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### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2006-2008 TERM

By Haim Ring, Chair of the ISPRM Nominating Committee

In compliance with the ISPRM Policy and Procedures and by-laws I hereby call for nominations to the following eligible positions, to be presented to the Board of Governors in the next interim meeting in Algarve in October, by the Nominating Committee, for approval and exercise in the 2006-2008 term:

- a. Executive Committee
  - Vice President (President in 2010)
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Vice President for Asia & Pacific
  - Vice President for Central and South America
  - Vice President for Europe
  - Vice President for Middle East & Africa
  - Vice President for North America
  - Member at Large representing Active National Society Members
  - Member at Large representing Active Individual Members
- b. Other Board Members
  - Members representing Active National Society Members (one for each national society and to be appointed by the authorised National Society)
  - Members representing Active Individual Members (one for each national society and to be appointed by the ISPRM)
- c. ISPRM Education and Development
  - Board of Director Member (four year term)

The Nominating Committee will use the following criteria taken from the Policies and Procedures, approved in 2003, on the parameters the Nominating Committee should consider when issuing its recommendations to the Board of Governors, via the Executive Committee, in its selection of candidates:

- Previous accomplishments within ISPRM.
- Previous accomplishments within IRMA or IFPM&R
- Other accomplishments within PM&R nationally and internationally.
- Lectures given at ISPRM and ISPRM endorsed Congresses.
- Regularity of attendance at Congresses associated with ISPRM Board Meetings.
- Commitment to assume the responsibilities for which nominated.
- Commitment to attend the Board meeting at which the election takes place.
- Commitment to attend Board meetings during their tenure on the Board.
- Paid up individual membership.
- Gender

Nominations should be submitted to the Executive Director not later than May 15<sup>th</sup> 2006, to be checked for good standing with the organization of both the proponent and the nominated candidate and then passed to the Chair of the Nominating Committee for the Committee's use. Nominations not accompanied by the pertinent information will not be considered.



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### MESSAGE TO PRESIDENTS, SECRETARIES AND BOARDS OF NATIONAL SOCIETIES MEMBERS OF THE ISPRM

By Haim Ring, Chair of the ISPRM Nominating Committee

Dear colleagues,

Hope you are well and productive as usual. This is just to remind you a change of the ISPRM Board will take place in the Algarve meeting, during the Mediterranean Congress, in October. A call for the pertinent nominations will go off in the April issue of our bulletin, News & Views.

More specifically, I am asking your National PR&M Society to nominate a candidate representing your society in the Board of Governors. By the ISPRM by-laws each good-standing Society will nominate a candidate (as it was in the old IFPMR) to be Member-at-Large representing the National Society in the Board. An equal number of Members-at-Large representing the Individual Members (like in the old IRMA) will be proposed by the Nominating Committee. All of them will be discussed and duly approved by the Board Assembly in October.

The candidate to represent your National Society should be an active and good-standing member, with a record of national, regional and/or international activities in the realm of rehabilitation or near by fields of action, able and willing to be active in the ISPRM.

Our Society is steadily growing and the chance to go further with our activities, both in quality and quantity, very much depend on the quality of its officers. So, please take some time to think, discuss and find the suitable people for this work.

As the Nominating Committee has to present its proposals 3 months before the Board meeting and some paperwork is still to be done after the nominations kindly propose your candidates, one by Society, not later than May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

Nominations should be sent to the ISPRM Executive Director, Werner Van Cleemputte to check for good standing (dues paid) of the National Society before being submitted to the Nominating Committee for approval.

Thank you very much in advance for your understanding and co-operation.

Looking forward to meeting you in the Algarve, Portugal for our next ISPRM Board Meeting.

Faithfully,

Haim Ring MD  
Chairman, ISPRM Nominating Committee

### MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION AND PAY FOR PERFORMANCE - IMPLICATIONS FOR PHYSIATRY

By Joel A. DeLisa,

Article written for the March 2006 issue of the American Journal of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation.  
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### THE 34TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION

By Martin Grabois, ISPRM treasurer

I recently had the opportunity along with Linamara Battsella, Anton Wickes, Hajmo Brulne and Chris Ward to attend the 34th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in Mumbai, India in January 2006. While serving as an honorary delegate, Linamara Battsella and I represented the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine. Those attend as honorary delegates presented a number of scientific presentations.

The meeting was chaired by Dr. T. Sreedhar. The Indian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation has 350 members and 200 attended the meeting. The meeting has courses on "Management of Spasticity" and "Gait and Motion Analysis." There were numerous lectures, paper presentations and poster presentations. Sample presentations include: Fibromyalgia, Multiple Sclerosis Rehab, Wheelchair Skills programs, Chronic Pain and Depression, Leprosy Rehab and Total Knee Replacement in Arthritis.

