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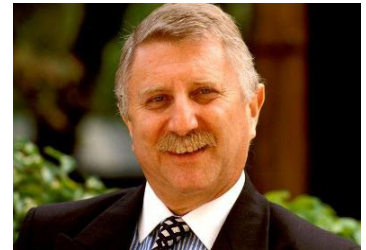
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OBITUARY PROFESSOR HAIM RING, 1944-2008

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Haim Ring was a man of strong presence. He was also actively involved in everything that happens and fulfilled a large series of responsible roles and duties. That is why it is so difficult for all of us who worked with him for years to digest the fact of his permanent absence.



Haim Ring was born in Uruguay in July 18, 1944. He received his M.D. title from the Faculty of Medicine in Montevideo in 1973. In 1980 he completed a residency period of 5 years in P&RM at the Loewenstein Rehabilitation Hospital (LRH), which is affiliated with the Faculty of Medicine in Tel-Aviv University and is the largest rehabilitation center in Israel. His untimely death in September 15, 2008 was the end of a working period of almost 35 years at the LRH. Haim Ring was father of three children – Edan, Matan and Shani. His wife Irene accompanied him to many rehab congresses and is known to many in the international rehab community.

Formatory years: During the residency period Haim Ring completed CME studies and received an M.Sc. title in P&RM from Tel-Aviv University for his work entitled "*A computerized System for Disability Evaluation*". It is in these early years that he developed a strong interest in functional evaluation which persisted throughout his entire medical career. He participated in various courses dealing with management, economy, research and use of computerized systems in medicine. In 1985-6 he was a research fellow in Geriatric Medicine & Rehabilitation in the University of Birmingham, where he also studied evoked potentials. He was also a fellow in Neurophysiology in the University of Aston, U.K. In 1988 he continued his study of applications of evoked-potentials in Lyon, France. He maintained a lasting research and clinical interest in neurophysiology, especially in applications of electromyography, since then. In 1992 he was a visiting professor in Moss Rehabilitation Hospital, Philadelphia, and three years later he spent a sabbatical in the Rivermead Rehabilitation Center in Oxford.

Teaching: Haim Ring started teaching during the residency period and became *Instructor* in the P&RM Department of Tel-Aviv University in 1980, *Lecturer* in 1988, *Senior Lecturer* in 1990, *Associate Clinical Professor* in 1993 and *Full Clinical Professor* in 2000. During all these years he gave lectures on all aspects of rehabilitation medicine, functional evaluation and electromyography to physicians of all specialties, medical students, and students of the different health professions. He directed the 1988-91 CME program in P&RM of Tel-Aviv University, and various other educational programs and courses. Haim Ring supervised eight M.Sc. research projects by students of bio-engineering, physiotherapy and occupational medicine, and eight basic-science research projects by P&RM residents.

National Activity: Haim Ring contributed enormously to the advancement of P&RM in Israel and to the international recognition of Israeli achievements in the field. In 1976, still resident in P&RM, he was nominated Head of The Institute for Functional Evaluation at the Loewenstein Rehabilitation Hospital (LRH). In 1988 he became Director of Department C for Neurological Rehabilitation at the LRH. He held these two positions until his death. During the years 1996-2004 he served as Deputy Director of the LRH for clinical and research activities. In 1994 Haim Ring was elected to be President of the Israel Association of P&RM, a position he held for eight years.



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In 2000-2004 he served as Chairman of the P&RM Department at the Sackler Faculty of Medicine in Tel-Aviv University, and from 2004 - Chairman of the National Council for Rehabilitation. During these years he was also member of the Executive Committee of the Scientific Council of the Israel Medical Association (IMA), and member of various committees of the IMA, Tel-Aviv University and the Ministry of Health in Israel.

