



News & Views

Official newsletter of the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine

Donate to support recovery in Puerto Rico and the greater Houston area

Joint effort with the Association of Academic Physiatrists (AAP)

AAP and ISPRM encourage their members to support the relief efforts following Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Maria by making a donation to support the local disaster recovery activities. We thank you in advance for your time and donations!



Puerto Rico has suffered great devastation from Hurricane Maria, the strongest hurricane to hit Puerto Rico in a century, leaving many people without power and supplies including ISPRM and AAP members and their families and friends. We encourage all members to help out the relief efforts by donating money and supplies to help those affected in Puerto Rico.

Puerto Rico has set up a website to help channel support - [United for Puerto Rico](#) - please consider donating!

[DONATE NOW >>](#)



Hurricane Harvey has devastated the Houston area. People continue to struggle to find comfort in shelters and alternative housing options. Countless volunteers are there helping day in and day out. The strength of individuals working together is powerful, and we are seeing that power at work every day.

You can help out the relief efforts in Houston by donating to the [Greater Houston Community Foundation](#).

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ISPRM 2018 Paris



Call for Proposals & Abstracts

The French and Belgian Societies of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (SOFMER & RBSPRM) invite you to take part in the upcoming congress.

We are inviting you to submit a [Scientific session proposal](#) for ISPRM 2018 for one of the following session types:

- Short workshop (60 min)
- Long workshop (4 hours)
- Special sessions (90 min)

The deadline to submit a session proposal is **30 October 2017**.

[Abstract Submission](#) is already open, so submit your abstract today and find out **early** if it has been accepted. You will be notified on acceptance within 6 weeks after you have submitted your abstract!

Registration for ISPRM 2018 is open!

Reduced [registration fees](#) are available for ISPRM, SOFMER, RBSPRM and ESPRM members. ISPRM active members from low and lower-middle income countries are entitled to a further reduction of the registration rate.

Make sure your [membership](#) is up-to-date before you register for the Congress.

[Register here >>](#)

ISPRM 2018 Paris - Main topics

The ISPRM 2018 Congress Scientific Committee has developed a list of topics that will be highlighted during ISPRM 2018, among other topics we are looking for abstracts in one of the following areas:



Virtual reality and rehabilitation



Fatigue

Find out more about these and other [ISPRM 2018 main topics >>](#)

ISPRM 2018 Innovation contest

Since 2016, the SOFMER congress has held an **innovation contest**, which identifies and rewards any innovative, technical or service project that could reduce disability in terms of care, rehabilitation or that could improve participation of disabled people. This contest will be organised at an international level at ISPRM 2018!

The contest is open to researchers from start-up companies or Universities, and the innovation has to be in working order

at the time of the congress, but not yet marketed.

The jury will look at the innovative nature of the project, its usefulness, its capacity for development and its economic potential.

[Download the innovation contest application form >>](#)

Are you an active member of ISPRM?

If you are an active member, either an Individual Active member, or a Member through your National Society, you can register for the annual ISPRM World Congress at reduced registration fees. In addition to this, you are eligible for Board positions, and you can submit articles for the ISPRM News & Views.

To learn more about your ISPRM membership and keeping it up-to-date, have a look at our [website >>](#)



ISPRM signs Memorandum of Understanding with the International Industry Society in Advanced Rehabilitation Technologies (IISART)

ISPRM and [IISART](#) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to work together in their mutual goal to advance rehabilitation services and to optimize functioning and quality of life for those living with disabilities.

The MoU was signed during the recently held RehabWeek in London, UK.

IISART President Dr. Gery Colombo signing the MoU

Disaster Rehabilitation Committee publishes 'ISPRM recommended humanitarian competency framework with online educational resources for PRM disaster responders'

The framework of 'humanitarian competencies' with recommended online educational courses and documents has been developed and endorsed by the ISPRM Disaster Rehabilitation Committee (DRC) to help prepare you, the ISPRM rehabilitation professional disaster responder, to respond effectively to a natural or manmade disaster in your local area, country, or region. It has been developed by the DRC Education and Training Workgroup after rigorous review of previous related committee efforts as well as global literature and current practice on education and training for humanitarian health responders.

[Read more about the humanitarian competency framework for PRM disaster responders here >>](#)



Cochrane Rehabilitation launches second newsletter

The Newsletter contains an update on Cochrane Rehabilitation activities and news from the Global Evidence Summit recently held in South Africa.

[Read the Cochrane Newsletter here >>](#)

Developments in the world of PRM - Education experiences Spine and Spinal Cord Injury Medicine: A newborn hybrid fellowship program in the field of PRM in Iran

By Reza Salman Roghani and Seyed Mansoor Rayegani

Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) is categorized to non-traumatic and traumatic, with road traffic injuries as its leading cause worldwide. ^[1] The average global SCI incidence rate is 40 to 80 per one million populations. ^[1] Considering Iran's population of 80 million and the global rate, we should be facing 3,200 to 6,400 new SCI per year. However, the road accident rate in Iran is 20 times the world average ^[2], with more than 300,000 injured or disabled per year. ^[3] Iran had

eight years of war and natural disasters such as earthquakes, leading to a significant rate of veterans and disabled SCI patients, who are now becoming older and frail with increasing complications.

Now, what is the real picture in this era?

[Read more about the development of the Iranian SCI fellowship program here >>](#)

Upcoming events

Stay up-to-date about [PRM events throughout the year](#)

▶ *ISPRM will be present at the marked Congresses*

The following events will take place in the coming months:

▶ [32nd Congress of the French Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine - SOFMER 2017](#)

5-7 October 2017, Nancy, France



ENDORSED BY ISPRM: [9th Pan Arab & 7th Jordanian Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine "New horizons in rehabilitation medicine"](#)

11-13 October 2017, Amman, Jordan

[4th European Congress of Neurorehabilitation](#)

17-20 October 2017, Lausanne, Switzerland

ENDORSED BY ISPRM: [International Online Congress Spine & Rehabilitation](#)

21 October 2017, online

[ACRM 94th Annual Conference](#)

23-28 October 2017, Atlanta, USA

ENDORSED BY ISPRM: [International Symposium on Wearable robotics and Rehabilitation - WeRob2017](#)

5-8 November, Houston, USA

[Joint Congress of the DCRM, BNF-PRM and RBSPRM](#)

9-10 November 2017, Maastricht, the Netherlands

[12th Mediterranean Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine](#)

9-12 November, Malta

[BIOMECHANICS4ReHAB Online Course](#)

15 November 2017-15 January 2018, online

ENDORSED BY ISPRM: [EURO-MUSCULUS - VIII & World-Musculus 2017](#)

24-26 November, Prague, Czech Republic

If you want to have your upcoming event listed here as well, contact us through isprmoffice@kenes.com

Future ISPRM World Congresses

[12th ISPRM World Congress - ISPRM 2018](#)

8-12 July 2018, Paris, France

13th ISPRM World Congress - ISPRM 2019

9-13 June, Kobe, Japan

14th ISPRM World Congress - ISPRM 2020

USA

15th ISPRM World Congress - ISPRM 2021

Lisbon, Portugal



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