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The **European Society for Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine** is the European scientific society in our field (www.esprm.org). It aims at improvement of knowledge of fundamentals and the management of activities, participation and contextual factors of people with a disability. It intends to support the idea that research is inextricably bound up with clinical practice in PRM. Within this scope the ESPRM organizes biennial congresses. For the organization of these congresses recently standards have been developed. The first congress organized according to these standard is the 16th European Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine held in Brugge, Belgium, 3 – 6 June 2008.

In 2007 a new Executive Committee has been elected consisting of Prof. Alessandro Giustini (President), Prof. Henk Stam (Past president), Prof. Christoph Gutenbrunner (Treasurer), Prof. Elena Ilieva (General Secretary), Prof. Alain Delarque, Prof. Pedro Cantista, Prof. Alvydas Joucevicius (Deputy –treasurer) and Sasa Moslavac (Deputy secretary)

The **Section and Board of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine** represent specialists in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine within the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS)(www.europrm.org). 30 countries are full members of the UEMS PRM Section, being 27 countries of the European Union plus Norway, Iceland and Switzerland. Turkey and Croatia are considered as "Associated Countries" and Serbia, Montenegro and Bosnia are invited to our general assemblies as "Observers".

Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine is recognized as a full specialty in all the member countries of the UEMS PRM Section. In this population of 500.000.000 inhabitants, more than 14.000 specialists in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine practice. More than 1500 trainees are getting ready for practicing our specialty.

The activities of the UEMS PRM Section are organized under the supervision of three main committees:

The European Board of PRM (Committee for Education; President: Prof. Xanthi Michail, Greece). It deals with Initial and Continuing Medical Education (Training curriculum and logbook, certification of specialists, trainers and training sites, accreditation of European CME/CPD events and others). A new activity is the World Action Plan for Initial Education (WAPIE) in which courses and seminars for trainees who are registered to the European Board.

The Committee for Clinical Affairs (President: Dr Georges de Korvin, France). It deals with the Quality of Care in PRM, and developed a European Programme of Accreditation of the Quality of Care in PRM (www.europrm.org).

The Committee for Professional Practice (President: Prof. Christoph Gutenbrunner, Germany). It deals with the domain of competence of PRM Specialists. Recent activities are the publication of the white book and developing position papers on the rehabilitation teamwork, rehabilitation in acute hospitals, balneology in PRM and manual medicine.



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The European Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine is a body with up to 50 senior doctors in the specialty across Europe was created in 1969. Academicians are invited on the basis of their distinguished contribution to the specialty, particularly its humanitarian aspects. The aim of the Académie is to improve all areas of rehabilitation for the benefit of those who need it. It thus promotes education and research across Europe, acting as a reference point in scientific, educational and research matters, exchanging ideas and information, facilitating the exchange of PRM doctors between different countries and engaging in moral and ethical debate.

Recent activities are – among other – publication of a series on booklets on special topics of PRM, e.g. “Assessment in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation - Views & Perspectives “, edited by Michel Barat and Franco Franchignoni (Ed Maugeri Foundation Books, ISBN 88-7963-180-2).

Meetings and congresses

Baltic Sea Forum for Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine:

- Meeting associated with the Baltic Association of Rehabilitation (BAR), Riga, Latvia, 6 - 7 September 2008
- 1st Baltic Sea Congress for Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, planned in Stockholm, Sweden, in September 2010

Mediterranean Forum for Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine:

- 7th Mediterranean Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, Portorose, Slovenia, 18 - 21 September 2008

Four-Countries Meeting (Transalpine Congresses for Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine):

- 3rd Conference, Interlaken, Switzerland, March 12 - 13, 2009

European Society for Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine:

- 17th European Congress on Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Venice, Italy 23 - 27 May 2010

NORTH AMERICAN PRM BODIES

Andrew Haig

The American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation: With more than 7,500 members, the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation represents more than 87 percent of US physiatrists and international colleagues from 37 countries. The Academy's main goals, as outlined in a long-range plan, are Patient Care, Evidence Based Research, Professional Identity, Education, and Awareness. Its core goals are not international outreach, however its International Rehabilitation Special Interest Group has grown in the last few years.

