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FIRST THREE MONTHS IN OFFICE “THE WHEELS STARTED MOVING ON”

By Haim Ring M.D., ISPRM President

The new Board of Governors is now three months in office - in a way similar to the “100 days of grace” - and I find it appropriate to inform about our whereabouts, with the hope members will find the report of inspiration for further working, each one in his/her own site, for the advancement of the organization. Probably, the most important fact is we witness now an intense and continuous exchange of messages from/to the Central Office in Belgium and people directly between them, officials in the different positions: President’s Cabinet, regional Vice-presidents, Presidents of national societies, and even individuals asking questions. This is very exciting. If I tell you that an editorial I wrote in a previous News and Views issue was translated to Chinese and the President of the Bangladesh PM&R Society asked for a letter greeting the participants of their national meeting, one starts feeling that something is really happening. But, let’s go issue by issue:

- 1) We have now an active **Central Office** in Belgium with Werner Van Cleemputte as Executive Director. He runs the national organizations and members’ register, collects the fees and responds without delay to inquiries, day by day.
- 2) The **News & Views** bulletin is now published monthly, bringing information, calendar of events, reports from different parts of the world (send yours!). We would like to also encourage the exchange of Views, not only News, any?
- 3) Under Nao Chino, our Secretary and Onder Kayhan, his Assistant, the number of **individual members** has increased already by 10% - the target annual figure as determined in Syracuse – and is growing steadily. The campaign will continue.
- 4) A letter was issued to the Presidents of the, so far, non-affiliated **national societies**, to establish a dialogue and urging them to join the ISPRM, the sooner the better, in order to make the organization stronger, for all purposes.
- 5) A **White Paper** on the advantages of joining the ISPRM, for both national societies and individuals, is being written by our Past president, John Melvin, and will be brought to everybody’s attention as soon as it will go out of printing.
- 6) Chang-il Park, our Vice-President is running the “**regional vice-presidents project**”, started last term, and aiming at improving regional surveys and activities, membership, reporting to News & Views and identifying candidates to get involved.
- 7) The **links with international organizations and projects** have intensified: Gerold Stucki is leading the WHO-ICF project through the ISPRM regional vice-presidents, Nicolas Walsh is in the Executive Board of the Decade of Bone and Joint project, John Melvin is linking an ISPRM group of experts with the WHO Trauma and Injury Prevention project, the ISPRM exchange program is getting organized.
- 8) A **Directory** of members and national organizations, to be installed in our Website, is now starting to be built up. Hope we can inform on progress soon.
- 9) Financial issues are of concern: we aim now at boosting **sponsors recruitment**. A letter was prepared for potential sponsors. If you have suitable candidates, let us know without delay, they are missing exposure to 35.000 potential viewers/users!
- 10) We encourage thinking on an **alternative way of ISPRM fees** fixing. Your opinion is important to us. If you have some idea, you may be the one inducing a change; let us know your proposal. Mark Lissens, our Treasurer, is coordinating efforts on this and the previous issue and will certainly be grateful to you, along with the Board.

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- 11) Most of the **committee members** have been appointed and some, like the by-laws one under Jose Jimenez, even started their activities. I reckon that people interested in collaborating “ex-officio”, may find their way to do so and be appointed in the future.

In view of all the above, I feel there is room for optimism, although much work is still to be done. The spirit of positive work and thinking is what matters. If someone has some initiative, please channel it through the well-established lines of work. Get involved; join us in the effort of making ISPRM bigger and stronger. Everybody will benefit. Finally, come to the ISPRM Prague meeting in May 2003 and we'll talk!

THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF PHYSICAL AND REHABILITATION MEDICINE

By John L. Melvin, ISPRM Past President

REPORT OF JOINT ACTIVITIES (1999-2001)

The International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ISPRM) was created in November 1999 through the merger of the International Federation of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (IFPMR) and the International Rehabilitation Medicine Association. The IFPMR had been a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) affiliate of the World Health Organization (WHO) for more than thirty years.

The IFPMR Plan of Collaboration for 1999-2001 was submitted to the WHO through correspondence dated October 7, 1998. The following items from that plan were accomplished.

Inviting the WHO to organize sessions or workshops in the biennial Congresses of the Society.

The last World Congress of the IFPMR was held jointly with the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPMR) in Washington, DC during November 1999. Dr. Patricia Graham in conjunction with Dr. Enrico Pupulin of DAR planned a course on Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) presented at this Congress. Dr. Pupulin presented one of the lectures, and contributed many of the concepts presented by Dr. Graham.

