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Message from the President



Prof. Jorge Lains
President of ISPRM

Dear members of the ISPRM,

I am honoured and happy to be ISPRM President for the next two years, and I am especially honoured that you placed such great trust in my ability to navigate ISPRM.

ISPRM's main goal is to optimize functioning and health-related quality of life and minimize disability in persons with disability and/or medical problems throughout the world.

ISPRM has been working since 1999 on this goal nonstop by:

- organizing ISPRM congresses where experts meet to discuss the future and present new solutions;
- congregating and communicating with over 50 national societies as well as key individual members;
- liaising with WHO and other organizations to raise awareness about disability;
- developing education strategies to train PRM specialists;
- interacting with the industry to support upcoming projects.

Hard work lies ahead, and I would like to highlight the following goals of growth and development for ISPRM and the next Presidency:

- carry on the excellent work done by the President, Prof. Jianan Li;

- promote the work and growth of the ISPRM committees, their internal affairs and their paramount role within ISPRM;
- continue the fundamental relations with WHO;
- support the development of National PRM Societies, especially in developing countries
- reinforce ISPRMs humanitarian and corporate role;
- promote the ISPRM Education Portal;
- launch of the ISPRM e-Journal: *The Journal of the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (JISPRM)*
- publish “ISPRM recommendations” about hot topics in Rehabilitation Medicine;
- develop a future formal relation with the UN;
- develop relations with major stakeholders and NGOs;
- promote ISPRM among possible sponsors;
- organize the ISPRM World Congresses aiming for outstanding scientific achievement.

A very special thanks to Prof. Nachum Soroker the Chief-Editor of the JISPRM. We need the active collaboration of all ISPRM members, so that our e-Journal will become the most prestigious PRM journal and, with the highest impact factor.

A very special thanks also to those that have already offered to chair “ISPRM recommendations”. We are preparing some general rules and will inform all members ASAP. Again, we need your active collaboration!

Another important project which ISPRM is supporting is the institution of the Cochrane PRM Field. Cochrane, as you know, has a recognized role as the leader of Evidence Based Medicine in all fields of Medicine summarizing the best evidences in literature and improving healthcare decisions. The project started in 2014 as an initiative of the European Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ESPRM) in collaboration with the PRM Section and Board of the European Union of Medical Specialists and has now become global thanks to the support of our Society.

Many challenges lie ahead, and we, together, are responsible for developing ISPRM, a growing institution that the world recognizes and trusts more and more. Our future lies in the cooperation between nations and people, with energy and hope!

Together we will do it!

Jorge Laíns

ISPRM 2017 WORLD CONGRESS



[Join us in Buenos Aires!](#)

Our 11th World Congress (ISPRM 2017) will be held April 30 - May 4 and will showcase the latest topics and technologies in our ever expanding field. Sessions will be given by the top experts on Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine with an emphasis on workshops, hands on demonstrations and opportunities to meet and network. Join us for an exciting congress and expand your horizons at ISPRM 2017.

ISPRM 10th World Congress, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia May 29th - June 2nd Assembly of Delegates



Over 1'600 delegates, speakers, exhibitors and consumers from around the world gathered in Kuala Lumpur for a sensational 5 days of workshops, sessions, networking, debates and much more!

With more than 70 countries represented and 145 speakers, the ISPRM 10th World Congress has been a great success. 14 pre-congress workshops were organized followed by a 4 days congress comprising 9 parallel sessions as well as a committee meeting day and a number of various meetings.

On June 2nd, ISPRM invited members to join the annual **Assembly of Delegates**, to hear an update on the recent and ongoing activities of the society. Jianan Li handed over the presidency to Jorge Lains who becomes President 2016-2018 and the Assembly elected a new Treasurer: Sam Wu and a new Vice-President: Leonard Li along with re-electing Francesca Gimigliano as secretary. Jianan Li was warmly thanked for his great support and contribution to ISPRM as he became Past President and chair of the Council of Past Presidents.

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Voting also took place for the National Society Representatives to the Assembly of Delegates, and we are delighted to announce the results:

- North America – Gerard Francisco
- Central America – Mariá Elena Herrera Dean

- South America – Hugo Nuñez Bernadet
- Europe – Anton Wicker
- Eastern Mediterranean – Gulseren Akyuz
- Africa – No representative elected
- Central and East Asia – Lidian Chen
- Southeast and East Asia – Taslim Uddin
- Oceania – No representative elected

Congratulations to all those and welcome to the ISPRM Assembly of Delegates!

Finally, the ISPRM Assembly of Delegates voted the ISPRM 2020 Congress location. ISPRM is happy to announce that the 2020 congress will be hosted in Washington, USA held in conjunction with AAP.

