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BONE AND JOINT DECADE 2000-2100

By Nicolas Walsh

The 2003 Bone and Joint National Action Network conference took place on October 30--November 2, 2003 in Berlin Germany. Participants from 48 countries, members of the BJD International Steering Committee (ISC) and patient representatives attended the meeting. A meeting took place on 1 Nov 2003 with representatives from 22 global and regional societies. These organizations included Arthritis and Rheumatism International, EULAR, Asia Pacific Orthopedic Association, International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, ILAR, FIMS, ISAKOS, CSOS, SICOT, EFORT, ARTOF, SIROT, and the Japanese Orthopedic Association. Speakers included Professor Lars Lindgren speaking about " How to get global and regional societies to work on a common agenda and participate in the Bone and Joint Decade?", Dr. Goran Magyar discussing "Effective communication--a necessity for a prospering society" come on and Professor K. Gam Chan presenting "How could we worked together on the regional level?" The discussions were active and the most interesting.

The scene for the World Network Conference was "Nations in Motion-- Bridging Opportunities". Speakers, workshops, and discussions focused on:

- Building Coalition's
- Changing priorities
- Communication strategies
- An updated BJD strategy

All presentations given during the meeting may be found on www.boneandjointdecade.org/news/berlin2003.html .

All National Action Networks (NANs) attending the world network conference in Berlin were asked to create an electronic post using a PowerPoint template to update all participants. This poster session was a new method for presenting the national action networks reports. The template had the following headings:

- key projects in 2003
- key patient group activities and outcome
- key interactions with ICS, other NANs, regional groups, and governments
- key development plan for 2004

All e-Posters were presented with the top poster winner of being Bulgaria. The other winners were in the following sequence: India, Switzerland, Germany, and China. This session was an opportunity for each National Action Network to highlight successes and challenges as well as to share inspiration to take back home with them.

Venues for future National Action Network meetings will include:

- BJD World Network conference September 23-25th, 2004 will take place in Beijing, China.
- Canada -- 2005
- South Africa, Turkey, and Hungary are candidate countries for hosting future meetings.

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"The Burden of Musculoskeletal Conditions at the Start of the New Millennium" is a result of three years of work that establishes the burden of musculoskeletal conditions around the globe and recommend how it can be monitored. This was undertaken collaboratively between the WHO and the Bone and Joint Decade with an international scientific group of experts. It is hoped that this report will serve to increase the awareness and raise priority of these conditions at all levels. It is published in the WHO Technical Report Series. It is a major achievement by the BJD.

INVITATION FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE 3RD ISPRM WORLD CONGRESS

By Linamara Battistella

The International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ISPRM) is organizing its Third World Congress, which will take place on April 10-15th, 2005, in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The main scientific focus of this Congress is: Research and Healthcare Horizons in Rehabilitation Medicine.

It will be a meeting where experts in PM&R will share their knowledge and experience, as well as discuss current concepts of disability and future directions for the field. Emphasis will be given on updates in state of the art knowledge and review of the most recent advances from an international perspective in understanding mechanisms of disability and improving treatment strategies for rehabilitation patients.

Research based information, results from randomised controlled clinical trials and developments of new technologies, all of which impact treatment approaches currently in use, will be presented to you!!

Our goal is to provide multiple opportunities for participants to interact: through discussion of presentations, "get togethers" with the specialists and lunch sessions to review the current status of mechanisms based treatment. Interactions will hopefully generate ideas for future studies, research collaboration among participants. Hands on demonstration of new approaches for treating patients with the most common rehabilitation conditions will also be available.
It is our utmost concern to show the work of the best rehabilitation centers and practitioners from all over the world.

The program includes two main conference sessions a day, supervised hands-on workshops, courses on topics of general interest, keynote lectures and oral and poster presentations. There will also be a special session named "Meet the Specialist", where participants will have the opportunity to discuss clinical cases and research projects. Other advice will also be available - for example, about the best Rehabilitation Centers for fellowships – from a prominent authority in Rehabilitation Medicine at this special forum.

You should expect not only an outstanding, lively, energetic and informative scientific program, but also an atmosphere of warmth, congeniality and hospitality as only Brazil can provide. Extensive programs of entertainment for participants and their families, as well as opportunities for touring the vast natural beauties of the country will be available. Inexpensive travel fares will be available for travel to the Congress, and for tours before and after the Congress, including the Amazon forest, Rio de Janeiro, tropical beaches and Iguacu Falls.
There will also be a night for physicians to show their talents.