Social programs included Inauguration event, a dinner for members of IAPMR and finally a closing banquet with entertainment.

Dr. Sreedhar is to be congratulated for organizing and implementing a first-rate conference.

### THE ASIA OCEANIA REGIONAL MEETING AND WCNR 2006 IN HONG KONG

By Chang-il Park, ISPRM President Elect

For the first time, Dr. Sae-il Chun, the ISPRM Asia-Pacific Regional Vice President, and the committee members had a solid discussion on the definite need for AOSPRM Congress during the 3rd World Congress of ISPRM in Brazil. As a result, a task force team was formed and Dr. Sae-il Chun has been appointed as the Preparatory Committee Chairman and the Dr. Leonard Li as the Secretary General.

Recently held in Hong Kong, the WCNR2006 congress brought together a great number of doctors, professionals and all the others involved in relevant field, boasting an attendance of more than 1,500. As the Organizing Committee Chairman, Leonard Li has successfully pulled off a great event where participants were able to exchange and share the latest information and facilitate networking opportunities.

At the Zhuhai meeting held right after the WCNR2006 meeting, 14 delegates from Oceania have convened for the second meeting to discuss about the AOSPRM Congress.

Upon agreement, the members have decided to officially establish the AOSPRM Congress at the 4th World Congress of ISPRM to be held in Seoul, Korea.

The 1st AOSPRM Congress will be held in Nanjing, China in the year 2008. To plan for this congress, Dr. Sae-il Chun and Dr. Leonard Li will work on the bylaws, constitutions, and etc.

I firmly believe that AOSPRM will grow to initiate various projects with the goals of sharing and obtaining the latest achievement and information among member countries and lay the foundation for facilitating smooth dialogue. AOSPRM will strive to become major player in the efforts being made on the development of physical and rehabilitation medicine and furthermore, help ISPRM move and advance into greater and further heights.



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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](http://www.internationalstroke.org/s_content.php?id=fb2002-03-04-1020)
- Congresses on **Neurology** [http://www.eurostroke.org/esc\\_main%20links.htm](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](http://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**

- **18TH ANNUAL KMRREC - PM&R REVIEW**, The US Largest Review Course in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Sponsored by Kessler Medical Rehabilitation Research & Education Corporation and The Department of PM&R UMDNJ – New Jersey Medical School, April 20-28, 2006, The Westminster Hotel, Livingston, NJ 07039, USA, contact: [cdavide@kmrrec.org](mailto:cdavide@kmrrec.org)
- **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine (AFRM)**, 2-5 May 2006, Cairns, Australia, visit: [www.racp.edu.au/afrm](http://www.racp.edu.au/afrm)
- **15<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation**, 16-20 May 2006, Madrid, Spain. Visit [www.ecprm2006.com](http://www.ecprm2006.com)
- **XXXIV SIMFER National Congress**, Movement and autonomy: assessment and techniques. June 4 – 7, 2006, Florence, Italy – Main language Italian – Visit: [www.simfer.it](http://www.simfer.it)
- **35th Congress of the Int Society of Medical of Hydrology and Climatology – Rehabilitation in Spa's and Health Resorts**, 6-10 June 2006 in Istanbul, Turkey, visit [www.ismh2006.com](http://www.ismh2006.com)
- **ISSLS 2006**, Annual Congress of the **International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine**, 13-17 June 2006, Bergen, Norway, Contact: [issls@medicongress.com](mailto:issls@medicongress.com) – [www.issls.org](http://www.issls.org)
- **XXIX International Federation of Sports Medicine (FIMS) World Congress**, June 14-16, 2006, Beijing – contact [www.fims.org/fims2006](http://www.fims.org/fims2006)
- **32nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Spinal Injury Association (ASIA) and the International Spinal Cord Society (ISCoS)**, 25-28 June 2006, Boston, MA, USA. Visit [www.asia-spinalinjury.org/annualmeeting](http://www.asia-spinalinjury.org/annualmeeting)
- **XXX Congresso Brasileiro de Medicina Fisica e Reabilitacao**, 12-15 July 2006, Belo Horizonte, Brazil: visit [www.rhodeseventos.com.br](http://www.rhodeseventos.com.br)



