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Open Letter

Having completed my term as ISPRM secretary, I want to share my thoughts in an open letter to you. Since our recent President's Council meeting in April in Kuwait and the Bard meeting in Siracusa, I have given a great deal of thought to the future of the organization. My initial active involvement began with IRMA in 1982, and in the past twenty years I feel we have come a very long way. The merger of IRMA and IFPMR into the ISPRM was a significant step in moving international rehabilitation medicine forward. As you will remember, our reasons for combining these organizations were due to each organization having a lack of finances to accomplish goals, lack of commitment of members to get the job done, lack of communications with its members, and lack of specific measurable accomplishments. By combining the two organizations into the ISPRM, we committed ourselves to the following mission: to be the preeminent scientific and educational international society for practitioners in the fields of physical and rehabilitation medicine; to improve the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of physicians in understanding pathodynamics and management of impairments and disabilities; to help to improve the quality of life of people with impairments and disabilities; and to provide a mechanism to facilitate physical and rehabilitation medicine input to international health organizations/

Yet to date we have not met our mission or goals, but have simply taken small steps in trying to reach them. Yes, we have made progress. We have an international office with an executive director and host an international congress every two years. Yes, we have a basic website and have recently reestablished News and Views. However, we still lack a significant membership base, financial resources, long range plan, effective functioning committee structure, membership directly, strong functioning affiliation with a journal, exchange program, and significant program and benefits for our members.

In order to move forward, a primary focus must be leadership by our officers, executive committee, the Board and you, the membership. We must all take responsibility and implement action to move our agenda forward and to be held accountable for our commitments.

It has indeed been a distinct honor to serve as an IRMA Board member, secretary and president; IFPMR Board member and treasurer; as a member of the IRMA/IFPMR task force to form the ISPRM; and finally to serve as an ISPRM Board member and secretary.

I look forward to continuing as a member at large on the Board and continuing to move our agenda forward.

Martin Grabois, M.D., Professor and Chairman

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NEW ISPRM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2002-2004

Please find herewith the New Executive Committee active since June this year
The full Board of ISPRM including all subcommittees will be published in the next issue of News & Views

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Korean-Japanese Joint Conference in Rehabilitation Medicine 2002

By Chang-il Park

The Korean Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine and The Japanese Association of Rehabilitation Medicine held the 1st Joint conference entitled on "Korean-Japanese Joint Conference on Rehabilitation Medicine 2002". This conference was held on April 19-20, 2002 at Gyeongju in Korea. This conference was organized by the Korean Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine with support of Japanese Association of Rehabilitation Medicine.
This conference will be held every two years in Korea and Japan. The next joint conference will be held in Kyoto in 2004.
The theme of this conference was "Roles of Rehabilitation Medicine in Twenty First Century". There were one plenary session "Past, Present and Future of Rehabilitation Medicine in Korea and Japan", one symposium "Stroke Rehabilitation" and three panel discussions "Spinal Cord Injury Session, Cerebral Palsy Session, and Rheumatoid Arthritis Session" were included in the scientific program of this conference. Total 528 physiatrists of both countries attended this conference. Total 211 abstracts were presented orally or through the poster.
The Closing Ceremony and Banquet was a unique and unforgettable experience. The participants enjoyed an exciting Koran traditional performance. The exotic environment filled the night air. This event gave ample opportunity for everyone to enjoy the local art, the excellent food.
All participants enjoyed this conference. Judging from the response we have received so far, the conference was a great success, both scientifically and socially. Also, this conference was a great success financially. We believe that this conference will promote the development of rehabilitation medicine in both countries, and in many Asian countries.

