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THE ISPRM AND THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PM&R

By Werner Van Cleemputte, ISPRM Executive Director

Over the past few years, the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R) has been involved in a variety of international activities and partnerships.

On the occasion of the American Academy Annual Assembly, October last in Philadelphia, meetings took place between the Presidencies and the Executive Directors of the Academy and the ISPRM in order to strengthen the collaboration between the two societies.

In general, the following topics have been addressed:

1. Collaboration between the two societies for the Hawaii AAPM&R Annual Assembly and the Seoul ISPRM World Congress
2. Support of the future AAPM&R Annual Assemblies by the ISPRM
3. Possibility of obtaining CME accreditation for the ISPRM Seoul Congress
4. Possible reduced registration fees for ISPRM members for the AAPM&R Annual Assemblies
5. Closer collaboration between the ISPRM and the AAPM&R in general

Follow-up of these issues is now ongoing and as a result the American Academy has invited some members of the ISPRM President's Cabinet to seat in the newly created International Advisory Committee. The members of this committee are invited to assist with efforts associated with the AAPM&R Annual Assembly in Hawaii later this year. It goes without saying that the expertise acquired by this Advisory Committee for the Hawaii AAPM&R Annual Assembly will also be of major importance for the Seoul IPRM World Congress.

Other individuals who have been invited for the AAPM&R Advisory Committee are amongst others:

Cedric Akau, MD (Academy/Program Committee liaison, Hawaii)
Pesi Katrak, MD (Academy member, Australia)
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