In order to promote the Congress among the physiatrists from all over the World we would like to count on your active participation in advertising at your hospital, University and city.

For further information and Abstract submission, please visit the website: www.isprm.org/brazil

Deadlines Early Registration: May 31st, 2004 – approx 50% reduction on the normal fee !!!
Abstract Submission: November 15th., 2004.
Confirmation of acceptance will be sent to the presenting authors up to one month after submission date.

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UEMS SECTION OF PHYSICAL & REHABILITATION MEDICINE – 18/10/2003. NEW EUROPEAN DEFINITION OF PHYSICAL & REHABILITATION MEDICINE

By Nicolas Christodoulou

"Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine" is an independent medical specialty concerned with the promotion of physical and cognitive functioning, activities (including behavior), participation (including quality of life) and modifying personal and environmental factors. It is thus responsible for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation management of people with disabling medical conditions and co-morbidity across all ages.

Specialists in Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine have a holistic approach to people with acute and chronic conditions, examples of which are musculoskeletal and neurological disorders, amputations, pelvic dysfunction, cardiac-respiratory insufficiency and the disability due to chronic pain and cancer.

"Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine" specialists work in various facilities from acute care units to community settings. They use specific diagnostic assessment tools and carry out treatments including pharmacological, physical, technical, educational and vocational interventions. Because of their comprehensive training they are best placed to be responsible for the activities of multi-professional teams in order to achieve optimal outcomes.

The definition reflects how PRM is practised in Europe, and it would be very interesting if colleagues from other parts of the world would like to send to the N & V any comments considering what is happening in their own country and/or region.

Your reactions can be sent to the Editor, Nicolas Christodoulou at chrisfam@logosnet.cy.net

COMMENT ON THE OPEN LETTER BY HUSEYIN ERTUNGA, CYPRUS PUBLISHED IN THE MARCH ISSUE OF NEWS & VIEWS

Dr. Mohd Taslim Uddin - Bangladesh Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Dr. Huseyin Ertunga, the Physiatrist from North Cyprus has raised a great problem regarding Physiatrist and Physiotherapist conflict prevailing in most of the countries. I believe this is worst in the developing countries even. The physicians and other specialists like Neuro-orthopaedic people are reluctant to refer the patients to Physiatrists rather they refer to the physiotherapist directly.

This can be for two reasons, one they want only therapy instead of other rehabilitative procedure and the other may be due to they do not understand the difference between a physiatrist and a physiotherapist. I believe, the last reason is common in my country and in most of the Middle East Countries. Now, if that is the reason, ISPRM can act through National Societies to update knowledge of the concern.

One more important aspect is the nomenclature of our specialty: "Physical Medicine". Physical is the unlucky word we are carrying. All the specialists are working on the physique (word for physical) of the patient and it is to mean " physical agents" left for the Physiatrists.

I think this is unjust and ISPRM can make it as a uniform specialty name in everywhere with "Rehabilitation Medicine" instead of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

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NEWS FROM ISRAEL:
A NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR REHABILITATION HAS BEEN CREATED
HAIM RING MD APPOINTED CHAIRMAN.

The Director General of the Ministry of Health has signed the act of creation of a National Council for Rehabilitation and appointed Haim Ring MD as chairman. So far only traditional fields or work such Surgery & Anestheology, Cardiology, etc. existed. The creation of the Council is a major achievement for the rehabilitation and represents the recognition to the work the rehabilitations systems have been doing for long years in the country, in all senses. The Council will deal with all aspects of rehabilitation work in the child, the adult and the elder, physical and emotional, in hospitals, day-hospitals and the community. The council is composed by 40 members of all the professions involved: MDs (physiatrists, geriatricians, pediatricians, orthopedic surgeons, and psychiatrists), psychologists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, nurses, social workers, epidemiologists and representatives of the major HMOs, the National Insurance Institute (Social Security) and the Ministry of Defense. The function of the Council is to advice the Director General on the various aspects of the rehabilitation process or to express expert opinion on specific issues by the Director General or other officials' request. The work of the Council will start soon and will deal with issues such as good clinical practice, evidence-based rehabilitation, continuity of care, boundaries of the different aspects of the rehabilitation work, functional evaluation and outcomes, economics in rehabilitation, cost/effectiveness and technologies in rehabilitation.

