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16TH EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF PRM

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Guy Vanderstraeten

The European Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine is organized every two years by the European Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine in cooperation with the national scientific society, in this case the Royal Belgian Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine. This 16th European Congress was a "New Style" European Congress.

The European Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ESPRM) decided to install an official European Scientific Committee which will be responsible for the quality of the lectures, workshops and posters.

Members of the European Scientific Committee are: Alain Delarque, Bengt Sjölund, Franco Franchignoni, Jörgen Borg, Gerold Stucki, Christophe Gutenbrunner, Martine De Muynck and Guy Vanderstraeten (Congress President)

In addition to the topics selected by the European Scientific Committee, other topics have been suggested by the local Scientific and Organising Committees, also based on the European curriculum training. "From Cell to Society" is the theme of the Congress elected by the scientific committee referring to the ICF scheme.

Different main topics were proposed:

- Integration of ICF in rehabilitation management
- Rehabilitation from the acute hospital to community integration
- Spasticity
- Learning and neuroplasticity
- Management of chronic pain
- People with amputation and prosthetics
- Urogenital dysfunction and sexual disability
- Sports in elderly and in people experiencing diseases

Other topics were proposed according to the European Scientific curriculum proposed by the European Board and published in the White Book in 2007. In this way all topics in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine are involved and all scientific work in our field could be presented. This method has the advantage not to exclude any scientific results.

We received more than 950 abstracts coming from 50 different countries showing the interest of the other continents. "The European Congress went International". 929 abstracts were published in a supplement of the Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine: there are 150 invited lectures, 286 oral presentations and 493 poster presentations.

I sincerely thank the members of the Scientific Committee, and Dr. Franco Franchignoni in particular, and the reviewers for their help, support and advice. Each abstract was evaluated by three different scientists. The proceedings of the Congress will be published in a Congress book printed by Editori Minerva Medica from Italy.

The Congress had special interest in attracting the European trainees with reduced registration fee, special sessions by the UEMS Board, special awards, special workshops, the TESC competition and a special evening "the meet together party in the Belgium evening"



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Different societies and associations supported this European Congress.

- The UEMS section of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (President: A.Delarque) and the European Board of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (President: X.Michail) organized following sessions on training and education (JM Viton, Franco Franchignoni), field of competence (C.Gütenbrunner) and Quality of Care (G.De Korvin). Special sessions were organized for the European trainees by these organisations.
- The "Académie Européenne de Médecine de Réadaptation" (President: G.Lankhorst) supported mainly the Pre-Congress symposium on the relation between ergonomists and specialists in PRM.: Where ergonomists meet Rehabilitation Medicine.
- The FEES (Federation of European Ergonomic Societies-President: Rookmaeker, The Netherlands) had a huge contribution in the organisation of this Vocational Rehabilitation symposium.
- The American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (President) organized a special session on Low Back Pain.
- The European School of Marseille with the Association of Academic Physiatrists (A Delarque - JM Viton) supported a special session on gait and posture referring to the European activities during the courses of the European School of Marseille
- The SOFMER (Société Française de Médecine Physique et de Réadaptation) focused on rehabilitation of traumatic brain injuries and the SIMFER (Italian Scientific Society of PRM-President: Raffaele Gimigliano) organizes a session on stroke.
- In addition the Foundation for Rehabilitation information organized a special session on Evidence-Based Rehabilitation under the supervision of KS Sunnerhagen (Sweden) and supported by the Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine.
- The topic osteoporosis was supported by the International Society of physical activity in the prevention of osteoporosis falls and fractures (ISPAOFF-President M. Lissens).
- The Society on scoliosis orthopaedic and rehabilitation treatment (SOSORT-President S Negrini) organized a session on the conservative treatment of scoliosis in association with a special workshop to illustrate their results.
- Thanks also to the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine – ISPRM, (President: C-i Park) for their support in the European Congress.