Promoting WHO priorities in Rehabilitation among its nations and individual membership.

During the 1999-2001 period, the President of the ISPRM (Professor John Melvin) in association with colleagues at MossRehab of Philadelphia, WHO DAR Staff Members and the US Department of Defense (DoD) developed manuals for midlevel rehabilitation workers on the treatment of individuals with amputations and traumatic brain injury. The final printing of these manuals currently is awaiting appropriate approvals from the DoD. The project is now supervised by Dr. Alberto Esquenazi, the current ISPRM Regional Vice President for the Americas.

This DoD sponsored project also funded two trips to Cambodia by Dr. Patricia Graham to begin the education of local rehabilitation personnel using drafts of the manuals.

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The President of the ISPRM also initiated a legislative effort to develop US governmental funding for a WHO affiliated Research and Training Center in Rehabilitation Medicine. This included convening a meeting of US rehabilitation medicine experts in Philadelphia during the spring of 2000 with Enrico Pupulin of DAR to plan the form of this initiative. Although there was considerable support in the US Senate and the Clinton Administration, the final legislative appropriations for FY 2001 failed to provide funding for this center, and the interest of the appropriate governmental body (National Institute for Disability and Rehabilitation Research) did not continue under the Bush Administration.

Creating groups of international experts to write position papers about selected matters of mutual interest suggested by the WHO.

At its First World Congress in Amsterdam during July 1999, the ISPRM agreed to participate in the collaboration project between the University of Munich and the WHO entitled: WHO-Collaboration Project "The development of ICF-Core-Sets for clinical practice". This project is led by Professor Gerold Stucki of the University of Munich. During 2001, the Regional Vice Presidents of the ISPRM identified experts from throughout the world for four musculoskeletal conditions: back pain, osteoporosis, rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis. These experts began a Delphi process in 1991 to identify lists of the ICF-domains (so called ICF-Core-Sets) relevant to these health conditions.

Creating two to three fellowships (grants) for physicians from under-developed or developing-countries who are interested in Rehabilitation to facilitate attendance at the biennial Congresses of the Society.

At both the last Congress of the IFPMR in Washington, DC during November 1999 and the First World Congress of the ISPRM in Amsterdam during July 2001 more than ten physicians from developing countries received partial support from the ISPRM that permitted them to attend the Congresses.

Developing processes to facilitate world-wide dissemination of information of relevant Rehabilitation issues.

The ISPRM President (Professor John Melvin) presented an invited lecture on August 1, 2000 at the Medicine Meets Millennium Lecture Series that was co-sponsored by EXPO 2000 Hanover and the WHO.

By involving its Regional Vice Presidents, and identified experts from throughout the world, the ISPRM is facilitating the dissemination of efforts to implement the ICF in clinical practice internationally. During 2001 the President of the ISPRM prepared a presentation regarding the WHO-University of Munich Collaborative Project and its goals. This presentation was made at the Second Kuwait Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Conference in Kuwait City, Kuwait on April 1, 2002.

INTERIM REPORT OF JOINT ACTIVITIES (2002-2004)

This report includes the joint activities during the first nine months of 2002 of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ISPRM) outlined in their collaboration plan of 2002-2004. It is organized under the heading of the plan.

Monitor the invitations of the WHO to its international, regional and special meetings, review the agendas and related materials of these meetings, and observe or present views on the subjects of interest to the ISPRM.

A representative of the ISPRM (Professor John Melvin) is registered as an NGO observer at the 26th Pan American Sanitary Conference and the 54th Session of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization of the Americas from 23 to 27 September 2002. The agenda items of most interest to the ISPRM "Health and Aging" and "Public Health Responses to Chronic Diseases".

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Invite representatives of the WHO to participate in the planning of the ISPRM World Congresses including suggesting topics and participating as speakers.

The organizers of the ISPRM 2nd World Congress (Prague, May 2003) have approached Enrico Pupulin of DAR concerning his suggestions for a discussion topic, and invited him to participate as a presenter at the Congress.

Promote WHO priorities in Rehabilitation among its nation and individual membership

The ISPRM Regional Vice President for North America (Doctor Alberto Esquenazi) continues to work with the funding agency, the US Department of Defense (DoD), to receive approval to complete the printing of the manuals on amputation and traumatic brain injury for mid-level rehabilitation workers.

