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NEW NATIONAL SOCIETIES NOW JOINING THE ISPRM

By Werner Van Cleemputte, ISPRM Executive Director

We are proud to announce that 3 new national societies have joined the ISPRM recently.

We have the pleasure to welcome the **Swiss Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine** (SSPRM – see www.rheuma-net.ch) and the **Mongolian Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine** (MSPRM). After having received their informal consent at the Sao Paulo ISPRM World Congress we have now received a formal confirmation that the **British Society of Rehabilitation Medicine** also officially joins the ISPRM.

This means that the ISPRM has 46 national societies as members at this moment. Negotiations are ongoing with other national societies and we are hopeful to be able to represent 50 national societies as members of the ISPRM shortly.

Apart from these national societies, the ISPRM also has individual members from 78 countries. From these figures it is clear that the ISPRM is really spreading its wings and did become the advocate of the rights of physiatrists from all over the world.

CLARIFICATION OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2011 ISPRM WORLD CONGRESS

In order to avoid any confusion we would like clarify that during the last ISPRM Board Meeting in Sao Paulo it has been decided that Puerto Rico will be the venue for the 2011 congress.

Candidates for the organisation of the 2013 congress are requested to submit their official declaration of intent to the ISPRM Central Office **by January 31, 2007 at the latest.**

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

The Turkish Society recently appointed a new board.

Prof. Dr. Gulseren Akyuz is now in function as Secretary General and Prof. Dr. Dilsad Sindel is the President of Turkish Society of PRM.

Appointments

The ISPRM has appointed two new liaison officers for the International Core Data Set for Spinal Cord Injury. They will further liaise with Fin Biering-Soerensen from Denmark who is the chairman of the Executive Committee of the International SCI Datasets.

The two liaison officers are Dr Michael M. Priebe, Chief of the Spinal Cord Injury Center at VA North Texas Health Care System, USA and Dr. Amiram Catz from the Loewenstein Rehabilitation Hospital in Israel.

In this section of the News & Views, appointments for heads of PM&R departments, regional ones, new services, etc., from all over the world will be published. So feel free to send your information to the Central Office for publication in the next issues of the News & Views.

Job opportunities

If you have any job opportunities, please inform the ISPRM Central Office so that they can be published here.



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INTRODUCING EUROPA MEDICOPHYSICA, RECENTLY INDEXED BY MEDLINE/INDEX MEDICUS

By Stefano Negrini, Chief-Editor of Europa Medicophysica – Scientific Director of ISICO (Italian Scientific Spine Institute), Milan

Europa Medicophysica (www.europamedicophysica.org) is a historical, 41-years-old, glorious scientific journal, that followed almost the entire history of European physical and rehabilitation medicine (PRM), and that in the last years overcame the boundaries of Europe to include in its interest the whole Mediterranean area. Europa Medicophysica has been indexed by Medline/Index Medicus in June 2005 (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>). There is now an extra journal available to publish excellent papers: in PRM in general, and mainly in Europe, there is a lack of space available for research papers. The time between acceptance and publication is in most cases more than one year, and many good studies have to be rejected. Papers will be judged with equity, according to the international rules, receiving sometimes rejections as well as corrections, and the reward will be publishing and receiving the attention of the entire world through Medline and its electronic version PubMed. Moreover, there will be more visibility and space for the typical topics and contents of Southern Europe and Mediterranean Area that in any case must be developed and presented according to the world rules that guarantee everybody: the reader, the journal, and science.

The last volume in 2004 had 14 original research papers (5 were randomized controlled trials), 15 reviews by recognized international scientists with high personal Impact Factor (1 was a Cochrane and another a systematic review), 5 editorials, 3 case reports and 3 commentaries. The new organization of the journal, wanted by Alessandro Giustini, Raffaele Gimigliano, and the SIMFER Board of Directors, with the Mediterranean Forum of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (MFPRM and Nicolas Christodoulou), and the European Federation of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (EFPMR and Henk Stam) simply focused on something that was already going on, and finalized the general efforts of an entire geographical area. Moreover, we are greatly indebted to Haim Ring (Past President of the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine - ISPRM, and Founder and President of the First Mediterranean PM&R Congress) and Franco Franchignoni (Senior Editor) for their incessant and authoritative advice and support.