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4th Mediterranean Congress of PRM – Syracuse – Sicily – Italy (25-28.6.2002):

By Nicolas Christodoulou, MFPRM President

The 4th Mediterranean congress of our Forum organized in Syracuse by Franco Cirillo and his colleagues, has already passed in History of our Movement. They participated about 500 people 50% of them coming from Mediterranean and other countries and 50% from Italy. The Congress was under the patronage of the President of the Italian Republic Carlo Azeglio Ciampi and under the auspices of ISPRM, MFPRM and SIMFER. Both the scientific and social programs were excellent and the Congress is consider as a successful one. The impressive opening ceremony at the "Palazzo Vermexio" in Ortigia, was followed by a welcome cocktail in the Palazzo Vescovile nearby. On June 26, the congress attendants had the opportunity to see at "Teatro Greco" the comedy of Aristofane "Le Rane"(The frogs) and later they experienced the tastes of a typical Sicilian Dinner in the Tennis Club Match Ball. On June 27, the Gala Dinner was organized in "Villa Conigliaro Vinci". An interesting commercial and pharmaceutical exhibition was held in parallel to the Congress. The Congress was divided into various sessions: Prosthetics and orthotics, botulinum toxin in PRM, update in PRM technology, update in disabilities due to locomotor system disorders, update in spinal cord injuries, stroke rehabilitation, rehabilitation of neurological disabilities, osteoporosis, pediatric rehabilitation and rehabilitation of traumatic brain injuries. Besides the 18 lectures from international speakers, the 136 oral presentations, the 2 workshops and 87 posters, there were organized 2 interesting Symposiums: In the first one for "The Organization of Rehabilitation Services in the Mediterranean Countries", co-ordinated by Dr. Nicolas Christodoulou, there were presented the Rehabilitation Services of 16 countries. In the second one for "Certifications and Accreditations", co-ordinated by Pr. Haim Ring, they presented the training programs, certification and accreditation procedures of their countries 9 participants. Both Symposiums have given the opportunity to all the attendants to understand the structure of the organization and procedures to each country as well as the different problems in each Mediterranean country. Another 2 smaller symposiums dealt with "Aspects of Prevention" and "Rehabilitation and Disorders of the Lumbar Spine".

During the Congress there were meetings of the ISPRM governing bodies.

Mediterranean Forum of Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine (MFPRM):

By Nicolas Christodoulou, MD, PhD, (MFPRM President), chrisfam@logosnet.cy.net

A Society under the above name was established since September 2000, during the 3rd Mediterranean Congress in Athens. After 3 successful Mediterranean congresses (in Herzlia-Israel on '96, Valencia-Spain on '98 and Athens-Hellas on '00), it was a need to establish a Union to guarantee the continuity of such congresses around Mediterranean Lake. The **Mission and Goals** of this Society is to be the scientific Mediterranean body for physicians working in countries around or with close vicinity with Mediterranean Sea, in the field of Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine; to facilitate Mediterranean exchange regarding different aspects of Rehabilitation research, multi-center trials, national and Mediterranean projects, meetings and congresses; to organize a biennial Mediterranean congress of PRM in one of the countries having active members of the Society; to influence national governments, in close co-operation with the national society of PRM, to support initiatives and co-operation in the field of teaching development of services and research in PRM; to provide information to national governments about the contents and evidence based efficacy of PRM; and, overall, to promote the Mediterranean Solidarity of all its members.

"Mediterranean Forum of PRM" is open to all qualified physicians specialized in PRM who are working in the above described countries. Those who wish to become active members should apply to any member of the Board, there are no membership fees and during the Mediterranean Congresses a General Assembly is planned where all present members can participate.

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During the 4th Mediterranean congress held in Syracuse-Sicily-Italy, a final meeting of the past Forum Board (Nicolas Christodoulou - Secretary, Franco Cirillo, Xanthi Michail, Antonio Hernandez Royo, Haim Ring, Tansu Arasil, Mohamed El Abd) took place on the 26.6.02 and prepared the working procedures for the Assembly and the new Board. On the 27.6.02, during the General Assembly, it was decided that the 5th Mediterranean Congress will take place in Antalya-Turkey in 2004, probably in October. Also, it was decided that the official journal of our Society will be the "Europa Medicophysica" printed in Italy, where we will participate actively. A new Board was elected consisted of the following:

1. Nicolas Christodoulou (Cyprus) President
2. Tansu Arasil (Turkey) Vice-President
3. Jorge Lains (Portugal) Secretary
4. Catherine Dziri (Tunisia) Treasurer
5. Alain Delarque (France) Member
6. Haim Ring (Israel) Member
7. Crt Marincek (Slovenia) Member.