Provide international experts to participate in the development of position papers of mutual interest.

Activity continued on the WHO-Collaboration Project “The development of ICF-Core-Sets for clinical practice”. The experts identified by the Regional Vice Presidents of the ISPRM on back pain, osteoporosis, rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis met in Seon, Germany in April 2002 where the ICF-Core-Sets for these health conditions were finalized. Among these experts were the President and Vice President of the ISPRM, the Past Secretary of the International Federation of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and the Regional Vice Presidents of Africa & the Middle East and South America.

The ISPRM appointed a committee of three rehabilitation experts to work with Doctor Charles Mock on the WHO-International Surgical Society (ISS) collaborative project on trauma and injury prevention.

The Past President of the ISPRM (Professor John Melvin) served as a consultant to the DAR in Geneva during August 2002. During this visit he prepared a draft report on issues related to medical rehabilitation.

COLLABORATION PLAN (2002-2004)

The International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ISPRM) proposes the following plan for collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) during the period of 2002-2004. Many of the items are continuation of projects implemented during the period of 1999-2001. Because this report is being submitted in September 2002, there already has been substantial activity on some of these projects. An interim “Report of Joint Activities (2002-2004) will accompany this plan so that the staff members and Executive Board of the WHO can assess the current activity of the WHO and ISPRM collaboration.

Previous collaboration plans have emphasized the ISPRM has limited monetary resources, but through its individual and national society members is able to provide technical expertise and professional input regarding matters related to physical and rehabilitation medicine.

In accordance with this collaboration plan, the ISPRM will:

- Monitor the invitations of the WHO to its international, regional and special meetings, review the agendas and related materials of these meetings, and observe or present views on subjects of interest to the ISPRM.
- Invite representatives of the WHO to participate in the planning of the ISPRM World Congresses including suggesting topics and participating as speakers.
 - Involve Enrico Pupulin of DAR in the planning and presentation of a seminar at the ISPRM 2nd World Congress in Prague, May 2003.

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- Promote WHO priorities in Rehabilitation among its nation and individual membership.
- Meet annually with WHO representatives to develop specific projects related to this collaboration plan.
- Provide international experts to participate in the development of position papers of mutual interest.
 - Continue to provide participants for the WHO-Collaboration Project “The development of ICF-Core-Sets for clinical practice. This participation will include the development of core-sets for other health conditions, and facilitating the clinical trials regarding their effectiveness and efficiency.
 - Provide rehabilitation experts to participate in the joint project of the WHO and the International Surgical Society (ISS) on Trauma and Injury Prevention.
 - Assign to its Education Committee the project of developing a curriculum for the training of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine specialists emphasizing being responsive to patient preferences and using collaborative team approaches.
- Provide fellowships to physicians and physicians-in-training from developing countries interested in Rehabilitation to facilitate their attendance at the biennial Congresses of the Society.

Make available the ISPRM News and Views (electronic and printed) and its webpage for dissemination of information regarding Rehabilitation subjects judged important by the WHO

JUST A FEW YEARS INTO THE BONE AND JOINT DECADE (BJD) AND SOME GREAT ACHIEVEMENT HAVE BEEN MADE

By Nicolas Walsh

- Bone and Joint Decade has received signed endorsements from 43 governments and more than 1200 official organizations, journals, institutions, and departments that now receive our bi-monthly electronic newsletter. Several National Networks have set up their own newsletter. BJD has established a musculoskeletal portal with 11 participating organizations that could reach 50,000 participants.
- The relationships initiated with the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the World Bank, and the regional organizations like the European Community are prospering.
- A major shift in the musculoskeletal research agenda is taking place in several countries, which will be reported during this meeting. *The Burden of Musculoskeletal Disorders*, a WHO publication represents a significant investment (300,000 USD) by the Bone and Joint Decade and is now in press. There will be an additional whole issue of the WHO Bulletin on musculoskeletal disorders next year. A major grant allows a full-time person to work within WHO on musculoskeletal disorders for 18 months. Another major step initiated by BJD was taken when the WHO declared World Trauma Day for April 7, 2004.
- A great step forward was taken when the Tokyo declaration, with participation from major government and non-governmental professional and patient organizations, was declared in April, 2002 in Tokyo.
- The BJD Action Week is expanding with significant activities in a number of countries simultaneously during the 12-20th of October.
- The Bone and Joint Decade logo is used massively on stationeries, in doctors' waiting rooms, on big congresses, health professional and patient organizations that see the value of the combined effort.

