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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 Sao Paolo. 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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AMERICAN EFFORTS AT BUILDING INTERNATIONAL REHABILITATION.

Andrew J. Haig, M.D., ISPRM North American Board Member
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Through my role as both ISPRM North American board representative, the president of the International Special Interest Group of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and president of a not-for-profit International Rehabilitation Forum, I have had the pleasure of attending a number of meetings this fall from which I can tabulate some of the great efforts of my colleagues in the area of international rehabilitation.

Who are the 'international' Americans? From over 7000 members of the AAPMR, a disproportionate number come from outside of our borders. Many of these continue to have great loyalty to the people of their homelands and actively collaborate to build rehabilitation in both countries. There are also hundreds of American physiatrists who volunteer their time in poor, isolated, or developing regions of the world. Others are actively involved in scientific or educational collaboration with colleagues at established institutions around the world. Yet America is so large, developed, and geographically separated from the rest of the world, that, in reality, day-to-day practice of most of us is not a compelling reason for participation in international affairs. International interest must be cultivated.

What is happening to build engagement? We recently successfully lobbied the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation to allow American trainees to perform some of their required learning outside of the United States. International colleagues are encouraged to invite American residency program directors (via www.physiatry.org) to send our young trainees abroad.

The AAPMR international SIG has begun international education as part of its meetings, and hopes to have a side-meeting at next year's annual Academy meeting.

In an effort to validate and advance the careers of persons who work in rural and developing regions of the world, and to begin a scientific exchange in this area, we have edited a highly successful special edition of ISPRM's journal Disability and Rehabilitation on Rural and Developing World Rehabilitation. Plans to continue supporting this academic initiative are in the works.

The International Rehabilitation Forum (www.rehabforum.org) has been formed as a U.S. tax-exempt home for promoting medical rehabilitation. Designed to compliment the work of ISPRM, universities, and other organizations, it can be used: as a channel through which charitable donations can be sent to support member initiatives that fall outside of the work of their university or core organizations. For example, the IRF's Ghana Medical Rehabilitation Group was formed from expatriate Ghanaians and American rehabilitation professionals to help build a national rehabilitation program in that country. Individuals trying to raise funds for unsponsored efforts (e.g. physician initiated volunteer missions) may be able to work within IRF. Academic institutions in the US and outside can contact me to join the coalition, by simply assigning a liaison person and agreeing in principle to share educational, scientific, and strategic efforts to build the field internationally.

My team at The University of Michigan has received official approval to launch a special unit of our department, the International Rehabilitation Leadership Program, a program designed to build the field by advancing leadership skills, consulting with growing programs, and supporting development of the 'science' of international rehabilitation. This parallels the formal and informal efforts of a large number of institutions around the country.

Finally, although ISPRM could not have a membership booth at this year's AAPMR meeting, there are concerted efforts to get more Americans involved in ISPRM. American Physiatry is a large and dynamic group, and many of us are excited to collaborate internationally to build the strength of our field to the benefit of our patients.



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MEETINGS OF THE ISPRM BOARD DURING THE ISPRM WORLD CONGRESS IN SEOUL MARK YOUR AGENDA!!

Sunday, June 10 - Room #204

09.00 - 11.00	President's Cabinet Meeting (on invitation only)
11.00 – 13.00	Executive Committee Meeting (on invitation only)
13.00 – 13.30	Light lunch for the above members
13.30 – 18.00	Board of Governors Meeting 1
19.30	Opening Reception of the Congress.

Wednesday, June 13 - Room #203

13.30 – 18.00	Board of Governors Meeting 2
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Please book your travel itinerary according to this meeting schedule.

HOW PHYSICAL THERAPY SAVED THE QUALITY OF MY LIFE

Peter V Cornelis, President, Hope for Stroke

Thank you for letting us introduce H.O.P.E. for Stroke to new friends. Hope for stroke is an organization, set up, for the specific needs of the stroke survivor and the care giver. I started this organization after my own personal experiences of 6 strokes over a period of 12 ½ years. The last one left me paralyzed because of a massive stroke during brain surgery to the center of the brain. The surgery was necessary to address a large aneurysm at the Basilar Tip in the center of the brain. The aneurysm had grown to the size of a plum and hemorrhaged profusely during surgery affecting both hemispheres, brain stem and Hippocampus are of the brain. It took me 3 ½ years to fully recover.

The most miraculous thing is that I did fully recover, except for the headaches. The reason I recovered is, I begged a Physical Therapist to start working with me, the day after brain surgery. Even though I would be in an induced coma for a couple of weeks. It was this start and all my positive experience, work on my own, that brought me to where I am today.

You may see some times with your patients, that they seem to have gone as far as they can with therapy. Depression is common, in 60% of stroke cases. It happens to be that percentage of the most seriously affected. That depression, causes a person to give up, nobody is prepared for the length of recuperation stroke sometimes has. Do not give up on them, try to encourage them. Our organization helps those individuals bridge that dark period from our free newsletter (which can be signed up for at www.hope4stroke.com and follow the instructions also by daily contact via emails). It is full of first account personal stories and triumphs.

What we do in our organization, is to power up a persons human spirit (not as measurable as a bone or organ, but does exist and has a powerful awesome affect). We get about one million hits a year on our website and have a newsletter that is free over the internet.