Beside the theoretical sessions 12 workshops were proposed to the participants with the following topics:

1. EMG basics: nerve conduction velocity and needle EMG, Tatjana Paternostro-Sluga (Vienna,Austria) and supported by Meda-EMG
2. EMG evaluation of the diaphragma muscle, Luc Vanden Bossche (Gent, Belgium) supported by Meda-EMG
3. EMG evaluation of the facial nerve, Steven Rimbaut (Gent; Belgium) supported by Meda-EMG
4. Botulinum infiltration techniques using EMG and using ultrasonography, Anthony Ward (Stoke-on-Trent, UK) Kristine Oostra, Gent, (Belgium), sponsored by Allergan
5. Extracorporeal shock wave therapy applications in tendinopathies, Koen Peers (Leuven,Belgium) supported by Medico Electronic
6. Baclofen pump–practical guidelines and practical course on pump filling Troubleshooting patients and treatment of spasticity (sponsored by Medtronic), Heinrich .Matzak (Austria), sponsored by Medtronic
7. Baclofen pump filling-practical guidelines and hands-on, Petra Pauwels (Zottegem, Belgium) sponsored by Medtronic
8. Articular and periarticular infiltration techniques –hands-on session, Thierry Parlevliet (Gent, Belgium) supported by Siemens and G&E
9. Hand rehabilitation: evaluation of motor function and sensibility, T.Schreuders, (Rotterdam, The Netherlands)
10. Rehabilitation of adolescent idiopathic scoliosis: clinical cases on bracing and exercises", organized by the SOSORT: Society on scoliosis orthopedic and rehabilitation treatment: Manuel Rigo - President SOSORT, Spain, Jean-Claude De Mauroy (France), Stefano Negrini (Italy), General Secretary of the SOSORT
11. Measurement of plantar pressure during gait, Philip .Roosen (Gent, Belgium) supported by RSScan
12. Ultrasonography of the musculoskeletal system, 2-days course: 1-2 June 2008, Pre-congress Hands-out course Theoretical approach and individual training, Martine De Muynck,Levent Özcakar,Luc Vanden Bossche,Thierry Parlevliet, Adelheid Steyaert supported by Siemens and G&E.



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Awards

1. Trans European Scientific Contest

This contest is open for residents and Rehabilitation specialists less than 2 years after their diploma. This is an initiative from the European Society of PRM (ESPRM) to promote investigation in PRM trainees

Participants: One PRM trainee from each country that will present an oral paper. Oral paper may be signed by more than one author, but only one of them will present it. Each country will select its representative.

Presentation: It will be presented in English to a Jury composed by ESPRM members from different European Countries. Date and hour will be written down in the Congress program.

An award and money will be provided to the winner of the contest

2. A European jury will select the two best scientific posters with 2 awards of 500 € each.

3. Awards of the UEMS PRM section and Board.

Criteria: UEMS-PRM Section and Board will give 10 awards of 500 € each to the ten best oral papers presented at the Congress by trainees or by specialists less than 5 years after their diploma.

Participants: PRM Trainees or Specialists less than 5 years after their diploma from any country from Europe. The specialists must be European Board Certified. Selection: Will be done during the Congress and winners will be notified. The jury will be composed of various European delegates.

Awards: 10 awards of 500 € each.

4. Best research Award European Journal of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, the former "Europa Medicophysica".

The scientific committee of the congress will select 25 abstracts and send them to the Editorial Board of the journal which will choose the best 10. The winner will be judged during a special session at the congress where a jury made of members of ESPRM, members of the congress scientific committee and members of the Editorial Board of the journal will assign the final prize. The best paper will be published in the European Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine.

ISPRM

I would like to thank the ISPRM for their support and contribution to the European Congress. The organisation of the administrative meetings attracted many colleagues from outside Europe to the Congress.

I am very honoured with the introduction lecture of Prof Jianan Li on Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine: "East meets West.". The European Congress of PRM is the place to announce other congresses of the ESPRM, the ISPRM and others (Mediterranean Congress of PRM). We give the possibility to all Societies to announce and to make publicity for the coming congresses during the Congress and during the closing ceremony.

The ISPRM Educational Committee

Marta Imamura

During the last Board Meeting held in Seoul, June 14th 2007, the education committee has presented the action plan for 2007-2009. Despite being a very challenging plan, many valuable immediate actions have started in Seoul.

The first immediate concrete result was the creation of the **World Action Plan on Initial Education in PRM (WAPIE.PRM)**. It was presented at the last Board of Governors meeting held in Seoul on June 14th, 2007 by Prof. Alain Delarque, President of the Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine Section, EUMS (www.euro-prm.org), as part of the report of the education committee. The "World Action Plan for Initial Education" (WAPIE.PRM) is originally an international expansion of the European work plan for initial education in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine and has three main objectives:

1. to present handicap and the ICF to the medical trainees of all the medical schools during their undergraduate program,
2. to facilitate access to the best level of education in PRM for the PRM trainees during their postgraduate teaching and training programs,
3. to facilitate access to research and research activities to the PRM trainees.