NEWS & SPECIAL HONOUR TO OUR MEMBERS

Our ISPRM member, Dr.Nathan Zasler M.D specialist in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation who practices in Glen Allen, Va (USA) recently had the honor of being invited to a papal audience with **Pope John Paul II** in Rome, Italy.

Last October the AAPMR meeting in Chicago coincided with the famous Chicago marathon. Both events had the Hilton Hotel as the official hotel. Consequently the hotel was dominated by rehabilitation physicians in conference and elite athletes preparing for the Marathon. Daan Wever, ISPRM Regional Vice President for Europe took the opportunity to participate in both and completed the marathon in a very respectful time of 3.20 hrs.

We kindly welcome Dr. Colleen O'Connell and Dr. Brenda Joyce as representatives of the Canadian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation within the Board of Governors of ISPRM.

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A JOURNEY THROUGH INTERNATIONAL REHABILITATION EDUCATION CYBERSPACE - MEASURING INTERNATIONAL WEB EXPOSURE OF THE ISPRM FACULTY-STUDENT EXCHANGE ACTIVITY

By Mark A. Young

ISPRM Faculty-Student Exchange Committee Members:
Peter Disler (Australia), Luigi Tesio (Italy), Mark Young (USA)

Acknowledgements: Michael J. Young , Web Master

Background

In the sixteen short months since the inception of the ISPRM Faculty-Student Exchange Program ("Operation Global Goniometry"), the committee has endeavored to promote international educational opportunities in rehabilitation for students, faculty and practicing physicians across all corners of the globe.

Rehabilitation Education & Cyberspace: A Review

Use of the Internet and World Wide Web Cyberspace Technology has played a critically important role in the world wide dissemination of information and activities of the committee.
By serving as a "virtual bulletin board" for new developments in international rehabilitation education, www.isprm-edu.org has served as an important and ever-changing pictorial news forum and has streamlined swift communication among rehabilitation professionals interested in furthering international goodwill through collaborative educational and humanitarian PR&M ventures.

Web Site Analysis of Activity (January 21, 2004 through April 11th, 2004)

This report will provide an analysis and summary of the activity of the Global Goniometry web site, to date. Statistics highlighted will review the cumulative activity of the site since its "live launch" in January.
In order to aid in the interpretation of statistics and to place the discussion in perspective. a brief background primer on "web analysis nomenclature" will be provided

WEB SITE TRAFFIC

"Web site traffic" is defined as the amount of visitors and visits a web site receives. This metric is viewed as an important measure for gauging success of a Web Site. The web site traffic for the www.isprm-edu.org web site has increased in many areas since the site's launch in January. Both the number of originating countries from which hits have been received as well as the total number of hits received, irrespective of origin have increased.

UNIQUE VISITORS

"Unique Visitors" is defined as individuals who have visited www.isprm-edu.org
web site at least once in a fixed time frame, typically a 30 day period.
Since January 21, 2004, the date the Global Goniometer Site went "live" until April 11, 2004 (the date of this report), there have been a total number of 253 unique visitors to our site.

Visits:

"Visits" refers to the number of times all the "visitors" have visited the www.isprm-edu.org . This metric takes into account repeat visits and reflects visits by non-unique visitors.
There have been a total of 306 visits in the January 21 through April 11th timeframe. This averages out to 1.2 visits per visitor.

"Pages" or "Page Hits"

"Page" corresponds to the number of individual pages on the isprm-edu.org web site viewed by a single visitor.
"Pages" refer to the number of individual pages viewed by the universe of **all** visitors to the isprm-edu.org web site. (Total Pages= Visits x Pages)
For the period ranging from January 21, 2004 to April 11th, 2004 a total of 1208 pages or page hits

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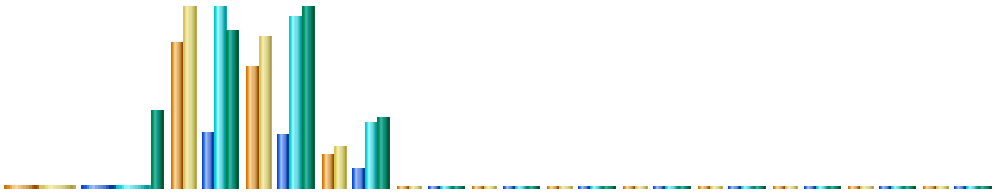
Hit:
Refers to the retrieval of any item, like a page or a graphic, from a web site. For example, when a visitor calls up a web page with four graphics, that's five hits, one for the page and four for the graphics. For this reason, hits often aren't always good indication of Web traffic. Hits may be viewed as a measure of the "stickiness" of a site or the ability of the site to maintain visitors on the site once they have navigated there or encourage the visitor to return frequently.