For more information either email at hope_4_stroke@hotmail.com or call US (001) 516 804 8495.
We have volunteers that are reachable anywhere around the world via the internet

<http://hope4stroke.com>



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THE ISPRM CONGRESS COMMITTEE

Werner Van Cleemputte

Prof. Chang-II Park, President of the ISPRM, has asked Prof. Guy Vanderstraeten to consider accepting the function of Chair of the ISPRM Congress Committee for the next two years (2007-2008). Prof. Guy Vanderstraeten has accepted this function and as a result invites valuable candidates to submit their candidature to assist him in the ISPRM Congress Committee. Each candidature should include a short motivation and a description of experiences & skills in the organisation of international congresses. The Congress Committee should ideally be composed of 1 representative per continent. Interested? Send your application to Guy Vanderstraeten at: guy.vanderstraeten@ugent.be with a cc to the Central Office Werner@isprm.org before January 15.

NOMINATION FOR JOSE JIMENEZ

Werner Van Cleemputte

Prof. Jose Jimenez, has been honored with a decoration granted by Juan Carlos I, King of Spain. By the end of November, the Spanish Ambassador in Ottawa presented the "Encomienda de la Orden al Merito Civil" to Prof. Jimenez.

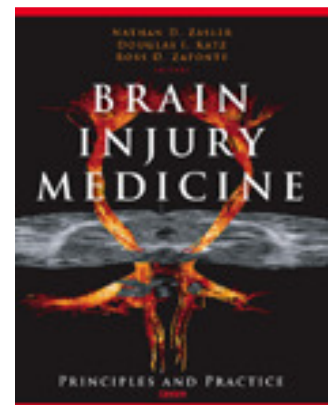
This Order was created in 1926 by Alfonso XIII, King of Spain, to recognize not only extraordinary contributions of a civic nature to the Spanish State by Spaniards residing in Spain, but also to recognize life-working-achievements of non-resident Spaniards who have contributed to the common good of the community at large and thus enhancing Spain's global interests for a better world.

The "Orden al Merito Civil" has several grades: Collar and Great Cross, Encomienda, Officer, Cross and Silver Cross.

TEXTBOOK ON BRAIN INJURY MEDICINE

Nathan Zasler

Richmond, Virginia. November 27, 2006. Brain Injury Medicine: Principles and Practice has recently been published by Demos Medical Publishers. This core reference text will serve as a "one stop" resource for information regarding the assessment and management of persons with traumatic brain injury across the continuum of care from "coma to community. The book is a must for health care professionals, lawyers, and advocates involved with providing services to persons with traumatic brain injury. The text is the largest and most comprehensive treatise on brain injury medicine and neurorehabilitation to date and will likely remain the key reference in the field for years to come.



MOVE OF THE ISPRM CENTRAL OFFICE

Werner Van Cleemputte

Our company Medicongress managing amongst others the daily activities of the ISPRM will move in the first week of January next. This will result in more convenient and spacious offices for the ISPRM Central Office.

The address of the ISPRM Central Office will change to **KLOOSTERSTRAAT 5** (instead of Waalpoel 28/34) in the same city. Phone, fax and email will remain unchanged.

We hope you will visit our Central Office in near future. Our doors are always open for ISPRM members.



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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>
- Congresses on **Spine** http://www.spine.org/calendar/nass_future_events.cfm



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

2007

- **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, Sports and 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
- **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
- **18th Israeli Medical Association World Fellowship International Conference**, "Advanced Technologies in Medicine," April 11-15, Jerusalem, Israel. Contact information: www.ortra.com/imawf
- **13th National Congress of the Italian Medical Society of Paraplegia**, 15-18 April, Udine, Italy, visit www.somipar.it
- **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
- **7th International Symposium on Osteoporosis**, "Translating Research into Clinical Practice," April 18-22, Washington, DC. Contact information: www.nof.org



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- **4th Symposium & Discussion Platform for Pain, Surgery and Rehabilitation aspects of Low Back Pain**, 30 April- 3 May, Bodrum, Turkey. Visit: www.vitalmedbodrum.com
- **45th Congreso SERMEF (Spanish Society on PM&R)**, May 22-25, Tarragona, Spain – Congress in Spanish only info: m.velazquez@torrespardo.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, Toronto, Canada – info read.jamie@TorontoRehab.on.ca
- **46th ISCoS Annual Scientific Meeting/10th NoSCoS Congress**, June 27-July 1, 007, Reykjavik, Iceland. Contact information: 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**

- **American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Scientific Meeting**, October 3-7, Washington, DC. Contract information: www.acrm.org
- **Annual Congress SOFMER (French Society on PM&R)**, 4-6 October, Rennes, St Malo, France (lectures in French only) - contact gdekorvin@cpa-sante.com
- **5th International Course on the Hand. 21 - 25 October**, Bodrum, Turkey. Visit: www.vitalmedbodrum.com

**6th Interdisciplinary World Congress on Low Back Pain, 7-10 November 2006,
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, Melbourne, Australia. Visit www.rehab2007.com

4th National Conference of the Bangladesh Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (BAPMRCON 2007), March 17-18, 2007. Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Bangladesh. Contact: Mohd Taslim Uddin taslimuddin2006@yahoo.com



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2008

First Asia and Oceania Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (AOSPRM), May 15-19, 2008, Nanjing, 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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