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Upcoming Meetings and Congresses

2nd World Congress of the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine – ISPRM
PRAGUE 2003 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 (hring@post.tau.ac.il) for further information.
For updates, registration, accommodation and papers submission please visit: www.kenes.com/physical

- The **Annual Meeting of the ACRM** will be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 4-6, 2002
  Martin Grabois, M.D. is currently President of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine.
  The scientific program has been finalized now and more information can be found at: www.acrm.org

- The XXII-nd Annual National Conference of Romanian Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, Craiova, 10-12 October 2002. Topics: Soft tissue rheumatic pain and Orthoses
  Contact Person: Mihai Berteanu at mbert@fx.ro

- **Partnerships for Disability Rights**: International Forum on Disabilities to Mark the End Yard of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, October 21-23, 2002 - Osaka, Japan
  Contact: Japanese Society for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities;
  E-mail: forum@dinf.ne.jp Visit: www.normanet.ne.jp/-forum/english/index.htm, Fax: +81-5273-1523

- 2nd Annual **National Conference of the Bangladesh Association of PM&R**, October 23, 2002 in Dhaka
  For more information: taslim@bdcom.com

- The **Mexican Academy of PM&R** will organise its congress in Mazatlan, Mexico, November 7-10, 2002

- Amerıcan **Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain**, November 7-10, 2002;
  Medicine Annual Fall Pain Meeting and Workshops, Phoenix, AZ. www.asra.com

- **Rehabilitation International** 8th European Regional Conference, November 11-15, 2002
  Conference, Aachen, Germany. www.erc2002aachen.org

- The **American Academy of PM&R** will take place in Orlando Florida, November 21-24, 2002. Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, Florida - E-mail: fcygan@aaprm.org - Web www.aapmr.org
  November 19-20, 2002 : - Preparing Yourself for Physiatric Practice, Disability Evaluation Program, PASSOR Spinal Procedures Workshop
  November 21-24 - AAPMR 63rd Annual Assembly and Technical Exhibition in conjunction with the AHA Section for Long-Term Care and Rehabilitation and American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association
  November 24-25 - Coding and Billing Workshop
  November 24-26 - Principles of Manual Medicine

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- 4th International Copenhagen Symposium on Chronic Pain, January 25-26, 2003, Copenhagen, Denmark. bdp@bdp.dk

  7th Annual Meeting of the **Biofeedback Foundation of Europe**, Urdine, Italy. February 16-22, 2003; www.bfe.org

  5th **South Asian Confederation of Anaesthesiologists/**1st **South Asian Regional Pain Societies Congress**, Dhaka, Bangladesh, February 18-20, 2003; www.sacbd2003.com

- **American Academy of Pain Medicine** 19th Annual Meeting, February 28-23, 2003, New Orleans, Louisiana. www.painmed.org

- **Australian Pain Society 24th** ASM/New Zealand Pain Society 10th ASM, March 9-13, 2003; Christchurch, New Zealand. www.apsoc.org.au

- The **22nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Pain Society**, March 20-23, 2003, Chicago, Illinois Visit www.ampainsoc.org/meeting/

- 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

- 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 (hring@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

- 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.

- **Annual Scientific Meeting of the Southern Pain Society**, October 17-19, 2003; 2003, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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- 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@continuingededucation.net, Visit: www.continuingeducation.net

- **SpineWeek,** 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 **European Congress of the FEMPR,** May 2004 in Vienna,
  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

- **Rehabilitation International Assembly and World Congress**, August 9-13, 2004; Oslo, Norway.
  www.RI-Norway.no

- 43rd Annual Scientific Meeting of the ISCOS, **International Spinal Cord Society**, 27-30 September 2004, Athens, Greece. Visit www.triaenatours.gr

- **5th Mediterranean Congress in Antalya,** October 2004, conduct Pr. Tansu at Arasil, tansu@surf.net.tr

Remember the 3rd ISPRM World Congress will be organised May 18-22, 2005 in San Paolo, Brazil and the 4rd 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 Executive Director

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