The "World Action Plan for Initial Education in PRM" (WAPIE.PRM) and the role of the Regional and National Societies in its development was presented to the European delegates during the last meeting of the UEMS, PRM Section and Board in Bucharest, September 13-15, 2007 by Prof. Alain Delarque, and at the 68th American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in Boston, September 27th, 2007. Both follow-up meetings shared similar agenda and continued the discussion started in Seoul.



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The "World Action Plan for Initial Education" (WAPIE.PRM) has been adopted in Bucharest, September 2007, by the delegates of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (PRM) Section and Board. European PRM Section and Board will spread the information to all European trainees. For research, the European PRM Section and Board activities in the field of "WAPIE.PRM" will have, during national and European PRM congresses, sessions dedicated to trainees (either free or with very low fees for trainees) with teaching programs helping trainees for research activities. For example French and Portuguese National PRM congresses will be free for trainees with devoted sessions on research. These national European PRM scientific societies (French, Portuguese) propose free registration to PRM trainees in 2008. Contact representatives from Europe for the ISPRM WAPIE taskforce are: Pr Alain Delarque (France); Pr Jean-Michel Viton (France) and Pr Franco Franchignoni (Italy).

During the meeting in Boston, it was discussed that the first objective should be expanded to a more general presentation of the specialty to the undergraduate students. The proposed objectives of the WAPIE.PRM are as follows:

1. Create an undergraduate and postgraduate minimum curricula endorsed by ISPRM that could be used in an international level.
2. Facilitate access to the best level of education in PRM for the PRM trainees during their postgraduate teaching and training programs.
3. Facilitate access to research and research activities to the PRM trainees.

The Asian Oceania Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine will also discuss the educational issues during the 1st Asian Oceania Conference of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine to be held on May 16-19th 2008 in Nanjing, China. The Latin American National Societies will also address the academic issues during their Regional meeting at AMLAR 2008, to be held in Punta Del Este, in Uruguay, October 26-30th, 2008. The members of the education committee have encouraged other National and Regional Societies to further discuss the role of their National and Regional Societies in the development of the WAPIE.PRM and update the committee with reports of the discussions held at the National and Regional levels.

The current activities of the "World Action Plan for Initial Education" (WAPIE.PRM) are:

1. Perform a survey to identify all existing Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine programs offered at medical schools, residency or postgraduate teaching and training programs. The final goal will be to create an undergraduate and postgraduate minimum curricula endorsed by ISPRM that could be used in an international level. Prof. Gutenbrunner will discuss PRM in undergraduate education - basic principles and the Hanover model and The White Book on PRM in Europe - implications for postgraduate training.
2. Facilitate access to the best level of education in PRM for the PRM trainees during their postgraduate teaching and training programs. A very important achievement was the free access to the e-version of the Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine (JRM) to all ISPRM individual members in good standing, which started in January 2008 and will include all previous issues of the Journal. In 2005 the impact factor of the JRM was 1.799, with total cite of 455, immediacy index: 0.169, articles: 59 and cited half-life: 2.8. The importance of this achievement is that it will encourage more Societies to follow the Italian model which will facilitate the access to the education material at the members-only area of the website. Our goal is to advertise the free access to the e-Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine to all ISPRM affiliated National Societies and encourage the young members of ISPRM to be involved as soon as possible as becoming members of their National Societies. Also, we have been working to involve the scientific chairperson of each National and Regional Society in the advertisement process. Prof. Gunnar Grimby, Chief Editor of the "Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine", one of our official journals, has agreed in Seoul to publish a series of educational articles, filling the gap between textbooks and scientific papers, starting in 2008. Dr Stefano Negrini also agreed to publish an educational article for Europa Medicophysica (EMP). These articles can be downloaded free on the website, under the members-only session. Three national European PRM scientific societies will propose free registration to PRM trainees in 2008. The AAPM&R and the AAP already provides its residents members with a lower registration fee. A survey on Education programs, didactic resources and teaching strategies in PR&M was distributed during the academic discussion meeting in Seoul. The education committee has not received any replies until April 20th, 2008.
3. Facilitate access to research and research activities to the PRM trainees:
In order to train leaders in clinical research in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, the education committee is currently providing an intensive training course on Clinical Trials in 2008. The 2008 intensive Clinical Trials Course is offered by a



