WHO invites ISPRM

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The Disability and Rehabilitation Team (WHO/DAR Team) of the World Health Organization (WHO) has formally invited the ISPRM to send a representative to the WHO Second Informal Meeting on Medical Rehabilitation. J. Melvin, Past-President and member of the WHO Liaison Committee, will attend on behalf of the ISPRM.

WHO published in 1981 its current document containing the official recommendations of WHO to Member States in the field of Medical Rehabilitation. This document, Report of the WHO Expert Committee on Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation, needs replacement because of the extensive changes in the field of medical rehabilitation since 1981.

The process for replacement involves convening a study group to make an official revision of a background document. This official revision will be distributed to the Member States and the WHO World Health Assembly for review and possible further revision. The Assembly will have to approve the final version of the new Report for its recommendations to be official.

The Member States of the WHO are the various countries of the world. Often these countries will adopt as their health policy the official recommendations of the WHO. Thus, the deliberations of such meetings can have great influence including determining how medical rehabilitation might be delivered, organized and financed.

The WHO invited the ISPRM to participate because it is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in official relation with the WHO. This means the ISPRM periodically develops plans of collaboration that the WHO approves after reviewing the success of the previous three year plan. To maintain its NGO status it is important the ISPRM monitor throughout the three year periods its progress towards accomplishing the goals in the collaboration plan. As an NGO, the ISPRM also receives invitations to participate in the WHO World Health Assemblies where it has final opportunities to influence the recommendations of the WHO.

In the past the ISPRM and its predecessor organization did not take advantage of these opportunities to participate in the development of international health policy. As medical rehabilitation becomes more of a core health service it will become more important that the views of the ISPRM are considered in these policy discussions.
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- International Congress to the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Portuguese Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, 1-4 October 2003, Porto, Portugal – visit www.spmfr.com

- 19th National Congress of the Turkish Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, October 4 - 8, 2003, Atlantis Hotel, Belek, Antalya. Visit www.ftr.kongresi.org

- Annual conference of the Chinese Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, October 14-18, 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


- 20th Anniversary of the Chinese Association of Rehabilitation Medicine: "Development of Rehabilitation Medicine in China– Past, Present and Future" October 20 to 24 in Beijing, 2003. Contact Prof Jianin Li at lijianan@public1.ptt.js.cn

- 2nd European Course on Rehabilitation of the Hand, 26-30 October 2003, Bodrum, Turkey – visit www.vitalmedbodrum.com or email Prof. Henk Stam at h.j.stam@erasmusmc.nl

- Annual Scientific Meeting of the Southern Pain Society, October 17-19, 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@continuingededucation.net, Visit: www.continuingededucation.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

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

The 6th International Conference on Pain and Chemical Dependency, February 4-7, 2004, Brooklyn, New York, visit www.painandchemicaldependency.org

32nd Annual National Conference of the Indian Association of PMR, 6-8 February, Calicut, Kerala, India., visit www.iapmrcon2004.org/

Super EMG MMIV February 14-21, 2003, Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii, visit: http://ccme.osu.edu

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

8th Annual Meeting of The Biofeedback Foundation of Europe, February 24-28, 2004, Winterthur, Switzerland, information can be found at www.bfe.org

The 4th World Congress on the Aging Male, February 26-29, 2004, Prague, Czech Republic Visit: www.kenes.com/aging

Joint Conference of the American Society on Aging and National Council on Aging, April 14-17, 2004, San Francisco, California, visit www.asaging.org/summer-series

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


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

- Principles and Practice of Pain Medicine, June 23-27, 2004, The Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston, USA Visit www.med.harvard.edu/conted


- 11th World Congress of the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics (ISPO), 1-6 August 2004 Hong Kong: ispo@ptourshk.com

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

- 3rd World Congress World Institute of Pain, September 21-25, 2004, Barcelona, Spain, wipcongress@meet2.net

- 3rd World Congress of the World Institute of Pain, 22-25 September 2004, Barcelona, Spain info@clinicadeldolor.com


- 5th Mediterranean Congress on PM&R, September 30 –October 03, 2004, Antalya, Turkey, visit www.medcongress.org or contact Pr. Tansu at Arasil, tansu@surf.net.tr

Reminder: the 3rd ISPRM World Congress will be organised on April 10-14, 2005 in Sao Paolo, Brazil and the 4th ISPRM World Congress will take place on October 8-12, 2007 in Seoul, Korea.

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