow, Scotland – visit www.iasp-pain.org
- **7th Mediterranean Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine**, 18 - 21 September 2008, Potorose, Slovenia
Contact: Prof. Crt Marinček marincek.crt@mail.ir-rs.si
- **European Congress on Surgery of the Elbow and the Shoulder– SECEC 2008**, 18-20 September 2008, Brugge, Belgium – visit www.medicongress.com
- **5th Regional Central European Conference of the Int Soc for Prosthetics & Orthotics**, 19-21 September 2008, Pontrose, Slovenia – visit www.ce-ispo2008.org

AMLAR 2008 3-6 November 2008 - including the meeting of the Latinoamerican Society of Paraplegia, Hilton Conrad Hotel and Convention Center, Punta del Este, Uruguay – Contact Hugo Nunez Bernadet anhunez@adinet.com.uy

- **70th Annual Assembly of the AAPMR**, 20-23 November 2008, San Diego, USA – www.aapmr.org
- **AMLAR 2008**, November 2008, Punta Del Este, Uruguay – www.surmedfi.org.uy

17th European Congress on Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, 23 - 27 May 2010, Venice, Italy

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