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special program developed by the Scholars in Clinical Science Program from Harvard Medical School and faculty members from Harvard Medical School. The course aims to provide the participants with a theoretical understanding of the issues involved in the design, conduct, analysis, interpretation and report of clinical trials. The participants are being trained to develop skills to scrutinize information, to critically analyze and carry out research, and to communicate effectively. Our goal is to train the highest number of physiatrists to perform good quality clinical research, to increase the chances of successful grant applications and publication in high impact peer-reviewed journals and develop large clinical research centers for multicenter trials.

Other similar clinical research courses are offered in Boston by the Harvard School of Public Health – Clinical Effectiveness program <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/academics/clinical-effectiveness/overview/> (45 days – average of US\$ 15,000 – clinical effectiveness program or 1-year course (masters in public health in clinical effectiveness: US\$60,000) or by the Scholars in Clinical Science Program from Harvard Medical School (NIH-funded program); and also by the Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at University of Toronto www.home.utoronto.ca (one year: CND\$14,252.82 to 18,452.82 for international applicants).

The Clinical Trials Course 2008 is being offered by teleconference from March 13th to October 16th 2008, with 24 weekly lectures of two-hour duration followed by a live four-day intensive course which will be held in São Paulo, Brazil on October 23rd to 26th 2008. There are 14 PRM doctors from Brazil, one from Korea and one from USA taking the course. The members-only session of the www.isprm.org website will provide an on-line Journal Club to teach ISPRM members to critically appraise scientific publications on diagnostic testing, randomized controlled trials, systematic reviews, meta-analyses and clinical guidelines focused on evidence based information.

Working plan proposals and actions for 2007-2009:

1. **Create a list of ISPRM scientific publications: JRM, Journal of Disability and Rehabilitation, ISPRM website (www.isprm.org , members-only session).** Will already be available at the members-only session of the new website as soon as *Daronet*, the appointed web designer and our contact person Prof. Nachum Soroker finalizes the implementation process. Estimated deadline has November / December 2007, and the new deadline has not been established yet.
2. **Create a list of training opportunities in physical medicine and rehabilitation endorsed by ISPRM: members will be encouraged to submit information about training programs at their Universities to the Education Committee, which will evaluate them and provide the programs details within the website.** The European colleagues have already provided a list with 70 training sites recognized by the European PRM-Board. The committee is still working in the other regions: Asia Oceania, Middle East, North America and Latin America. The committee is currently working on the creation of the rules and regulations for a training site to the recognized by ISPRM.
3. **Keep and update the calendar of scientific meetings around the world.** Werner will provide the calendar and keep it updated in the website.
4. **Keep constant communication with the scientific chairpersons of each National Society and major region Societies affiliated to ISPRM.** Three European National Societies, Brazil will provide a space in the scientific program of their national Congresses for a discussion on the academic issues. The Asian Oceania Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine will also discuss the educational issues during the 1st Asian Oceania Conference of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine to be held on May 16-19th 2008 in Nanjing, China. The Latin American National Societies will also address the educational issues at the AMLAR 2008, to be held in Punta Del Este, Uruguay, October 27-30th, 2008. We are also in contact with the scientific chairpersons to help supply us with potential names of speakers and authors of the monographs, perform the survey on education programs in their countries and be the contact person for the research capacity expansion plan. We are also requesting that all ISPRM National Societies representatives as well as to the scientific chairpersons to advertise to their trainees about the JRM opportunity so that more young specialists can be involved with ISPRM.
5. **Provide ISPRM members with four biannual comprehensive monographs on general topics in physical and rehabilitation medicine. Create a standardized format for publication of the monograph.** Initially this was thought to be the most difficult task, because, as discussed with Prof. Delisa in Seoul, there was no incentive for the authors to devote time and efforts to produce the monographs. During the meeting in Seoul, however, Prof. Gunnar Grimby, Chief Editor of the "Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine" has agreed to publish early an educational article, filling the gap between textbooks (sometimes not update information) and scientific papers (too specific). The first one will be published in 2008. This opportunity was created by Prof. Alain Delarque, current President of the Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine Section (EUMS). The idea is to provide the benefit of a publication in our official journal as the result of writing the monographs to ISPRM. For the ISPRM members those publications will contribute to provide the best level of education in the various major topics of our specialty and make them widely available (one of the means to achieve goal 2