Specific international efforts relating to the Academy include:

- The SIG and individual SIG members have proposed various courses for the Academy, but the recent focus on a more business-like approach rather than an educational approach makes these less desirable.
- We proposed a half-day course prior to the AAPMR annual meeting, entitled 'Boot Camp for Developing World Rehabilitation', but it was declined.
- The Membership Committee has been approached about having a 'check off item' on the dues statement so that Americans can join ISPRM without much effort. They are debating the logistics of this.
- Dr. Haig has served the maximum term as president of the International Special Interest Group, and has turned over leadership to Jacinta McElligott, M.D., who practices in Ireland. He remains as 'special consultant' to the SIG leadership.
- We again sponsored a booth at the AAPMR meeting, gaining a few members and a lot of visibility with little cost to the ISPRM.

The Canadian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation: The Canadian association is strong, with active and involved membership of approximately 350. It recently joined the ISPRM, however there has been an unfortunate direct conflict between the Canadian Association meeting and ISPRM meetings, so participation has been minimal.

The Association of Academic Physiatrist currently has 1300 members. Its goal is to promote research and education in the field. This year for the first time the AAP offered a booth to ISPRM, but the offer came too late for us to have a person work at the booth.

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The American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, an organization of allied health professionals and physicians, has made international rehabilitation a significant effort, with an active special interest group and a number of initiatives.

ISPRM related activities:

The most important issue that ties Americans to the international community is the lack of rehabilitation resources in developing countries. As ISPRM North American representative, I have worked with many others on a strategy to stimulate efforts in this area. They include:

- A proposed national disability and rehabilitation strategy at the request of the Vice President of Liberia. The government has asked an influential Liberian to take on the role of executing this plan. The University of Michigan has agreed to release its entire academic curriculum on line to the University of Liberia, and has committed to major fundraising for this and the Ghana project. This strategy may be a useful framework for other governments and policymakers.
- An academic rehabilitation infrastructure for the University of Ghana. We have built an academic library, assisted in launching of the Ghana Journal of Allied Health, and facilitated the curriculum for Physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech pathology programs. The University of Ghana and University of Michigan have solicited from us a detailed plan for developing a PRM residency program which has a good chance of funding this next year.
- An infrastructure for American academic expertise in international rehabilitation. This year we brought a team of 16 undergraduates to Ghana to study the issues of disability and rehabilitation from a specific country perspective. We are now offering a post-residency fellowship in academic International Rehabilitation. We have facilitated applications of a number of foreign physicians to receive funding for training in the United States.
- A research base for International Rehabilitation. We have developed a computer graphic 'Language Independent Functional Evaluation' that can be used in clinical, scientific, and epidemiological research regardless of the language and literacy of the population studied. Through various support mechanisms, validation studies are occurring in Mongolia, the Philippines, Ghana, Columbia, and the United States. We have worked with economists and corporate leaders to develop arguments for the necessity and sustainability of rehabilitation in even the poorest regions of the country. We catalyzed research into the lack of rehabilitation consideration in disaster planning. This resulted in a number of publications on the Pakistani earthquake published this year in conjunction with Pakistani physiatrists.
- An organizational structure to compliment ISPRM in this work. Certain activities are awkward for ISPRM: The organization cannot obtain research and philanthropic funding within the United States, it cannot actually train students, and it would be an awkward organization to make strategic visionary interventions. We have developed two organizations whose goals are to compliment ISPRM's mission. The International Rehabilitation Forum is a not-for-profit American organization which can be used by essentially anyone in rehabilitation to raise funds without taxation, can focus on donations of equipment, supplies, etc., and can partner with other organizations. The Global Rehabilitation Leadership Program is a University of Michigan-based group that can apply for federal and other grants, sponsor academic programs, and support the field from various academic forums. These two organizations have membership (GRLP) or support (IRF) of over 20 medical school departments of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and are seeking other member organizations.

Summary:

PRM is very strong in North America. Efforts by North American Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine specialists to reach out in partnership with the rest of the world are too numerous to mention, however we have included a few actions directly related to ISPRM in this report. There is a great need to raise the profile of ISPRM and the field of International Rehabilitation in America. Our strategies have revolved around this issue.



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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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IBIA 7 TH WORLD CONGRESS

Jorge Lains, M.D., Past-President International Brain Injury Association, ISPRM Board of Governor's Member
Nathan D. Zasler, M.D., Chairperson, International Brain Injury Association

The 7th World Congress on Brain injury of the International Brain Injury Association was held in conjunction with the Portuguese Society of PRM in Lisbon, Portugal, from April 9-12, 2008. A pre-congress, one day symposium on MTBI, co-sponsored with the World Federation of Neurological Rehabilitation (WFNR), was held on 4/8/08.

The conference started off strong with the MTBI pre-congress symposium and an array of world class speakers who shared state-of-the-art knowledge on mild TBI including biomechanics and thresholds of human brain injury, patho-physiology and pathoanatomy, clinical assessment and treatment, long term outcome, vocational re-entry, as well as, methodological limitations of MTBI research as related to practice guideline development.

