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### ISPRM WEBSITE – MEMBERS ONLY SECTION

Have you visited our [www.isprm.org](http://www.isprm.org) website recently?

You surely should as the ISPRM launched a new EDUCATIONAL WEBSITE with the latest information on Evidenced Based Rehabilitation. There are also recaps of the successful 3rd ISPRM World Congress in Sao Paulo and other ISPRM National Societies' Congresses.

The membership part of the website is password protected and all ISPRM members in good standing have received their login and password recently. **Only ISPRM members in good standing for 2006 (dues paid) will have access.**

Please do not miss out on this valuable opportunity for continuous learning from leaders in the field from all over the world!

#### Last updates:

- Three new Workshops from the 3rd ISPRM World Congress: "Unilateral Neglect and Related Disorders of Spatial Cognition - A Practical Guide to Diagnosis, Longitudinal Evaluation and Rehabilitation Treatment" by Prof. Nachum Soroker (Israel); "Posture and Movement Analysis and Gait Disorders" by Prof. Ralph M. Buschbacher, MD (USA) and "Functional Anatomy of the Face: Importance in the Rehabilitation of Face Disorders" by Dr. Matilde Sposito, MD (Brazil).
- From the 8th National Conference of Exercise and Rehabilitation Medicine which took place in Zhuhai, China: Prof. Leonard S. W. Li (Hong Kong) and Prof. Jianan Li (China) bring us updated evidence based information on Cardiac Rehabilitation.
- In the News section, two articles: Prof. Jay P. Shah, MD (USA) on "An in-vivo micro-analytical technique for measuring the local biochemical milieu of human skeletal muscle" and Donaldo J. Filho, MD (Brazil) on "Computerized pedobarography in the characterization of ankle-foot instabilities of haemophilic patients".
- Updated information on evidence-based rehabilitation by Dr. Andrea Furlan, MD (Canada).

And much more is still to come!! This area has been prepared specially for you! Feel free to send comments and suggestions for its improvement.

### AMERICAN ACADEMY OFFERING REDUCED REGISTRATION FEES TO ISPRM MEMBERS FOR HAWAII MEETING

We are very pleased to announce that for the upcoming meeting of the AAPM&R in Hawaii, November 9-12 next, the American Academy will offer reduced registration fees to all our ISPRM members in good standing. This is another very interesting benefit of your ISPRM membership. More details on [www.aapmr.org](http://www.aapmr.org) and in the following issues of the News & Views.



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### JOEL DELISA APPOINTED AS 2006-2007 VICE-CHAIR OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES (ABMS).

#### Press release:

EVANSTON, Ill., March xx, 2006 – Joel A. DeLisa, M.D., M.S., professor and chairman, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation University of Medicine and Dentistry -New Jersey Medical School, and president and CEO of the Kessler Medical Rehabilitation Research and Education Corporation, has been named 2006-2007 vice-chair of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS). Dr. DeLisa has previously served on the ABMS Executive Committee and held the office of treasurer. He also served on the ABMS Finance and Long Range Planning Committee.

An active member of a number of professional organizations, Dr. DeLisa also has served as Vice Chair and is current Chair of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), on the Education and Examination Committee for the American Association of Electromyography and Electrodiagnosis (AAEE) and the Continuing Education Committee of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R). He is past president of the AAEE, the Association of Academic Physiatrists (AAP), and the American Paraplegia Society. He is a member of the Administration Board of the Council of Academic Societies of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) and a member of the AAMC Executive Council.

Dr. DeLisa has served in a leadership capacity for the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (ABPMR), an ABMS member board that supported his nomination.

Among the ABPMR posts held by Dr. DeLisa are chairman of the board and director. He also was elected the board's first emeritus member. He had a key role in the development of the subspecialty of Spinal Cord Injury Medicine and, under his direction; the ABPMR developed a subspecialty certification in spinal cord injury.

The American Board of Medical Specialties represents 24 approved medical specialty boards. At its inception in 1933, its major focus was initial certification, evaluating the training, qualifications and competence of physician specialists at the outset of their careers. By 2003, more than 85 percent of licensed physicians in the United States were certified by at least one ABMS Member Board. Visit [www.abms.org](http://www.abms.org).

An interesting publication by Joel DeLisa and other Kessler Institute collaborators can be found at [http://www.umdnj.edu/home2web/research/publications/spring06/UMDNJresearch\\_spring06.pdf](http://www.umdnj.edu/home2web/research/publications/spring06/UMDNJresearch_spring06.pdf)

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

By **Jorge Lains** - Chairperson, 6th Mediterranean Congress of the Forum of PRM (MFPRM)

Vice-president of the Portuguese Society of PRM (SPMFR)



Just to remind you the 6th Mediterranean Congress, along with the Congress of the Portuguese Society of PRM, and the interim ISPRM Board meeting, will take place in Algarve/Vilamoura, Portugal from October 18 to 21, 2006.

This partnership allows me to consider the 6th Mediterranean Congress as one of the most important scientific events in Rehabilitation Medicine, along the year 2006.

The main topics cover all the themes that are relevant on the clinical, academic and research fields in Rehabilitation Medicine, all over the world, in the spirit of the MFPRM – Rehabilitation without frontiers!



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During an entire day, under the scientific patronage of the ISPRM, with the collaboration of the MFPRM and the SPMFR, the theme Pain will be discussed, resulting in:

- An update in Pain Diagnosis and Management – Maximizing Function and Quality of Life;
- An update on Most Common Pain Conditions in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine Practice – A hands on workshop.

