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THE 2ND ISPRM WORLD CONGRESS IN HILTON PRAGUE, 18-22nd May 2003 - AN UPDATE

By Prof. Haim Ring, Chairperson

Dear Colleagues,

I am happy to inform you that preparations are almost finished and are proceeding according to plan. Nearly 1100 abstracts for oral and poster presentation were submitted and arranged in 91 sessions according to fields of work in our profession where 67 key note lecturers will bring the latest in all possible topics. 13 Special Educational Activities are scheduled on various interesting topics (cognition, posturography, nerve conduction, etc.) from basic to advanced levels. Interactive sessions on education and training needs and on Meet the Editor with editors and board members of 9 leading PM&R journals, have also been included. 35 candidates for the Young scientist Award entered the competition, and 10 of them have reached the final stage that will take place as part of the scientific program. There will also be a daily award for the Best Poster. Juries have been appointed for both competitions.

Four publications will be presented as a result of the congress activities: the traditional Book of Abstracts, the Proceedings by Monduzzi, a Book of Key Note Lectures (which in fact will be a textbook) and, at a later stage, a special issue of the Disability and Rehabilitation journal with the papers of the 10 finalists of the Young Scientist competition.

The social program includes an opening ceremony with the Czech Minister of Health, Dr. M. Souckova, and representatives of the ISPRM and Czech PM&R Society, the Congress Chairperson and Chairman of the Scientific Committee, followed by a cocktail reception. On Tuesday 20 May, the social program includes a visit to a beautiful church for a concert, and on Wednesday 21 May the optional Gala Dinner will be held including the presentation of the Young Scientist Award. Thursday 22 May is the last day of the Congress and concludes with the Closing Ceremony, where the four Best Poster Awards will be presented to the winners. The ISPRM 2005 Congress in Sao Paolo will also be introduced by the Congress Chairperson Linamara Battistella.

The ISPRM Educational and Development fund has granted the congress with support to enable people from developing countries to take part, learn and spread the gospel of modern rehabilitation principles. 24 colleagues from countries including Mongolia, Bangladesh, India, Thailand, Malaysia, Croatia, Yugoslavia, Uruguay and Malaysia among others will join the Congress with help from the fund.

I am sure the Congress in Prague will be remembered by many as an outstanding congress, both scientifically and socially, and as the city where so many magic moments happened and new friendships started. Looking forward to seeing you in Prague.

For details and program of activities please visit www.kenes.com/physical

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Herman Flax Lifetime Achievement Award

The Herman Flax Lifetime Achievement Award was established by the International Rehabilitation Medicine Association (IRMA) in honour of Herman Flax who provided outstanding leadership to IRMA and his specialty throughout his long career as an academic physiatrist. The ISPRM continues this award to honour individuals with a lifetime of outstanding and unique contributions to the care of individuals with disability and the specialty of physical and rehabilitation medicine.

Individuals receiving this award will have made contributions in the areas of patient care, research, education, administration and advocacy including advancing the ISPRM. This award is the ISPRM's highest honour. It is limited to one every two years, and need not be given at every congress.

The ISPRM Awards Committee is chaired by John Melvin and the members are Jose Jimenez, Herman Flax, Martin Grabois, Peter Disler, Sae-il Chun, Satoshi Ueda.

It is our honour to announce that by a decision taken by the ISPRM Awards Committee, the awardee for the 2003 Herman Flax Lifetime Achievement Award is

Dr. William J. (Wim) Peek

Physiatrist in The Netherlands and former ISPRM Vice-President

The presentation of the Herman Flax Lifetime Achievement Award is scheduled at the ISPRM World Congress in Prague on Tuesday May 20 at 12.30 - 12.45 hrs, location: Hall E.

You are all welcome to be present during this celebration.

ISPRM BOARD MEETINGS TAKING PLACE DURING THE ISPRM WORLD CONGRESS IN PRAGUE

(FOR RESPECTIVE MEMBERS ONLY)

- **President's Cabinet** **Sunday May 18th, 14:00-15:00 – Torino Room**
- **Executive Committee** **Sunday May 18th, 15:00-16:30 – Torino Room**
- **Board of Governors** **Wednesday May 21st, 14:00-18:00 – Hall F**

all meetings will be in formal dressing (jacket and tie for men) as pictures will be taken for the "archives"

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THE ISPRM CENTRAL OFFICE DURING THE WORLD CONGRESS IN PRAGUE

The ISPRM Central Office will have a booth in the registration area of the ISPRM World Congress in Prague. This booth will be open on Sunday and all mornings during the congress period.

You are all welcome over there to meet up with the persons behind the Central Office and to hand over your enquiries or suggestions. Also all membership arrangements can be made at the desk and membership cards and certificates can be produced on the spot.

I look forward to meeting you personally in Prague.

Werner



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

Due to the 2nd ISPRM World Congress in Prague, News & Views will not appear in May. A special May-June issue with highlights of the Congress will appear in June.

DISABILITY AND REHABILITATION

Disability and Rehabilitation is the official journal of the **International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ISPRM)**. For further information please visit: www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/09638288.html

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International congresses can be endorsed by the ISPRM if they meet the international standards of quality and if they are directly related to the field of PM&R.

An application for endorsement of your congress can be submitted to the ISPRM Central Office.

The President's Cabinet will decide on the endorsement.

If positively evaluated the Congress can use the ISPRM patronage and the ISPRM logo in the congress announcements and on the congress poster.

ISPRM members participating in the congress will receive the same reduced fees as the members of the organising society.

The congress will also be announced in the ISPRM monthly News & Views confirming the ISPRM endorsement.

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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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND CONGRESSES

- 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
- **World Physical Therapy conference** in Barcelona, Spain, June 7-12 2003
- 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 sternick@gold.com.br
- **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 Beth Christiansen at bchristiansen@udsmr.org
- 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.

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- **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. – Contact Prof. Marta Roa, President at impakt@sinfo.net



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- During 2003 **Enablement** will offer again the International Course in Management of Disability and Rehabilitation. This 4-week course usually attracts rehabilitation professionals from a wide variety of countries Contact: Huib Cornielje : h.cornielje@enablement.nl website: www.enablement.nl
- **8th Annual meeting of the Biofeedback Foundation of Europe**, February 18-24, 2004, Zurich, Switzerland, visit www.bfe.org or contact Vickie Gaves Danielle Matto .at dm-matto@hetnet.nl
- **SCI ASIA meeting in Denver in May 14.-16**, www.asia-spinalinjury.org
- **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

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- **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@clincadeldolor.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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