Some of the aims of our journal for the future include: increase the quality of papers, increase the visibility of the journal and of the world that it represents, publish high quality original researches and systematic reviews, publish Guidelines in PRM, host invited mini-review on selected PRM topics from highly impacted protagonists of the scientific world joined to selected Mediterranean researchers, invite editorials and high quality research papers from national and international meetings of our region, stimulate discussion through commentaries, change the rules for authors to increase paper readability and coherence with new trends of PRM. Remaining in Index Medicus is not even a question, while reaching the Impact Factor is only the next step, to achieve as soon as possible a good (the best possible) rank among scientific PRM journals.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PM&R – ANNUAL MEETING

By Linamara R. Battistella, ISPRM President

The American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation – AAPMR organized the 66th edition of their traditional Annual Meeting last October 27-30, 2005 in Philadelphia, USA. Besides the usual high scientific level of this meeting, we enjoyed the opportunity to meet many friends.

My special thanks to Prof. Bruce Ganz, former President of AAPMR, for his cordial welcome of our team, and for always emphasizing the importance of taking part in the International Society.

This meeting represented also a great opportunity to promote our work among our North American colleagues. The ISPRM booth was active on all exhibition days and we received a positive feedback from the attendees resulting in a number of new membership registrations.

Our ISPRM Executive Director Werner Van Cleemputte also had a very constructive meeting with Tom Stautzenbach, AAPM&R Executive Director and a further closer collaboration between the two societies will be developed.



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NEW FOCUS ON THE SCIENCE OF DEVELOPING WORLD REHABILITATION IN JOURNAL DISABILITY AND REHABILITATION. ARTICLES NEEDED.

By Andrew Haig

Rural and developing world rehabilitation will be the focus of two special editions of the journal *Disability and Rehabilitation*. Scientists and clinicians whose research relates to this area are encouraged to submit manuscripts by January 31, 2005.

Most of the world has limited access to rehabilitation services. Yet most published rehabilitation science aims at urban and industrialized regions. To bring forth the expertise and knowledge of those who live in or study rural and isolated areas, the journal *Disability and Rehabilitation* is organizing two special editions slated for the summer of 2006.

Special edition editor Andrew J. Haig, M.D. notes "We all can learn from clinicians and scientists who study inexpensive, simple, sustainable, and culturally relevant rehabilitation. This edition can bring together the many isolated experts, recognize their work, and share their knowledge". Andrew Haig, an Associate Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Michigan in the United States, is also president of the International Rehabilitation Forum, and North American vice president of the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine. He encourages authors to follow the journal's submission policies, found at www.tandf.co.uk/journals, and then submit their work directly to him via email at andyhaig@umich.edu before January 31, 2006.

Disability and Rehabilitation, published by Taylor and Francis, includes review articles, experimental and clinical research papers, case studies, clinical commentaries, reports on rehabilitation in practice, and major book reviews. In its 21st volume, it has attained international prestige with an impact factor of 1.144, ranking it among the top rehabilitation journals in the world.

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MEDITERRANEAN FORUM OF PHYSICAL AND REHABILITATION MEDICINE (MFPRM): NEWS FROM THE SOCIETY - EURO-MEDITERRANEAN REHABILITATION SUMMER SCHOOL (EMRSS) OPENED!

By Nicolas C. Christodoulou

A great advance in the Mediterranean Area has been achieved recently: after efforts of many years, the first Euro-Mediterranean Rehabilitation Summer School (EMRSS) has taken place this month in Syracuse of Sicily. It is an historical event since it will give the opportunity to new doctors to be trained both theoretically and practically, to specific aspects of our speciality of current interest. The School will be within the "Catania – Syracuse University" in the Ortigia historical site and will welcome about 40 young colleagues from the Mediterranean Area. The Association which is going to run the School consists of the following bodies:

1. National PRM Society "SIMFER" and the Sicilian regional group;
2. University Association "Archimede" which represents the town council and the Regional province of Syracuse with the Catania University.
3. University Association "Megara Ibleo" which represents the twenty-two town councils, which make up the province of Syracuse with the Messina University.

The Association will be financially supported by some local and regional institutions. Thanks to their contributions it will be possible, at least at the moment, to give support to the students who will have to pay for their journey. It is aimed at having support from the European Union in the future. The general director of the School is Dr. Franco Cirillo, member of the Board of our Forum. Haim Ring, Franco Molteni and a scientific committee will be responsible for the teaching programs.