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- **XIII National Congress of the Colombian Association of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ASCMF&R)**, August 03-06, 2006, Cartagena de las Indias, Colombia. Contact: [ascmfr@gmail.com](mailto:ascmfr@gmail.com) or visit: <http://rehabilitacion2006.homestead.com>
- **World Congress on Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering**, 27 August-2 September, Seoul; Korea. Visit <http://wc2006-seoul.org>
- **XVI Congress of the Ecuadorian Society of PM&R**, 11-15 September 2006, Guayaquil, Ecuador, contact Gustavo Bocca Peralta at [gwbocca@hotmail.com](mailto:gwbocca@hotmail.com)
- **131st Annual Meeting of the American Neurological Association**, 08- 11 October, 2006, Chicago, IL, USA, <http://www.aneuroa.org/annual.htm>
- **5th Int. Congress on Spondyloarthropathies**, 12-14 October 2006, Gent, Belgium, Visit [www.medicongress.com](http://www.medicongress.com)
- **3rd. Mitteleuropäischer Kongress für PM&R**, organized by the German and Austrian Society in collaboration with the Italian Society on PM&R – Language German – 12 – 14 October 2006, CD-Hotel Salzburg. Info: [pmr-kon@salk.at](mailto:pmr-kon@salk.at)



**6<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Congress of PM&R**, 18-22 October 2006,  
Marina Hotel, Vilamoura, Portugal. Visit [www.medcongress.prm06.org](http://www.medcongress.prm06.org)

- **28th Indian Association of Sports Medicine congress**, October 26-28, 2006, Pune, India, contact Dr. Ashish Babulkar, [ababhulkar@bigfoot.com](mailto:ababhulkar@bigfoot.com)
- **22<sup>nd</sup> Congress of the Latin-American Medical Association**, November 8-12, 2006, Veracruz, Mexico, contact [jmguzman@avantel.net](mailto:jmguzman@avantel.net)
- **68<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the AAPMR**, 9-12 November 2006, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA – [www.aapmr.org](http://www.aapmr.org)
- **9th Asian Federation of Sports Medicine**, November 19-22, 2006, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – contact [info@afsm2006.com.sa](mailto:info@afsm2006.com.sa)
- **Joint World Congress on Stroke**, 22 – 25 November 2006, Capetown, South Afrika – visit [www.kenes.com/stroke2006](http://www.kenes.com/stroke2006)
- **4<sup>th</sup> International Congress of the Cuban Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Society**, March 26-30, 2007, Havana, Cuba - visit [www.sld.cu/sitios/rehabilitation](http://www.sld.cu/sitios/rehabilitation) or contact [jorge.martin@infomed.sld.cu](mailto:jorge.martin@infomed.sld.cu)
- **ISSLS 2007**, Annual Congress of the **International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine**, 4-7 June 2007, Hong Kong. Contact: [issls@medicongress.com](mailto:issls@medicongress.com) – [www.issls.org](http://www.issls.org)
- **12<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics**, July 29 - August 3, 2007, Vancouver, Canada. Visit: [www.ispo.ca/congress](http://www.ispo.ca/congress)
- **9th Congress of European Federation for Research in Rehabilitation (EFRR)**, 27 to 31 August 2007, Budapest, Hungary - Theme: "Partnership in rehabilitation research"- Contact: Prof. Lajos Kullmann, [l.kullmann@rehabint.hu](mailto:l.kullmann@rehabint.hu)
- **69<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the AAPMR**, 27-30 September 2007, Boston, USA – visit [www.aapmr.org](http://www.aapmr.org)



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**EuroSpine 2007, 2-5 October 2007, Brussels, Belgium**  
Heizel Congress Center – visit: [www.medicongress.com](http://www.medicongress.com)

- **Annual Congress 2007 SOFMER (French Society on PM&R)**, 4-6 October 2007, Rennes- St Malo, France – contact [gdekorvin@cpa-sante.com](mailto:gdekorvin@cpa-sante.com)



**European Congress on Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, 4 - 7 June 2008,**  
Brugge, Belgium - visit [www.medicongress.com](http://www.medicongress.com)

- **7<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine**, 18 - 21 September 2008, Potorose, Slovenia  
Contact: Prof. Crt Marinček [marincek.crt@mail.ir-rs.si](mailto:marincek.crt@mail.ir-rs.si)
- **European Congress on Shoulder Surgery – SECEC 2008**, 18-20 September, Brugge, Belgium – visit [www.medicongress.com](http://www.medicongress.com)
- **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](mailto:anhunez@adinet.com.uy)
- **70<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the AAPMR**, 20-23 November 2008, San Diego, USA – [www.aapmr.org](http://www.aapmr.org)
- **AMLAR 2008**, November 2008, Punta Del Este, Uruguay – [www.surmedfi.org.uy](http://www.surmedfi.org.uy)

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