Regional Activity: In 1996 Haim Ring organized the First Mediterranean P&RM Congress in Herzlia, Israel. Several times I have heard him saying that this was a key point in his professional career. Indeed, when we gathered in the opening session of the 7th Mediterranean P&RM Congress in Portoroze, Slovenia, a few days after his death, Haim Ring's key role in the foundation, maintenance and development of the Mediterranean Forum of P&RM was stressed by all. Haim Ring contributed enormously to this organization since its inception in 1996, and in recent years he was nominated Honorary President of the organization. After his death it was decided that the rehab school operating in Siracusa every summer, which gathers young

P&RM doctors from all countries of the Mediterranean Basin, will be called from now on "The Euro-Mediterranean PRM School Haim Ring". In a recently published obituary (*Disability and Rehabilitation*, 2008; 30(19):1409-1410), Salvatore Giaquinto pointed out that "Rehabilitation Without Frontiers" (the title given by Haim Ring to the first Mediterranean P&RM Congress) summarizes his philosophy. Ring, Giaquinto and the other founders of the Mediterranean Forum of P&RM contributed much to the dissemination of this concept far beyond the Mediterranean area. One important aspect of this idea, as explained by Giaquinto, is that personal friendship and professional interaction between P&RM specialists in different countries should recognize no limitation imposed by historical, political, religious or other source of conflict between nations. The common aim - to alleviate suffering, restore functionality and enable higher quality of life for victims of disease and trauma - is a solid bridge and a stable foundation for the formation of an international rehab community.

International Activity: In the years 1985-2008 Haim Ring participated in a large number of rehab congresses in different countries and this exposure established his position as an international leader in the field of medical rehabilitation. During these years he lectured in 69 scientific meetings taking place in Israel, England, Spain, France, USA, Italy, Turkey, Romania, Australia, Japan, India, Canada, Thailand, Denmark, Germany, Malta, Holland, Czech Republic, Panama, Slovenia, China, Brazil, Portugal, Cuba, Korea and Belgium. In many countries he was invited to lecture in meetings several times, took part in the scientific and organizing committees of congresses, and was also invited to conduct courses for rehab physicians. Several national rehabilitation societies gave him honorary positions.

Since the late eighties the involvement of Haim Ring in international rehabilitation became more and more extensive. He joined the editorial board of several rehab journals, among them - *International Disability Studies*, *Clinical Rehabilitation*, *Disability and Rehabilitation*, *European Journal of PM&R (Vienna)*, *Europa Medicophysica* (recently renamed *European Journal of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine*). He served also as a permanent and ad-hoc reviewer for many other journals.

In 1994 Haim Ring was nominated Regional Vice President for Africa and the Middle East of the International Rehabilitation Medicine Association (IRMA), a position he held until 1997, when he became Vice President of IRMA. He served also as Regional Vice President of the International PM&R Federation (IFPMR) during the years 1995-1999. In 1999 he was elected to be Vice President of the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ISPRM) - the new world organization that resulted from the merging of IRMA and IFPMR - and in the years 2002-2004 he was the president of the ISPRM. In this role Haim Ring chaired the Organizing Committee of the 2nd ISPRM World Congress. The congress was supposed to take place in May 2005 in Jerusalem but the unstable political situation in the region convinced Haim Ring to move the congress to Prague, to ensure the expected worldwide participation. Moving the congress from Israel to another country was a very difficult decision, as all of us in Israel, and first of all Haim Ring himself, were willing to host it here and have made extensive plans for that. The World Congress was very successful. Beyond the proceedings, and the book of abstracts, another book was made from chapters contributed by the key-note lecturers, covering most of the relevant issues in P&RM (Soroker N. and Ring H. [eds.]: *Advances in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine*, 2003, Monduzzi, Bologna). A special issue of *Disability and Rehabilitation*, edited by Soroker and Ring, was made from papers written by the 10 young scientists who reached the final stage in the Young Scientist Award Competition in Prague. These research papers were reviewed by leading P&RM specialists from different countries that took part in the congress and acted afterwards as an ad-hoc editorial board for the special issue. After his presidency period Haim Ring continued to hold leading positions in the ISPRM board of governors. In 2007 he was elected to be President of the European Federation of Research in Rehabilitation (EFRR).