The ISPRM-EDU.ORG web site received a total of 4097 hits which ranged 13.37 visits per hit.

Month/Day

First visit	Summary			Last visit
21 Jan 2004 - 07:34	**Year 2004**			11 Apr 2004 - 11:10
Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
<= 253 Exact value not available in 'Year' view	**306** (1.2 visits/visitor)	**1208** (3.94 pages/visit)	**4097** (13.38 hits/visit)	**104.17 MB** (348.59 KB/visit)



Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2004	43	46	96	458	16.57 MB
Feb 2004	102	126	488	1576	33.86 MB
Mar 2004	85	105	465	1495	38.82 MB

Visiting Countries

The web site analysis of counties from where hits have been received indicate broad representation from over 21 countries. Due to the web site analysis software's inability to decode all hit origins, some counties may not be represented or under represented. Additionally, inquiries originating from network, unknown or commercial domains may not be represented in the country tally.

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Visitors domains/countries

	Domains/Countries		Pages	Hits
	Network	net	552	1113
	Unknown	lp	508	2260
	Commercial	com	30	98
	Brazil	br	24	110
	Australia	au	16	94
	Poland	pl	14	81
	Canada	ca	12	12
	Israel	il	9	44
	Croatia	hr	9	50
	Yugoslavia	yu	7	36
	Portugal	pt	3	18
	Japan	jp	3	31
	Romania	ro	3	13
	USA Educational	edu	3	16
	United Kingdom	uk	2	19
	Non-Profit Organizations	org	2	16
	Czech Republic	cz	2	13
	Sweden	se	2	18
	Turkey	tr	1	8
	Greece	gr	1	8
	South Korea	kr	1	11
	Estonia	ee	1	8
	Ireland	ie	1	4
	Argentina	ar	1	8
	Peru	pe	1	8

An Invitation:

Members of the Operation Global Goniometry task force wish to again extend a warm invitation to the international rehabilitation community to play an active role in the committee's activities. Use of the web site can help to foster international collaboration in exciting and unprecedented new ways:

- ✓ The section of the web site link labeled: "Getting Involved" describes ways to become actively involved in international educational opportunities.
- ✓ Rehabilitation professionals across the globe are encouraged to visit the site often as the web site is a "work in progress" with new content being added all the time.
- ✓ Members of the ISPRM Faculty-Student Exchange Committee wish to encourage all ISPRM members involved in educational matters to consider contributing content to the site.

In the spirit of the committee's vision and objectives, we welcome all to participate

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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND CONGRESSES

Congresses with the ISPRM logo in the left margin are endorsed by the ISPRM and offer reduced registration fees to ISPRM Members

2nd Japanese-Korean Joint Conference (Korean and Japanese Society of PM&R), April 24-25, 2004, Kyoto, Japan, contact: nobuishi@me.ndmc.ac.jp

- Combined Annual Scientific Meetings of the **Australian Society for Geriatric Medicine (ASGM) and the Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine (AFRM),** 27 – 30 April 2004, Esplanade Hotel**,** Fremantle Western Australia**:** Contact: AFRM@racp.edu.au

- **Annual Scientific Session of the American Pain Society**, May 6-9, 2004, Vancouver, B.C., Canada, visit www.aps.org

- **Spring Meeting** of the **Royal Belgian Society of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation**- Quality of Life Measurement in Rehabilitation: Misleading Evidence?, May 8, 2004, Leuven, Belgium. Visit www.uzleuven.be/rehabilitation

- 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

- **SCI ASIA Meeting,** Denver USA**,** May 14.-16, **www.asia-spinalinjury.org**

- **5th World Congress on Brian Injury** (IBIA), 23 – 26 May, 2004. Stockholm, Sweden, contact: braininjury@congrex.se.