The main conference had just under 700 participants from over twenty countries, and from six continents. We had excellent attendee representation with participants from Malaysia, China, Ireland, Slovenia, Slovakia, Romania, Russian Federation, Oman, Turkey, United Kingdom, Canada, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Netherlands, France, Spain, Portugal, United States, Austria, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, Argentina, and Brazil, among other countries that were represented. There were 46 invited speakers giving close to 60 invited talks. The invited speakers hailed from fifteen different countries. International colleagues and researchers presented 203 oral presentations and 178 posters. The level of scientific quality of the presentations and interactions was deemed to be excellent by those in attendance.

We were also honored to have Dr. Charles Mock, M.D., Ph.D., from the World Health Organization (WHO) give the opening plenary lecture. IBIA is excited about opportunities to work more closely with WHO on development and dissemination of materials relating to traumatic brain injury, as well as, solicitation of involvement of professionals working with persons with TBI in low and middle income countries. One of our goals is to have the World Health Organization as a formal sponsor/endorsing organization in 2010, when the IBIA World Congress meeting will be held for the first time in the United States.

Some of the outstanding plenary lectures that were given at the meeting included: Dr. Nancy Carney's talk on his summary of the 3rd Edition of the Guidelines for management of traumatic brain injury, Dr. Linda Carroll's talk on clinical trial designs and MTBI research, Dr. Andrew Maas' talk on improving the design of clinical trials in moderate to severe TBI and Dr. Ross Zafonte's talk on "Rehabilitation Interventions: Lessons from the Past for the Future, as well as Dr. Povlishock's talks on "Progress and Neuroprotection: From Bench to Bedside," and, lastly, Dr. Joseph Fins' talk on "From PVS to MCS: Fred Plum's legacy to neuroethics."

The meeting was also notable for the inclusion of "Candlelight Sessions with the Experts," in which 14 of the invited speakers participated and conference attendees had an opportunity to meet with these individuals on a more intimate, one-to-one basis along with food and drink. On the last day of the congress, a variety of workshops were conducted including, but not limited to: Dr. Andy Tyerman's workshop on "Vocational Rehabilitation", Dr. Nathan Zasler's workshop on "Residential Design for Persons with ABI" and Dr. Linda McKay's workshop on "Advantages of Brain Injury Certification from an International Perspective".

The social program was carefully prepared and executed. We had a lovely welcome reception at the Pestana Palace, the main conference hotel on 4/9, followed by a wonderful Gala Dinner on 4/12 with various musical entertainers and most importantly, the conference awards ceremony. IBIA was very pleased to be able to give out three different awards at the 7th World Congress, specifically, the Henry Stonnington awards for best review articles. There was a 1st place award which received not only a special certificate acknowledging the award but also, a \$1,000 cash award, as well as, a 2nd second place award with a certificate of recognition and a \$500 cash award. The IBIA 2008 Safe Car Award went to the Cadillac CTS based on safety ratings and the car being chosen as Motor Trend's Car of the Year. Lastly, IBIA was extremely proud to present a new award for scientific achievement, entitled the "Jennett Plum Award for Distinguished Scientific Contributions to the Field of Brain Injury" which was supported by the Northeast Center for Special Care in Lake Katrine, New York, USA. This year, the award



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recognized the people for who it was named, Dr. Bryan Jennett, who recently passed away, and Dr. Fred Plum, for their contributions to the field of brain injury. The awardees each received a beautiful Tiffany engraved plate and a \$5,000 cash award. Peter Jennett, Dr. Jennett's son, accepted the award on behalf of his father. An award acceptance speech video recording made by Dr. Jennett just prior to his death was also played. Dr. Joseph Fin's accepted the award on behalf of Dr. Plum who due to health reasons could not attend. Dr. Fin's was a student of Dr. Plum's and currently is a co-investigator with him. The award ceremony was very moving for all in attendance but particularly for persons who had the honor of working with either or both Dr. Jennett or Dr. Plum. The Gala and awards ceremony were felt by all in attendance to be a wonderful way to end what was a superb international congress.

Ultimately, we were all very pleased with the international camaraderie that was clearly evident at the Congress and the quality of the science but also very glad to have the experience of being in the historic, beautiful setting of Pestana Palace, among the friendly Portuguese people enjoying wonderful local cuisine.