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The historical opening of the School was on the 6th of November 2005 in Syracuse in the presence of the city Mayor and local and regional authorities. The works of the School lasted this time 2 days, followed by the 33rd National Italian Congress of PRM (8-12/11/05) in Catania. From next year the duration of the School will be of about a week. Our Italian colleagues and especially Franco Cirillo and Alessandro Giustini, SIMFER President till the congress in Catania, worked very enthusiastically to transform this dream into reality, organising the School and the scientific program. The SIMFER new President Raffaele Gimigliano, present in the opening, has already promised his support. During the works of the School, lectures were given by the following colleagues on several topics:

1. Haim Ring: "Trends in Rehabilitation Medicine"
2. Nicolas Christodoulou: "The creation of Mediterranean Forum of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (MFPRM) and its role to the development of Rehabilitation in the Mediterranean Countries"
3. Franco Molteni: "Clinical and instrumental analysis: technological innovation for diagnosis and planning rehabilitation procedures"
4. Marco Franceschini: "Walking Measure and Energy Cost in Neurological Rehabilitation"
5. Michele Vecchio: "Electromyography as a diagnostic tool in Rehabilitation"
6. Luigi Tesio: "Outcome Measure and Rasch Analysis"
7. Franco Franchioni: "Guidelines for selecting an outcome measure in Rehabilitation Medicine"

The Euro-Mediterranean Rehabilitation Summer School together with the Mediterranean Forum will co-operate with the national scientific societies of the Area to find the most interesting topics and lecturers for the School lessons and the best way for selecting the suitable participants to the School every year. The aim is to bring through the courses to, as much as possible, unification, harmonization and improvement of the rehabilitation work in the area, helping opening rehabilitation systems where non-existent and improving whatever can be improved in the Mediterranean basin. Probably, support to academic University titles (Bachelor, Master) will be eventually given. Above all, the EMRSS will bring people of the region together. Rehabilitation, indeed, has no frontiers.

NEWS ABOUT THE PERUVIAN CONGRESS OF PMR

By **Linamara R. Battistella**, ISPRM President

The ISPRM has been invited to take part in the XVII International Congress of the Peruvian Society of Rehabilitation Medicine – celebration of their Golden Jubilee. We met an active Society, with a great number of young physicians full of enthusiasm about our specialty and greatly motivated to take part in the activities of ISPRM.

There was a wonderful Opening Ceremony, where the current president of the Latin American Medical Rehabilitation Association, Dr. Joyce Bolaños, and I received an honorary mention.

Many colleagues from several American countries attended this meeting. We had a wonderful time there.

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PUBLICATION OF ABSTRACTS FROM OUR ISPRM JOURNAL “DISABILITY AND REHABILITATION”

Abstracts selected by Nicolas Christodoulou, Chairman of the Journal and News & Views Committee and Member of the Editorial Board of “Disability and Rehabilitation”

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Coordinated multidisciplinary rehabilitation after hip fracture

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Purpose

To review the topic of coordinated multidisciplinary rehabilitation after hip fracture from a research perspective and to provide information to guide the provision of rehabilitation services for patients with hip fracture.

Methods

Literature review including searches of Medline, Embase, Cochrane Collaboration and evidence based clinical guidelines, checking of references of publications and consultation with researchers.

Results

The research evidence is heterogeneous and remains inclusive. Programs that assist patients with hip fracture to regain function and return home as soon as feasible are likely to be effective as they appear to increase the percentage of patients who return home and remain there after hip fracture. Rehabilitation programs that achieve this are likely to be cost effective. These programs involve health professionals from multiple disciplines (nurses, allied health professionals and medical practitioners) who work collaboratively, may operate in several settings, and routinely provide specific treatments that are supported by strong evidence of effectiveness.

Conclusions

Patients with hip fracture should be offered a coordinated a multidisciplinary rehabilitation program with the specific aim of regaining sufficient function to return to their pre-fracture living arrangements.

Keywords

Hip fractures, rehabilitation, Aged 80 and over, interdisciplinary communication.

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Influence of age, sex, fracture type and pre-fracture living on rehabilitation pattern after hip fracture in the elderly

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Purpose

To evaluate the influence of background factors on the rehabilitation pattern after a hip fracture in the elderly.

Method

Prospective registration based on the Swedish national register for hip fracture patients called RIKSHÖFT/SAHFE (Standardised Audit of Hip Fractures in Europe). The place of living was registered both before fracture and during the following four months period (120 days). Graphs were calculated and drawn based on day-to-day changes. Also influences of age, sex, fracture type and type of operation were analyzed.