- **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

- **3rd International Shoulder Course 2004, Villach, Austria, June 2nd-5th, www.shoulder.org**

8th Congress of the European Federation for Research in Rehabilitation (**EFRR**) June 13-17, 2004, Ljubljana, Slovenia. Visit www.cd-cc.si/EFRR2004/ or contact: crt.marincek@mail.ir-rs.si

- **Annual Scientific Meeting of the Canadian Association of PM&R**, June 16 – 20, Charlottetown, Pel, Canada. Visit www.capmr.medical.org/agm2004.htm

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- **Rehabilitation International Assembly and World Congress**, June 21-24 (date changed), 2004; Oslo, Norway. www.RI-Norway.no
- **Principles and Practice of Pain Medicine**, June 23-27, 2004, The Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston, USA Visit www.med.harvard.edu/conted
- **5th World Stroke Congress**, June 23-26, 2004, Vancouver, Canada, Visit: www.kenes.com/stroke2004
- **Australian society for the Study of Brain Impairment** & **Int. Neuropsychological Society Annual Meeting,** July 7-10, Brisbane, Australia**, www.tourhost.com.au/neuropsych** and email **neuropsych@tourhost.com.au**
- **Survival in the Rehab Jungle** July 28-30, 2004, Buffalo Niagara Marriott, Amherst NY, organisation**:** Uniform Data System for Medical Rehabilitation, **www.udsmr.org or info@udsmr.org**
- 11th World Congress of the **International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics** (ISPO), 1-6 August 2004 Hong Kong: ispo@pctourshk.com
- Conference for rehabilitation professionals **Connecting the Pieces for Success, August 21-23, 2003.** Buffalo Niagara Marriott, Amherst NY organised by Uniform Data System for Medical Rehabilitation Information: www.udsmr.org or info@udsmr.org
- **Towards Global Partnerships: Working together for Effective Clinical Practice**, An international conference organised by the **International Journal of Therapy and Rehabilitation**, 25-27 August 2004, Corinthia San Gorg Hotel, Malta. Info: tania@markallengroup.com.
- **Rehabilitation in vascular diseases of central nervous system**; International Congress of the Polish Rehabilitation Society, September 1-4, 2004, Rzeszów (south-east Poland). Visit the Polish Rehabilitation Society site: www.ptreh.home.pl or the congress site: www.szpital2.rzeszow.pl.

International Course in Management of Disability and Rehabilitation, 20 Sept – 15 Oct, Utrecht, The Netherlands. The course is focusing to a large extent on policy and management issues of rehabilitation programmes in developing countries. There is a strong emphasis on community based rehabilitation. – ISPRM members benefit of a 20% reduction. Information: www.enablement.nl and h.cornielje@enablement.nl

- 3rd World Congress of the **World Institute of Pain**, 22-25 September 2004, Barcelona, Spain info@clinicadeldolor.com or wipcongress@meet2.net
- 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
- 19th Annual Congress of the **Société Française de Médecine Physique et de Réadaptation**, September 30 – October 2, 2004. Cité de Sciences & de l'industrie, Paris, France.
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- 18th Congress of the **Mexican Society of PM&R**, 5 – 7 October, 2004 Chihuahua, Mexico – Visit http://sociedadrehabilitacion.org.mx

- 66th **Annual Assembly of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation** (AAPM&R), 07 – 10 October 2004, Phoenix, Arizona, USA- Visit www.aaprmr.org

- 3rd.National Convention and scientific congress with International Participation of **the Bangladesh Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation** (BAPMRCON2004), 5 - 6 October 2004, Hotel Sheraton, Dhaka, Bangladesh: Contact: Dr. Mohd Taslim Uddin: taslim@bdcom.com

- 5th **Interdisciplinary World Congress n Low Back & Pelvic Pain**, 10 – 13 November 2004, Melbourne, Australia – visit www.worldcongresslbp.com

3rd ISPRM World Congress - April 10-14, 2005 in Sao Paolo, Brazil, www.isprm.org/brazil

- 6th **World Congress on Brain Injury** – IBIA, in conjunction with the 13th Annual Meeting of the **Australasion Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine** (AFRM), 5 – 8 May 2005, Melbourne, Australia – www.icms.com.au/braininjury

- 11th **World Congress on Pain** (IASP), 21 – 26 August 2005, Sydney, Australia – www.iasp-pain.org

- 67th Annual Assembly of the AAPMR, 27 – 30 October 2005 Phoenix, USA – www.aapmr.org

4th ISPRM World Congress – October 8 - 12, 2007 in Seoul, Korea

5th ISPRM World Congress – May 9 -13, 2009 in Istanbul, Turkey

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