IBIA looks forward to meeting all those who joined us in Lisbon, as well as, new participants in Washington, D.C. in the Spring of 2008 for the 8th World Congress on Brain Injury. Dr. Ross Zafonte, Chairman of the Department of PM&R at Harvard, has been named President for the 2010 meeting and we look forward to working together with him to make the next meeting the biggest and best IBIA meeting in the organization's history.

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During the board meeting related to the ISPRM World Congress in Seoul in June 2007, the ISPRM Board of Governors has appointed the following Editorial Board for the ISPRM News & Views

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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND CONGRESSES

ISPRM World Congresses

- **5th Congress** **June, 13 - 17, 2009** **Istanbul, Turkey**
- **6th Congress** **June, 12 - 15, 2011** **San Juan, Puerto Rico**
- **7th Congress** **June 2013** **Beijing, China**

Congresses on:

- **Stroke** www.internationalstroke.org/s_content.php?id=fb2002-03-04-1020
- **Neurology** www.eurostroke.org/esc_main%20links.htm
- **Neurorehab** www.wfnr.co.uk/docs/events.htm
- **Spine** www.spine.org/calendar/nass_future_events.cfm
- **Brain Injury** www.internationalbrain.org/content.php?pages=congress
- **Osteoporosis** www.iofbonehealth.org/meetings-events.html

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World Congress of Medical Hydrology, 25-28 June 2008, Porto, Portugal
visit www.ismh08.org

- **1st Herzogenaurach Dysphagia Conference**, 4-5 July, m&I Fachlinik, Herzogenaurach/Germany. Visit www.dysphagia-conference.org
- **XVII Congreso Ecuatoriano de Medicina Fisica y Rehabilitacion**, 30 July-2 August, Quito, Ecuador: Info gwbocca@hotmail.com
- **24th Annual Congress of the Colombian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation**, August 13-16, Medellin, Colombia – Visit <http://congresoascmf2008.homestead.com> or Contact: ascmf@gmail.com
- **1st World Congress on Pain**, 17-22 August, Glasgow, Scotland – visit www.iasp-pain.org
- **Two week Training of Trainers in CBR programme** in 25 August - 5 September, Alphen aan den Rijn, The Netherlands. Contact Huib Cornielje h.cornielje@enablement.nl
- **Virtual Rehabilitation 2008**, 25-27 August, Convention & Exhibition Centre, Vancouver, Canada. Visit: www.virtual-rehab.org.
- **47th Annual Meeting of ISCos**, 29 August-3 September, Durban, South-Africa. Visit www.iscos.org.uk
- **17th Annual Meeting of European Society of Movement Analysis for Adults and Children (ESMAC)** 8-13 September, Antalya Turkey. Contact: Gunes Yavuzer. Visit: www.esmac2008turkey.org
- **4-week International Course in Management of Disability and Rehabilitation**. 15 September - 10 October. The Netherlands. Visit: www.enablement.nl

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- **7th Mediterranean Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine**, 18 - 21 September 2008, Portoroze, Slovenia - Contact: Prof. Crt Marincek marincek.crt@mail.ir-rs.si – visit: <http://medcongress.prm08.org/home/>
- **European Congress on Surgery of the Elbow and the Shoulder– SECEC 2008**, 18-20 September 2008, Brugge, Belgium – visit www.medicongress.com
- **5th Regional Central European Conference of the Int Soc for Prosthetics & Orthotics**, 19-21 September 2008, Pontrose, Slovenia – visit www.ce-ispo2008.org
- **5th World Congress on Neurorehabilitation (WFNR)**. 24-27 September, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, contact traceymole@wfnr.co.uk
- **6th World Stroke Congress**, 24-27 September, Vienna, Austria, Visit: www.kenes.com/stroke2008

Association Medica Latinoamericana de Rehabilitación - AMLAR 2008 - including the meeting of the Latin-American Society of Paraplegia.
27-30 October, Hilton Conrad Hotel and Convention Center, Punta del Este, Uruguay
Contact Hugo Nunez Bernadet anhunez@adinet.com.uy – Visit: www.amlar2008.org.uy

- **23rd Annual Congress of The French Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine**, 23-25 October + additional meetings on 22 October, Mulhouse, France. Visit <http://www.sofmer.com>
- **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

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- **IAPMRCON 2009** – National Congress of the Indian Association on PM&R, 16 – 18 January at Kolkata, West Bengal, India.: Contact: rathinhaldar@yahoo.com
- **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
- **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
- **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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- World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, IAGG, 5-9 July, Paris, France. Visit www.gerontologyparis2009.com

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- World Congress on Osteoporosis, 5-8 May, Venice, Italy, visit www.iofbonehealth.org

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