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Scientific Activity: Haim Ring's first publication (in the year 1979) dealt with electromyographic criteria for diagnosis of early damage to the Ulnar nerve. Since then he published 145 original papers and 6 review papers in peer-reviewed journals, among them 9 articles in 2008, the year of his death. He also wrote or co-authored 17 chapters in books and congress proceedings. In his research activity he collaborated not only with other physicians but also with rehab people from all the allied health professions, as well as with non clinicians, on more basic aspects of rehab science. He published extensively on diagnostic uses of electromyography and somatosensory evoked potentials in rehabilitation; postural control and balance disorders; functional evaluation; stroke rehabilitation, outcome of stroke and stroke syndromes; use of advanced technology in rehabilitation; and other issues of general interest related to the scope of the rehab specialty, rehab education, etc. Out of the extensive contribution of Haim Ring to the rehabilitation literature of the last 25 years, I have selected 25 papers (listed below) that are not only important but also show the wide range of his scientific interest, and his search for basic science foundation for the rehab clinical practice.

Personal note: I think it was the year 2000 when Haim offered me the position of Chairman of the Scientific Committee of the 2nd ISPRM World Congress. In the same occasion he told me that if I agree, this is likely to delay everything else that I am doing until after the congress time (mid 2003). I agreed, and so started a very intensive period where we spent endless hours together, working on the preparation of the congress. This was a very significant experience which gave me the opportunity to learn a lot from him and about him. We also co-authored 10 scientific papers and edited one book together, which gave more time to know one each other. While writing this obituary, more than two months after his death, I had the picture you see above, in front of me. I have tried to put feelings aside and write the story of his remarkable professional career, as accurate as I could. At the time Haim made a big scandal from the fact that the salad served to the guests in the President Reception in Prague was not exactly what he specifically ordered in advance, so I had to be very careful when I reviewed his CV for the preparation of the obituary. Of course Haim did in his life much more than what is written here (his CV contains some 55 pages), and important things had to be omitted due to space limitation. During the time of his illness, and when the notice that he passed away was spread, the number of telephone calls and emails from all over the world was so big, and the expressions of sorrow so deep and sincere, that one could feel the highly exceptional status of Haim Ring in the heart and mind of everyone who knew him. I wrote this obituary with deep gratitude for all I received from him.

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Presently the ISPRM has two official journals—The Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine (JRM) and The Disability and Rehabilitation Journal (DRJ).

We herewith inform our ISPRM members that as of January 1, 2009, DRJ will no longer be one of the official journals of the ISPRM. This will affect the discounted rate for ISPRM members.

ISPRM is continuing its collaboration with the JRM and in 2009, ISPRM members will have free access to the electronic version of the JRM. For further details, please contact the Central Office.

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BALTIC & NORTH SEA FORUM ON PHYSICAL AND REHABILITATION MEDICINE

Christoph Gutenbrunner

On September 7, 2008 the "Baltic & North Sea Forum on Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine" has been formally founded. The forum aims at the promotion of communication, education and science in the Field of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine and related fields in the countries with borders to the Baltic Sea and the North Sea. This purpose can be reached by organisation of congresses, symposia, seminars and workshops, communication via internet (webpage, e-mails), newsletters, journals and others, support of the exchange of scientist in the region and promotion of young scientists, support for cooperative scientific projects in the region scientific advice to governmental and non-governmental organisations in the field of physical and Rehabilitation Medicine and related fields, scientific support for organisation of people with disabilities and/or chronic diseases, and other activities.

The Executive Committee has been elected as follows: Christoph Gutenbrunner (Germany, President), Aivars Vetra (Latvia; President elect), Anthony Ward (United Kingdom, Board Member), Kristian Borg (Sweden, Board Member), Alvydas Jouceviciuos (Lithuania, Secretary) and Varje Tuulik (Estonia, Treasurer).

The first Baltic and North Sea Congress for Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine will be held in September 2010 in Stockholm."