There were 39 participating countries, ISC and 16 patient representatives at the Rio meeting. The meeting was most informative. I personally was struck by the fact that only one national action network coordinator was a Physiatrist. The International Steering Committee of the Bone and Joint Decade is pushing all National Action Networks to have a very diverse membership which represents all significant disciplines for the country involved in the treatment of musculoskeletal disease.

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We are also strongly encouraging all National Action Networks to rotate the Coordinator position among various disciplines either every year or every other year. The Bone and Joint Decade is not a short term patch for years of neglect for musculoskeletal disease. It is a long-term effort to rectify over the next decades the lack of attention to musculoskeletal challenges of the world's population. This effort will require a persistent approach by all disciplines involved in musculoskeletal care in all countries of the world.

The Bone and Joint Decade Ambassadors. The individuals were appointed to assist their National Action Networks in development of government endorsement and national planning for the Bone and Joint Decade. These individuals are often considered for these positions due to their seniority, prestige, political influence and distinguished careers. I have received one nomination for a physiatrist to these positions in the past two years.

The following are presented for exceptional achievement in promotion of the listed areas to promote and accomplish the mission of the Bone and Joint Decade.

2001 BJD International Award Recipients

AWARENESS

Poland National Action Network
Dr Jacek Kruczynski MD, National Coordinator,
on behalf of the Network

RESEARCH FUNDING

Hungary National Action Network
Dr Geza Balint MD, DSc, National Coordinator,
on behalf of the Network

PARTNERSHIPS

Dutch National Network
Hans Albert, the Dutch Patient Representative,
on behalf of the Network

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Australian National Action Network
Prof Peter Brooks MD, National Coordinator,
on behalf of the Network

2002 BJD International Award Recipients

AWARENESS

Brazil National Action Network
Dr Jose Sergio Franco MD, National Coordinator,
on behalf of the Network

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

US National Action Network
Prof Stuart L Weinstein MD, National Coordinator,
on behalf of the Network

The National Action Network Coordinators of the Bone and Joint Decade include:

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Dr Jan Wojtulewski
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NEWS FROM NATIONAL SOCIETIES, MEMBERS OF ISPRM

The Belgian Society of PM&R

By a decision of the Board, the Belgian Society of PM&R has appointed Medicongress to handle the daily secretariat of the Society. This means that all correspondence with the Belgian Society of PM&R can now be sent to the ISPRM secretariat handled by the same company.

The Italian Society of PM&R

We are happy to announce that the Italian Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation has recently joined the ISPRM. A warm welcome within our Society to our colleagues from Italy.
Other contacts with national societies on PM&R have been made and most of them will take the decision to join ISPRM within short time. We hope we can announce a large number of national societies joining ISPRM within the coming months.

News from your National Society member of ISPRM

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

Tender to organise the 2009 ISPRM Congress

An application to hold the 2009 ISPRM World Congress can be made by any active ISPRM national society member in good standing or any individual active ISPRM member in good standing fully sponsored by his national society.

Guidelines for making the application and how to organise the ISPRM World Congresses can be requested from the Central Office

Deadline for sending the application: March 31st, 2003

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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

- **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
- American 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
Aachen, Germany. www.erc2002aachen.org
- Sixth Scandinavian Congress on Medicine and Science in Sports, November 21-24, Aarhus, Denmark.
www.sportsmedicin.dk
- French Society of Orthopaedic Surgery (SOFcot), November 12-15, 2002. Paris, France www.sofcot.com.fr
- Annual Meeting of the German Society for Trauma Surgery, November 13-15, 2002. Berlin, Germany
www.dgu2002.de
- 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.aaprm.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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- National Congress of the **French Society of Sports Medicine**, December 6-8, Angers, France
www.sfms.assoc.fr
- **4th International Copenhagen Symposium on Chronic Pain**, January 25-26, 2003, Copenhagen, Denmark
bdp@bdp.dk
- **American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Annual Meeting**, February 5-9, 2003, New Orleans
www.aaos.org
- **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
- **ISAKOS 2003, International Society of Arthroscopy, Knee Surgery and Orthopaedic Sports Medicine** March 10-14, 2003. Auckland, New Zealand. www.isakos.com
- **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
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