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WORKING TOWARDS AN INTERNATIONAL SPINAL CORD INJURY DATA SET.

Preceding the joint ASIA and ISCoS meeting in Vancouver, Canada a workshop with the above title was held May 2, 2002. This was the first international meeting to share information of what data is collected at various spinal cord injury centres and to discuss the steps required to make recommendations on the data elements to be included in a spinal cord injury database. The purpose and vision of an International Spinal Cord Injury Data Set is to indorse a set of guidelines similar to the ASIA and ISCoS International Standards regarding neurological assessment. The aim is to create a minimal set of data elements to be included in spinal cord injury research and clinical databases worldwide. This means to develop the lowest common denominator of data elements, that will serve as a start of a common language. The guidelines will assist developers of new spinal cord injury databases and enable researchers to be more consistent in publications by using standard data elements, that allow comparison between centres with spinal cord injury populations worldwide.

The workshop in Vancouver was organised very successfully by Peter Wing and Vanessa Noonan. A copy of the workshop proceedings is available by contacting the workshop coordinator Vanessa Noonan by e-mail vnoonan@vanhosp.bc.ca

During the workshop it was decided to establish working groups within 5 areas and afterwards an executive committee has been established:

- Executive chair: Fin Biering-Sørensen
- Chair Clinical Core Data Set: Michael deVivo
- Chair Expanded Clinical Data Set: Fin Biering-Sørensen
- Chair Participation Outcome: Thomas Stripling
- Co-chairs Health and Function Outcomes: Peter Wing and Vanessa Noonan
- Chair Life Statisfaction: Marcel Post

It has been agreed, that the Core Clinical Data Set shall be focused initially as it is the most advanced of all the data sets.

By April 2003 the goal is to have a first draft of the Clinical Core Data Set ready to present at the ASIA meeting in Miami and to have a second draft ready by November 2003 for the ISCoS meeting in Beijing.

The executive committee is in the process of approaching other organisations and societies within neurosurgery, orthopaedic surgery and rehabilitation to invite members to join in the process of creating and evaluating the best possible data sets.

On behalf of the executive committee and the working groups

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WHO COLLABORATION

The ISPRM has received a letter from the WHO confirming that - after a very positive evaluation of the collaboration within the last 3 years and the report that John Melvin has submitted - the WHO commended the efforts of ISPRM in support of the work of WHO.

It is therefore very interesting to hear that the collaboration between the ISPRM and the WHO will further be continued.

We kindly thank John Melvin for his report and his efforts in this matter and also Gerold Stucki for the continued collaboration with the WHO.

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INTERNATIONAL CORE DATASETS FOR TRAUMATIC SCI PATIENTS

We have received a request from the Executive Committee of the above project (see full details in the first page of this issue), to cooperate with this initiative by suggesting people from our organisation, from different parts of the world, to take part in this process, reviewing data sets, etc.

We think this is a positive development like the existing links to the NOF, the Decade of Bone and Joint, the WHO-ICF, etc. and we are looking for **ISPRM Members willing to represent the ISPRM in this project**. If interested, please contact the Central Office.

The ISPRM Liaison Officer for this project is Luigi Tesio from Italy – Email address is tesiol@tin.it

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NEWS FROM NATIONAL SOCIETIES, MEMBERS OF THE ISPRM

We welcome the Tunisian Society of PM&R who joined the ISPRM recently.

Please feel free to communicate news from your National Society to the ISPRM Central office for publication in this section of the News & Views.

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ISPRM BOARD MEETING TAKING PLACE DURING THE CONGRESS IN PRAGUE

(FOR RESPECTIVE MEMBERS ONLY)

President's Cabinet **Sunday 18th, 14:00-15:00**

Executive Committee **Sunday 18th, 15:00-16:30**

Board of Governors **Wednesday 21st, 14:00-18:00**

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ISPRM World Congress 2009 – LAST CALL

Please be informed that all applications and bids for organising the 2009 ISPRM World Congress should be received at the Central Office by March 31 at the latest.

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Upcoming Meetings and Congresses



2nd World Congress of the
International Society of Physical and
Rehabilitation Medicine – ISPRM
Prague, Czech Republic, May 18 - 22, 2003

The **2nd World Congress of the ISPRM** Hilton Hotel, Prague, Czech Republic, May 18-22, 2003. Please contact Haim Ring (hiring@post.tau.ac.il) for further information.

For updates, registration, accommodation and papers submission please visit: www.kenes.com/physical