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AFTER-AIDS DAY, DECEMBER 2ND SUPPORTING THOSE WITH AIDS-RELATED DISABILITY

This year December 2nd will mark the second annual After-AIDS Day. After-AIDS Day, begun by the International Rehabilitation Forum, is an opportunity to shed light on AIDS-related disability and the overwhelming need to support disability related programs abroad. We are asking for your support to make this campaign a success. Become a partner today!

Become a Partner-- Spread the Word

Partnering is easy. All you need to do is put After-AIDS day information on your website and in your newsletter to alert your local members/community about December 2nd.

If you wish to be a part of the After-AIDS Day campaign please send us an [email](#) and include the name of your organization, webpage, and contact name.

After-AIDS Day Kit

You can download an After-AIDS Day Kit that includes a press release for your local media and easy activities you can do to observe After-AIDS Day.

Together we can raise awareness about After-AIDS Day and support those living with AIDS-related disability!

What Can I Do? *Aids for AIDS*

If you were only going to do one activity for After-AIDS Day make it this one! Attach a red ribbon to any assistive device you have and proudly display it on December 2nd to show support for those living with AIDS-related disabilities.

Ask people in your office/school/community to participate. Assistive devices can include crutches, slings, braces, splints, wheelchairs, walkers, canes, etc.

You can create a display in a visible area that includes a group of red-ribboned assistive devices and information about AIDS-related disability or you can wear/use your red-ribboned assistive device all day.

Why is After-AIDS Day Important?

As you well know, AIDS and its treatment damage the nerves, the brain, and the spinal cord. Tumors and infections lead to amputation and ruin joints. Contrary to the traditional medical mantra of 'diagnose, treat, cure', we don't cure these ailments with retrovirals. They require medical rehabilitation.

The global unmet need for medical rehabilitation is immense. Ten percent of persons living in developing regions have disabilities that interfere with their ability to contribute to society but over 95% of that population does not receive even the most rudimentary rehabilitation. The absence of medical rehabilitation is particularly appalling because it has been shown effective in reducing disability in essentially every venue where it has been studied.

The standard international development policy of supporting 'community based rehabilitation' instead of national rehabilitation hospitals, regional clinics, and university training programs requires local people with disabilities (the poorest, least educated, most ostracized, and of course least mobile citizens) to shoulder the burden while ministers of health keep their budgets intact. The policies and programs of the WHO, the Gates Foundation, African governments, USAID, and other players in the global AIDS campaign seem blind to the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS-related disability.

Together we can raise awareness about After-AIDS Day and support those living with AIDS-related disability!

WORLD CONGRESS ON OSTEOPOROSIS CANCELLED

The International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF) announces the cancellation of its World Congress on Osteoporosis, scheduled for December 3-7 in Bangkok, Thailand. This cancellation is due to the political situation and the closure of the airports in Bangkok. For details: www.iofbonehealth.org



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11TH IRANIAN CONGRESS OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE, REHABILITATION AND ELECTRODIAGNOSIS

Farzaneh Torkan.MD

The 11th Iranian Congress of Physical medicine, Rehabilitation and electro diagnosis was held from 22nd to 24th October 2008 by Iranian society of physical and rehabilitation medicine in historical city of Shiraz, south of the country.

The main topic of the congress was "pain"; meanwhile other issues like electro diagnosis, veteran's rehabilitation, cardiac rehabilitation, pulmonary rehabilitation, orthosis/prosthesis and other related topics were addressed.

Call for abstracts were sent to the relevant centers and during a two- month period, 280 abstracts were received by the congress secretariat. After review by the scientific committee, 180 papers were accepted, 75 of them as oral and others as poster presentations.

Regarding to our society policy sharing our national experience in the field with other international colleagues, we invited a number of known and expert physiatrists from abroad they presented 9 lectures and coordinated 2 workshops.