Special symposiums and workshops and lectures will aim to improve the collaboration among the countries of the Mediterranean basin, among others,

- Mediterranean Forum on the ICF Core Sets development – Chairs: Gerold Stucki and Alarcos Cieza;
- Research and Education in the Mediterranean Countries – Chairs: Haim Ring and Jorge Lains;
- Towards a Harmonized Development of Rehabilitation in the Mediterranean Countries – Chairs: Nicolas Christodoulou and Francisco Sampaio;
- Meet the Editor – Chairs: H Ring and Catarina Branco, with the Journals: Europa MedicoPhysica, Critical reviews PM&R, International Journal Rehabilitation Research, Journal of Back and Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation, NeuroRehabilitation, Brain Injury, Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine;
- Electrodiagnosis – Chairs: Mark Lissens and Jun Kimura;
- Impairment-oriented Training - arm rehabilitation strategies after stroke – Chair: Thomas Platz;
- Clinical and Laboratorial gait analysis in the hemiplegic's patient – Chairs: Jorge Jacinto and Jorge Lains;
- Gait Biomechanics – Chair: Amparo Assucena; with Malvira Santandreu, Angel Gil, Roser Garreta;
- New Techniques for Managing Musculoskeletal Pain – Chairs: Marta Imamura and Andrew Fisher;
- Electrophysiology – Chair: Gulseren Akyuz; with, Ofer Keren, Hakan Gunduz, Avi Ohry, Tarek Shafshak, and Demet Ofluoglu;
- New Aspects of the Functional Assessment of Balance and Mobility – Chair: Franco Franchignoni and Luigi Tesio;
- Spasticity After Brain Injury: the benefits of Botulin Toxin - Anthony Ward;
- Functional anatomy and the treatment of the face with botulinum toxin- Matilde Sposito;
- Cerebral Palsy – Chang-il Park;
- Traumatic Brain Injury – Nathan Zasler, Monserrat Barnabeu, Gerard Francisco;
- Osteoporosis – Mark Lissens, Gulseren Akyuz;
- Effort evaluation in PRM – Chair: Catarina Branco;
- The Physiatrist Role as an Administrator of a Rehabilitation Medicine Program - Martin Grabois - International Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine:
- The Role of Exercise in Cancer Survivors - Robert DePompolo;
- Virtual Reality in Rehabilitation – Arie Burstin and Riki Brown

Over 70 international and 50 national, well known professionals in our realm will be present to discuss and provide better awareness of physical and rehabilitation medicine.

The social program is being prepared most carefully. Algarve is the most important tourist destination in Portugal, and October one of the best times of the year. Portugal is one of the safest places in the world, and the Portuguese are famous for its friendship and joy of living.

Online registration and online abstract submission are available on the website <http://www.medcongress.prm06.org/>

See you in Algarve, Portugal, where the Mediterranean ends, the Atlantic begin, joining the North and South, the East and West, in a *world without frontiers*.

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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**

- **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)
- **12th International Pain Clinic Congress**, July 4-7, 2006, Turin, Italy - Contact Dr. Beltrutti via [www.pain2006.com](http://www.pain2006.com)
- **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)
- **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 2006, 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)



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- **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)
- **Int Society of Prosthetics and Orthotics (ISPO-ANMS)**, October 12-14, Perth, Australia – Visit [www.ispo.org.au](http://www.ispo.org.au)
- **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)

- **21st SOFMER Congress (French Society on PM&R)**, October 19-21, 2006, Rouen, France – lectures in French only contact Prof. Françoise Beuret-Blaquart at [fbbeuret@aol.com](mailto:fbbeuret@aol.com)
- **28th Indian Association of Sports Medicine congress**, October 26-28, 2006, Pune, India, contact Dr. Ashish Babulkar, [ababhulkar@bigfoot.com](mailto:ababhulkar@bigfoot.com)
- **Evolving Architecture of Research, Patient Care and Education**. 2<sup>nd</sup> National SCI Conference, October 26-28, 2006, Toronto, Canada – email [murawiecka.marta@torontorehab.on.ca](mailto:murawiecka.marta@torontorehab.on.ca)
- **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)
- **41st ASM of Japan Medical Society of Spinal Cord Lesion**. November 9-10, 2006, JASCol Keisie Hotel Miramare, Chiba, Japan – visit [www.miramare.co.jp](http://www.miramare.co.jp)



**68th Annual Assembly of the AAPMR**, November 9-12, 2006, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA – [www.aapmr.org](http://www.aapmr.org) – Reduced registration fees for ISPRM members offered



**4<sup>th</sup> National Convention and Scientific conference of the Bangladesh Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (BAPMRCON 2006)**, November 15-16, 2006; Dhaka, Bangladesh. Contact: Mohd Taslim Uddin [taslim@bdcom.com](mailto:taslim@bdcom.com)

- **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)
- **45<sup>th</sup> Congreso SERMEF (Spanish Society on PM&R)**, May 22-25, 2007, Tarragona, Spain – Congress in Spanish only info: [m.velazquez@torrespardo.com](mailto:m.velazquez@torrespardo.com)



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- **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)
- **9<sup>th</sup> Congress of European Federation for Research in Rehabilitation (EFRR)**, 26 to 29 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)



**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 – lectures in French only - 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)

- **1st World Congress on Pain**, 17-22 August 2008, Glasgow, Scotland – visit [www.iasp-pain.org](http://www.iasp-pain.org)
- **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 2008, Brugge, Belgium – visit [www.medicongress.com](http://www.medicongress.com)
- **5<sup>th</sup> Regional Central European Conference of the Int Soc for Prosthetics & Orthotics**, 19-21 September 2008, Pontrose, Slovenia – visit [www.ce-ispo2008.org](http://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](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)



**17<sup>th</sup> European Congress on Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, 23 - 27 May 2010,**  
Venice, Italy - Contact Prof Alessandro Giustini at [agiustini@fsm.it](mailto:agiustini@fsm.it)

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