- The **22nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Pain Society**, March 20-23, 2003, Chicago, Illinois
Visit www.ampainsoc.org/meeting/
- **20th University of Washington Review Course on PM&R**, March 15 - 23, 2003, Best Western University Tower Hotel, Seattle, Washington, www.dom.washington.edu/cme/ info: Steven.Stiens@med.va.gov
- **Musculoskeletal And Sports Medicine**, March 22 & 23, 2003, University Of Washington, Health Sciences Center, Hogness Auditorium, www.dom.washington.edu/cme, info: Steven.Stiens@med.va.gov
- The **Association of Academic Physiatrists Annual Meeting**, March 26-30, 2003, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Visit: www.physiatry.org also for call for papers and posters
- Annual meeting of the Austrian Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, April 25-26, 2003, Vienna Penta Hotel. Visit www.oegpmr.at
- The **European Congress on Sports Medicine** will be held in Hasselt, Belgium, May 14-16, 2003
Visit www.medicongress.com for all detailed information and on-line abstract submission and registration.
- The **2nd World Congress of the ISPRM**, Hilton Hotel, Prague, Czech Republic, May 18-22, 2003. Please contact Haim Ring (hiring@post.tau.ac.il) for further information. Visit: www.kenes.com/physical
- 11th Annual Scientific Meeting of the **Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine (AFRM)** Rehabilitation in the Decade of Bone and Joint, Grand Chancellor Hotel, Hobart, Tasmania, 23-26 May 2003. Contact: DC Conferences, PO Box 571, Crows Nest NSW 1585, Australia, afrm@dcconferences.com.au
- 6th Int. Symposium on **Paediatric Pain: Pain in Childhood**, 15-19 June, 2003, Sydney, Australia
ISPP2003@dcconferences.com.au
- **Fifth Brazilian Congress of Pediatric Orthopaedics**, June 18-21, 2003. Belo Horizonte, Brazil
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- **Principles and Practice of Pain Medicine** by Harvard Medical School, Dept of Anesthesia and Critical Care, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, June 25-29, 2003, The Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston, www.med.harvard.edu/conted
- 2nd Interdisciplinary Congress on **Spine Care**, 10-13 August 2003, Chicago, USA: www.worldspine.org
- 12th Annual **UDSMR Buffalo Conference**, August 22-23, 2003, Buffalo, New York. Contact Lisa Scherrer at Lroeder@UDSMR.UDS.com
- 4th Congress of the **European Federation of IASP Chapters**, September 2-6, 2003, Prague, Czech Republic Visit www.pain2003.cz
- 14th Annual Clinical Meeting of the **American Academy of Pain Management**, September 3-7, 2003 Denver, Colorado. Visit www.aapainmanage.org
- XI Congress of the **International Headache Society**, September 13-16, 2003; Rome, Italy www.i-h-s.org
- **Rehabilitation International Assembly and Regional Conference**, September 29-October 4, 2003, Durban, South Africa.
- **EuroSpine 2003**, Annual Congress of the Spine Society of Europe, Sept. 30-Oct 4, 2003, Prague www.eurospine.org
- 19th National Congress of the **Turkish Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation**, October 4 - 8, 2003, Atlantis Hotel, Belek, Antalya. www.ftr.kongresi.org
- Annual conference of the **Chinese Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation**, October 10, 2003 in Jinan city, Shangdong province. Theme: Rehabilitation in Spine Diseases and Injury. Contact: Dr Wu Zongyao, wuznyao@online.cq.cn or www.capmr.org/meeting/2003/index.htm
- **AAPM&R 64th Annual Assembly & Technical Exhibition**, October 9–12, 2003, Chicago Hilton, Chicago, Illinois (USA), Visit: www.aapmr.org
- **Annual Scientific Meeting of the Southern Pain Society**, October 17-19, 2003; 2003, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- The **Southern Pain Society 2003 Annual Scientific Meeting** in Conjunction with the **Puerto Rico Pain Society: Pain Topics in the Tropics**, October 17-20, 2003 - **3-Night Bahamas Cruise** on Royal Caribbean's Sovereign of the Seas. E-mail: southernpain@continuingeducation.net, Visit: www.continuingeducation.net
- **AMLAR CONGRESS** - Asociacio Medica Latinoamericana de Rehabilitacion, will meet in Panama city, November 24 - 28, 2003. Contact; Dra Maricela Landires Iglesias, apdo 402 zona 15 Las Cumbres, Panama City.

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- **SpineWeek 2004**, May 30 – June 05, 2004, Porto, Portugal – Combined meeting of the Leading Scientific Spine Societies being the **International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine – Spine Society of Europe - Soc. Ibero-latino-americano de Columna Vertebral – Cervical Spine Research Society – Brazilian Society for the Pathology of the Spine – Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association, Spine Section**
Visit www.medicongress.com
- The 14th **European Congress of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation**, May 12-15, 2004, in Vienna, www.ecprm2004.org or Dr. Michael Quittan, michael.quittan@univie.ac.at
- **8th European Congress of Research in Rehabilitation**, June 13-17, 2004, Ljubljana, Slovenia
crt.marincek@mail.ir-rs.si
- 11th World Congress of the **International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics (ISPO)**, 1-6 August 2004
Hong Kong: ispo@pctourshk.com
- **Rehabilitation International Assembly and World Congress**, August 9-13, 2004; Oslo, Norway.
www.RI-Norway.no
- 3rd World Congress of the **World Institute of Pain**, 22-25 September 2004, Barcelona, Spain
info@clinicadeldolor.com
- 43rd Annual Scientific Meeting of the **ISCOS, International Spinal Cord Society and the Hellenic Society Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation**, 26-29 September 2004, Athens, Greece. Visit www.triaenatours.gr
- **5th Mediterranean Congress on PM&R**, September 30 -October 2004, Antalya, Turkey, conduct Pr. Tansu at Arasil, tansu@surf.net.tr

Reminder: the 3rd ISPRM World Congress will be organised May 18-22, 2005 in San Paolo, Brazil and the 4th ISPRM World Congress will take place in 2007 in Seoul, Korea.

Please feel free to announce your upcoming congresses in this agenda by sending an email with all information to the Central Office

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