They are:

- 1- Prof. Jeffery Basford from Mayo clinic who is editor in- chief of Archives of PM&R journal.
- 2- Dr. Hasan Monfared from Birmingham University in Alabama State who is physical medicine and rehabilitation specialist and pain sub-specialist.
- 3- Dr. Ali Nemat Bakhsh from Keck Medicine Faculty in California State; he is physical medicine and rehabilitation specialist and director of pain fellowship program in that faculty.
- 4- Prof. Li from Hong Kong who is physical medicine and rehabilitation specialist and the Vice- president of ISPRM.

550 participants were registered by the secretariat. 250 of them were from different medical specialties including physical medicine and rehabilitation, neurology, neurosurgery, orthopedics, 200 general practitioners and rehabilitation therapists including physical therapists, occupational therapists, orthotists... and remaining 100 participants from different other disciplines registered for participation too.

The educational workshops which were held meanwhile were:

- 1- Botulinum toxin (Dysport) injection workshop
- 2- Single fiber EMG workshop
- 3- Acupuncture workshop
- 4- Cardiac rehabilitation workshop (with Dr. Li coordinating the workshop)
- 5- Pain procedures in office (with Dr. Nemat Bakhsh and Dr. Monfared coordinating the workshop)

Chairman of the congress: Dr. Mohamad Reza Emad, the chairperson of physical medicine and rehabilitation department of Shiraz University of Medical Sciences

Congress director: Dr. Ali Reza Ashraf, physical medicine and rehabilitation department, Shiraz University of Medical Sciences affiliate.

The Iranian association of Physical and Rehabilitation is proud to have regular annual scientific congress and also periodical semiannual topic oriented meeting, looking forward to see our colleagues from around the world in our meetings!

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- **6th Congress** **June, 12 - 15, 2011** **San Juan, Puerto Rico**
- **7th Congress** **June 2013** **Beijing, China**

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- **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

2008

- **American Medical Association's Guides to the evaluation of permanent impairment review program** (AMA Guides 6th Ed Training) in Hong Kong on Dec. 6-7, 2008. Contact: Prof. Mohammed Ranavaya, MDmranavayamd@abime.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
- **International Neurorehabilitation Symposium (INRS)** at the University of Zurich, 12 – 14 February, Contact jeannette.beer@hocoma.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
- **The First International Conference on Culture, Ethnicity, and Brain Injury Rehabilitation**, 12 - 13 March, Washington, D.C. area, U.S.A., Marriott Crystal City,. Contact: jcarangolasp@vcu.edu
- **Portuguese PRM Society Anual Congress (Sociedade Portuguesa de Medicina Física e de Reabilitação)** - 12-14 March, Hotel Montebelo - Viseu, Portugal. Contact spmfr@spmfr.org
- **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

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- **9th European Congress on Clinical and Economic Aspects of Osteoporosis and Osteoarthritis**, 18-21 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
- **43rd Comprehensive Review Course in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation** (81.75 CME credits) of Baylor College of Medicine / The University of Texas Medical School at Houston PM&R Alliance, April 18 – 26, 2009, Crowne Plaza River Oaks Hotel, Houston, Texas. Info: PMandR@bcm.edu.
- **The 21st Annual PM&R Review Course** at Kessler Medical Rehabilitation Research and Education Center, 23 April- 1st May, Info: gdeiorio@kmrrec.org
- **19th EWMA Conference (European Wound Management Association)**, 20 – 22 May, Helsinki, Finland. Info follows
- **18th European Stroke Conference**, 26-29 May, Stockholm, Sweden. Info follows



- **World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, IAGG**, 5-9 July, Paris, France. Visit www.gerontologyparis2009.com
- **12th Asian Federation of Sports Medicine Congress**, 3-6 December, Amritsar, Punjab, India. Visit www.afsm2009.com

2010

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

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

- **13th World Congress on Pain**, 29 August-3 September, Montreal, Canada. Visit www.iasp-pain.org

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- **6th ISPRM World Congress**, June, 12 - 15, 2011, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- **7th ISPRM World Congress**, June 2013, Beijing, China

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