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of the WAPIE.PRM). The main goal of the monographs, as stated above is to produce an educational and scientific material that will fill the gap between the textbooks and the scientific papers. We named the monographs as Clinical Updates in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine. The education committee has received eight monographs on Clinical Updates in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine by October 15th 2007, and another monograph in January 2008. These publications will contribute to provide the best level of education in the various major topics of our specialty. The next step will be to gather all clinical updates of a specific major topic as an ISPRM education and scientific committee publication, with a main editor for each major topic as an Updated Reviews and offer it free of charge to our members. We have scheduled a live meeting with Prof. Gunnar Grimby to define the rules for the selection of the monographs.

Plan and develop the members-only area within the world wide website. The education committee will provide ideas for the scientific content and assist in adding or deleting linkages to the homepage. International representation within this task will help ensure global interest and will be the most important tool for education dissemination. Members-only area of the website was professionally create in 2005 and offered ISPRM members in good standing with:

1. News: articles, publications and papers of general interest, with the photo ID, summary of the paper and in some cases the pdf of the paper. When it is not allowed (due to copyrigh problems with the journal) we added the link to the Journal.
2. A list of all the PRM scientific upcoming events with the link to the website of the event
3. Congress:
 - a) a gallery photo with all the photos of the 2005 Congress to be downloaded for free
 - b) Database with the pdfs of the powerpoint of the lectures presented at the 3rd World Congress, which were donated by the lecturer to ISPRM for free. Members can download the pdf of the lectures for free
 - c) pdfs of the powerpoints of the workshops presented at the 2005 World Congress, also a kind donation of the lecturers
 - d) pdfs of the lectures presented at National Society Congress sponsored by ISPRM.
 - e) Book of abstracts of all the previous World Congresses (obs: because the amount of data is very heavy, we used to update the lectures every three months, so that members could access the website many times to download the files, it changed dynamically).
 - f) powerpoint slides from lectures delivered at the 4th World Congress of the ISPRM and National Congresses held in 2007.
4. Evidence based rehabilitation: it brings the updated summary and conclusions of over 100 systematic reviews from the Cochrane Collaboration database in the main topics of rehabilitation medicine; over ten other sources of information on Evidence Based Medicine, including a word and a pdf free version of the Consort statement and flow-chart for randomized controlled trials and of the TRENT statement for non-randomized controlled trials; access to more than 20 journals related to our field; access to some databases of scientific articles, including Pubmed, Embase and Lilacs. Our goal is to offer ISPRM members in good standing with the most updated scientific and educational information in the field of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine.
6. **Maintain a close and integrative cooperative work with the education exchange committee chaired by Mark Young.** Currently, we are working in the development of a common area in the website. The education exchange committee has contact members from Russia who already affiliated to ISPRM and is looking forward exchange programs to enhance the Rehabilitation Medicine capacity in Russia.

The education committee would like to have official representatives from Europe to join the education committee: Alain Delarque (from France), Franco Franchignoni (from Italy) and Jean-Michel Viton (France) as well as Prof. Walter R. Frontera (Puerto Rico), Bryan O'Young (USA) and Francisco Gerard (USA). Initial recommendation was to nominate potential members as advisors to the committee until the next Board of Governors meeting. However, Prof. John Melvin, chair of the By-laws committee has kindly reviewed the By Laws and Policies and Procedures: "The Education Committee is not a standing committee, but rather, falls in the category of other committees. Therefore, there is no limit on the number of members that could serve on the Education Committee. The only requirement is that the Executive Committee approves those recommended to be members". The recommendation is that the education committee can count with the six suggested representatives in an official position before the next Board of Governors meeting to be held during the in-between Congress in 2008.