Results

The patient's pre-fracture functional capacity as evidence by the place they were able to manage to live before the fracture was the most discriminating factor for the rehabilitation; more than sex, fracture type or type of operation. Age was also a highly discriminating factor with a pronounced influence on the rehabilitation pattern.

Conclusions

These background parameters are very important factors when planning the rehabilitation of hip fracture patients. A strategy with individualized planning of the rehabilitation procedure will be highly necessary in the future, in view of the increasing amount of elderly with hip fractures prognosticated during the coming decades. The knowledge about influencing factors here presented will be useful when planning and performing the rehabilitation for this resource-consuming group of patients.

Keywords

Hip fracture, rehabilitation, living pattern



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Responsiveness of evaluative measures for children with cerebral palsy: The Gross Motor Function Measure and the Pediatric Evaluation of Disability Inventory

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Purpose

The aim of this study is to describe responsiveness of the Gross Motor Function Measure (GMFM) and the Pediatric Evaluation of Disability Inventory (PEDI) in a group of children with cerebral palsy (CP).

Method

The subjects were 55 children with cerebral palsy aged 2 to 7 years (mean 4.6 years). We described the responsiveness of the GMFM and PEDI for all children ($n = 55$), for children younger than 4 years of age ($n = 22$) and those older or equal to 4 years ($n = 33$). Two frames of references for determining responsiveness were used: change over time and external criterion. Responsiveness was calculated with help of the Effect Size (ES), Standardised Response Mean (SRM) and Spearman rank order correlations of change on both the PEDI and GMFM, with change in motor functioning according to the parents as external criterion.

Results

The PEDI has ES and SRM values higher than 0.8. The GMFM has ES and SRM values higher than 0.5. For all dimensions of the PEDI and for almost all dimensions of the GMFM, the ESs and SRMs of the younger group are higher than those of the older group. The ES and the SRM of the GMFM increase with the complexity of the task. When looking at the correlations of the PEDI and GMFM change scores with the opinion of parents, the results are less unequivocal.

Conclusions

Both the GMFM and the PEDI are responsive for change in motor ability over time in children with CP, the most in children younger than 4 years of age.

Keywords

Responsiveness, measures, children, cerebral palsy

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Concerns and expectations about returning to work with low back pain: Identifying themes from focus groups and semi-structured interviews

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Purpose

Studies of occupational low back pain (OLBP) have shown that return to work after injury is influenced by workers' concerns and expectations; however, these theoretical constructs have not been explored. The specific aim of this study was to identify themes related to self-efficacy and outcome expectancy for returning to work using qualitative research methods.

Method

Twenty-eight individuals who recently returned to work (< 6 months) after an onset of OLBP responded to a newspaper advertisement and participated in focus groups. In a second phase of the study, patients with OLBP and an impending return to work ($n = 23$) were referred by their physiotherapists and interviewed to provide more immediate accounts of their concerns and experiences. Notes and recordings from both sources were searched for utterances describing beliefs about self-efficacy or outcome expectancy for returning to work.

Results

Two primary self-efficacy constructs emerged: self-efficacy for resuming physical activity and self-efficacy for resuming work. Self-efficacy for resuming physical activity included 8 sub-domains: lift, carry, sit, stand, push/pull, bend, climb, and reach. Self-efficacy for resuming work included 3 sub-domains: pain control, obtaining help, and meeting job demands. Outcome expectancy included four sub-domains: financial/job security, re-injury, workplace support, and self-image.

Conclusions

Hesitation to return to work after OLBP involves not only concerns about pain and re-injury, but also the perceived ability to perform physical tasks, meet role expectations, obtain workplace support, and maintain job security.