National Societies contact information update

In order to improve communication with ISPRM National Societies, the ISPRM Central Office kindly asks each official Representative of ISPRM National Societies to check their contact details being displayed on <http://www.isprm.org/discover/assembly-of-delegates>.

Should there be any inaccuracy, please inform isprmoffice@kenes.com.

Developments in the PRM World

Ethical choices in rehabilitation practice

Carlotte Kiekens from the Department of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, University Hospitals Leuven, Belgium and Member of the European Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine (EARM) gave a lecture entitled " Ethical choices in rehabilitation practice" at the ESPRM2016. She highlights that ethical and cultural issues should be part of rehabilitation curricula and postgraduate training.

[Read the full summary of her lecture here.](#)

Spring 2016 news brief of the PM&R Foundation's activities



Research

- The Foundation for PM&R has signed an agreement with the **Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF)** to jointly **support multidisciplinary research into the science of post-joint replacement rehabilitation**. We are currently seeking funding for this endeavor; once secured, a task force with representation from both groups will develop a Request for Applications, which will be posted on both organizations' websites and promoted to the research community. The selected proposal will receive a grant of up to \$100,000 for a one-year pilot study that is expected to lay the groundwork for a clinical trial, comparative effectiveness study or other research effort that provides data on how to optimize function after joint replacement.

Research Priorities

- The Research Priorities Task Force is currently investigating ways to **integrate the identified research priorities in our existing grants and awards program**, as well as using it to develop new research programs. Additional input will be sought from our sister societies later this year.

Americans with Disabilities Fund: Rx for Exercise

- The Rx for Exercise program to **provide physiatrists with the tools to promote exercise and sport** for their patients with disabilities is expected to launch in the third quarter of this year. Among the resources will be an app to prescribe appropriate exercise and adapted sport. We are working with the National Center for Health, Physical Activity and Disability (NCHPAD.org), and are in discussions with First Lady Michelle Obama's "Let's Move" program.

Fundraising

- Our spring campaign to support the general operating fund launched on March 22, featuring an appeal by Mrs. Rosa Materson with a \$7,500 match grant in honor of the **75th anniversary of Richard Materson's birth**.
- We also have a **match grant of \$15,000 pledged toward the Justus Lehmann Research**.

- The Foundation can now accept donations via smart phone; text “PMRresearch” to 50155.



MENA PHYSICAL MEDICINE & REHABILITATION CONGRESS
13-15 October 2016
Dubai, UAE

Improving Lives through Interdisciplinary Rehabilitation Approach

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MENA Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Congress, 13-15 October 2016, Dubai, UAE

Globally, Physical therapy accounts for an estimated \$26.6 billion, or approximately 90%, of all outpatient rehabilitation spending. Consequently over recent years, the GCC region has seen expansion in rehabilitation centers and is viewed as an area of much needed further expansion in the region. The increased need for enhanced technology, advanced facilities and expertise has placed the region as not only at the forefront of growth but also as an urgent need to prosper in the arena of physical rehabilitation.

The 3-day physical rehabilitation congress is the main platform in the Middle East covering latest trends and developments in the field of rehabilitation. The congress aims to cover various fields related to physical medicine including musculo-skeletal medicine, neuro muscular medicine, paediatric rehabilitation, chronic pain rehabilitation and more through dissemination of latest knowledge by leading local and global experts in the field.

[More information](#)



World Cerebral Palsy Day: Wednesday 5 October 2016

World Cerebral Palsy Day is a movement of people with cerebral palsy and their families, and the organisations that support them, in more than 50 countries. Their vision is to ensure that children and adults with cerebral palsy (CP) have the same rights, access and opportunities as anyone else in our society. It is only together, that we can make that happen.

Future Events - Stay Updated!

Stay up-to-date with events all year. Click [here](#) for a list of events.

ESB 2016

10–13 July 2016, Lyon, France [learn more](#)

3rd ISPRM summit for developing countries

28–31 Jul 2016, Kunming, China [learn more](#)

2nd International Conference and Exhibition on Pain Medicine

4–5 August 2016, New Orleans, USA [learn more](#)

Rehabexpo Shanghai 2016

23–25 September, Shanghai, China [learn more](#)

World Cerebral Palsy Day

5 October 2016, Worldwide [learn more](#)

Asian Prosthetic and Orthotic Scientific Meeting 2016

4–6 November 2016, Seoul, Korea [learn more](#)

International Forum on Disability Management (IFDM) 2016

22–24 Novembre 2016, Kuala Lumpur,
Malaysia [learn more](#)

Rehab in Review

Rehab in Review is produced by physicians specializing in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, with the cooperation and assistance of Emory School of Medicine, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine. [Read all 2016 issues here!](#)

Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine

Discover the list of recently published articles of the "Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine" (volume 48).

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