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5TH.NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE BANGLADESH ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION

Dr. Mohd Taslim Uddin

MBBS,FCPS,MD, Chair, Organizing Committee. BAPMRCON2008

5th.National convention and Scientific Conference of the Bangladesh Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation BAPMRCON2008 will be held during November 15-16, 2008 at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel. Number of international and nationally reputed physiatrists committed to participating and will be presenting their research works. Colored Scientific, social and cultural programs are being organized. November in Dhaka is fantastic in regards to weather and heritage. ISPRM Members and other physiatrists are especially invited to attend and encourage us. Kindly contact Dr. Mohd Taslim Uddin at taslim@bdcom.com

GOOD NEWS FROM THE ISPRM 2009 ON REGISTRATION FEES



Şansın Tüzün
Treasurer, 5th World Congress of the ISPRM

On behalf of the Organizing Committee and as the Treasurer of the ISPRM 2009, I am glad to share with you an action we have taken to raise the impact of our congress as well as supporting attendees which may not be able to participate in the forth coming congress due to their financial inabilities. We evaluate it as our duty to support the networking among the PR&M professionals of the world and therefore created a special registration category for the countries with gross domestic product (GDP) at purchasing power parity (PPP) per capita below 3.000 USD indicated by the United Nations excluding the hosting country. The recent list can be found on <http://unstats.un.org/UNSD/Demographic/products/socind/inc-eco.htm> last updated on December 2007. The discounted registration fees are as follows:

ISPRM 2009 DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION FEES

	Until Feb 28, 2009	Feb 28- May 20, 2009	On-site
ISPRM Member	315 €	350 €	385 €
ISPRM Non-Member	385 €	420 €	455 €
Resident/Student, Paramedical, Allied Health Professionals	210 €	245 €	280 €

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Istanbul, ISPRM 2009.

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THE FOLLOWING CONFERENCES HAVE HAD POINTS ALLOCATED BY THE CPD COMMITTEE.

Conference	Dates (2007)	Points allocated
2 nd International Congress on Neuropathic Pain, Berlin, Germany	7-10 June	30
4 th World Congress of the ISPRM, Seoul, Korea	10-14 June	30
World Institute of pain (WIP) International Symposium on Evidence on Interventional Pain Procedures, London & Workshops	21 June 22-23 June	25 (3 points per hour attendance)
46 th ISCoS Annual Scientific Meeting, Reykjavik, Iceland	27 June-1 July	30
ISPO 12 th World Congress, Vancouver, Canada	29 July-3 Aug	30
World Institute of Pain – WIP. Budapest, Hungary	25- 30 Sept	25 (3 points per hour attendance)
69 th Annual Assembly of the AAPMR, Boston, USA	27-30 Sept	30

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- **7th Mediterranean Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine**, 18 - 21 September 2008, Portorose, Slovenia - Contact: Prof. Crt Marincek marincek.crt@mail.ir-rs.si – visit: <http://medcongress.prm08.org/home/>
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- **70th Annual Assembly of the AAPMR**, 20-23 November 2008, San Diego, USA – www.aapmr.org
- **World Congress on Osteoporosis**, 3-7 December, Bangkok, Thailand, visit www.iofbonehealth.org

2009

- **IAPMRCON 2009** – National Congress of the Indian Association on PM&R, 16 – 18 January at Kolkata, West Bengal, India.: Contact: rathinhaldar@yahoo.com
- **3rd International Cerebral Palsy Conference**. 18-21 February, Sydney, Australia. Website: www.cp2009.com.au
- **20th Anniversary of the International Center of Neurological Restoration (CIREN)**, 9-13 March, Palacio de las Convenciones, La Habana, Cuba. Contact rn2009@neuro.ciren.cu. Visit www.ciren.ws
- **9th Int. Conference on Alzheimer and Parkinsons Disease**, 11-15 March, Prague, Czech Rep. Visit www.kenes.com/adpd
- **First World Congress on Spina Bifida Research and Care Location**: Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort Orlando, Florida Date: 15-18 March. Info: raustin@sbaa.org
- **9th European Congress on Clinical and Economic Aspects of Osteoporosis and Osteoarthritis**, 19-21 March, Athens, Greece, visit www.ecceo9.org
- **The Australian Pain Society 29th Annual Scientific Meeting**, 5-8 April, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. Email: aps@dcconferences.com.au Website: www.apsoc.org.au
- **Rehabilitation 2009 – 5th Congreso of the Sociedad Cubana de Medicina Fisica y Rehabilitación**, 6-10 April. Havana, Cuba - Contact: ventas10@avc.cyt.cu
- **19th EWMA Conference (European Wound Management Association)**, 20 – 22 May, Helsinki, Finland. Info follows
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