Keywords

Low back pain, return to work, patient expectations



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- 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

- **Belgian Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation**, 2-3 December 2005. Brussels, Auditorium KBC – Visit www.medicongress.com
- **11th International Symposium on Neural Regeneration**, 14-18 December, 2005, Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove, California, USA: Visit www.vard.org/neural/neural.htm
- **Cognitive Rehabilitation Workshop**, Instructors: Kit Malia & Anne Brannagan, 20-21 January 2006, Location: Gatwick Hilton, Gatwick Airport, UK- visit www.braintreetraining.co.uk
- **34th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation**, 20-22 January 2006, Mumbai, India. Contact vamaevents@yahoo.co.in
- **Update: Body Weight Support Treadmill Training in Neurological Rehabilitation:** discussion with International Experts. Parma (Italy), January 26th-27th, 2006; language: English and Italian. Information: www.simfer.it; afanti@ao.pr.it
- **International Conference on Aging, Disability and Independence**, 1-5 February 2006, St. Petersburg, Florida USA www.icadi.php.ufl.edu
- **ICF User Forum** 6-7 February 2006, Sydney, Australia - contact: sally.bullock@aihw.gov.au
- **4th World Congress of Neurorehabilitation**, Hong Kong, 12-16 February 2006, visit www.wcnr2006.com
- **6th Annual Rehabilitation Educators Conference**, Strengthening the Continuum of Rehabilitation Practice and Research in a Global Environment, 16-19 February, 2006, San Diego, California, USA, Contact: Dr. Charles Arokiasamy +1-559-278-0158
- **Lower Limb Prosthetics & Amputee Rehabilitation Course**, 20-24 February 2006, Royal Melbourne Hospital, Melbourne, Australia, contact nicholas.freijah@mh.org.au



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- **World Parkinson Congress**, 22-26 February 2006, Washington, USA, Contact: info@worldpdcongress.org
- **42nd Annual AAP Educational Conference of the Association of Academic Physiatrists**, 1- 4 March 2006, Daytona Beach, USA – visit www.physiatry.org
- **Dubai International Rehabilitation Forum (REHAB) 2006**; 7-9 March 2006, Dubai International Exhibition Center - visit www.rehab.ae
- **17th National Congress with international participation: Pain in Rehabilitation Medicine**, 17 & 18 March 2006, Ljubljana, Slovenia – Contact marincek.crt@mail.ir-rs.si
- **2nd Int Cancer Rehabilitation Conference**, 30 March – 1 April, Vancouver, Canada, contact: ipconf@interchange.ubc.ca
- **7th National Congress with international participation: Pain in Rehabilitation Medicine**, 17 & 18 March 2006, Ljubljana, Slovenia – Contact marincek.crt@mail.ir-rs.si
- **26th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australian Pain Society**, 9-12 April 2006, Grand Hyatt Hotel, Melbourne, Australia – visit www.apsoc.org.au
- **3rd State of the Art in Chronic Low Back Pain**, 9-12 April 2006, Bodrum, Turkey, info: www.vitalmedbodrum.com
- **Stroke Rehab 2006 – Evidence for Stroke Rehabilitation – Bridges into the Future**, April 26-28, 2006, Goteburg, Sweden – contactgunnar.grimby@rehab.gu.se or www.congres.se/stroke2006
- **14th Annual Meeting of the Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine (AFRM)**, 2-5 May 2006, Cairns, Australia, visit: www.racp.edu.au/afrm
- **15th European Congress of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation**, 16-20 May 2006, Madrid, Spain. Visit 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
- **35th Congress of the Int Society of Medical of Hydrology and Climatology – Rehabilitation in Spa's and Health Resorts**, 7-10 June 2006 in Istanbul, Turkey, visit 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 – www.issls.org
- **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
- **XXX Congresso Brasileiro de Medicina Fisica e Reabilitacao**, July 12-15 2006, Belo Horizonte, Brazil: visit www.rhodeseventos.com.br
- **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



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6th Mediterranean Congress of PM&R, 18-22 October 2006,
Marina Hotel, Vilamoura, Portugal. Visit www.the.pt

- **22nd Congress of the Latin-American Medical Association**, November 8-12, 2006, Veracruz, Mexico, contact jmguzman@avantel.net
- **68th Annual Assembly of the AAPMR**, 9-12 November 2006, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA – www.aapmr.org
- **Joint World Congress on Stroke**, 22 – 25 November 2006, Capetown, South Afrika – visit www.kenes.com/stroke2006
- **4th International Congress of the Cuban Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Society**, March 26-30, 2007, Havana, Cuba - visit www.sld.cu/sitios/rehabilitation or contact jorge.martin@infomed.sld.cu
- **12th World Congress of the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics**, July 29 - August 3, 2007, Vancouver, Canada. Visit: 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
- **69th Annual Assembly of the AAPMR**, 27-30 September 2007, Boston, USA – visit www.aapmr.org



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- **AMLAR 2008**, November 2008, Punta Del Este, Uruguay – www.surmedfi.org.uy

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