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THE MATH AND AFTERMATH OF THE PRAGUE CONGRESS

By Haim Ring MD, Chairperson of the 2nd ISPRM World Congress

The math

10 people of the Organizing Committee and 7 of the Scientific Committee, from Israel and the Czech Republic worked, some of them as from 1998, when the decision was taken in Valencia (Spain) to commission the Israeli PM&R Society the organization of the 2nd ISPRM World Congress in Jerusalem in 2003, transferred in 2002 to Prague. The Congress lasted exactly 5 days and 2 hours, starting Sunday 18th 14:00 with 2 pre-congress workshops and the President's Cabinet meeting and ending with the Closing Ceremony on Thursday the 22nd 16:00, at the Prague Hilton Hotel and Convention Center. In Sunday we had also the Opening Ceremony with 6 speakers and the Key Note Lecture by M. Hallett. During this 122 hours, 1312 people – 1262 active participants and 50 accompanying persons - from 74 countries engaged in 64 scientific session held simultaneously in 5 halls with parallel poster presentations and 13 Special Educational Activities (workshops). On the whole 65 key note lectures and 1100 oral and poster papers were delivered at the highest possible level. The largest delegation came from Turkey with 124 participants and then Belgium with 115, Israel and Netherlands 80, Japan 72, USA 71, Italy 68, S. Korea and UK 67. The locals, Czech Republic, had a delegation of 56 participants. 18 countries were represented by just 1 participant.

Besides the 65 speakers invited by the congress, 27 colleagues from 22 countries were supported and participated in the congress thanks to a grant of the ISPRM Educational and Trust Fund IRMA (J. Melvin – Chair) created during the merging of the IFPMR and IRMA. This is yet another significant contribution of the ISPRM to developing systems. People worked very hard before the congress and if you look at the congress Program book some of them delivered up to 8 papers! During the congress a Young Scientist Award competition took place. In the early stages more than 100 candidates applied, many of them not meeting the criteria, so 35 people were eventually under consideration. After a careful selection process the final 10 appeared in the special session where a jury of 12 senior colleagues from all over the world decided the winner is R. Selles from Belgium (the winner takes it all...). The revised papers of the finalists will appear in a special issue of the Disability and Rehabilitation Journal the ISPRM official journal, probably by the beginning of next year. And if we talk about publications, besides the huge congress Abstracts book, 2 additional publications were presented, both by Monduzzi: the Advances in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine by Nachum Soroker and Haim Ring (Editors) with 65 chapters on the latest in our profession, and the Congress Proceedings by Haim Ring and Nachum Soroker (Editors) with 160 papers. Details can be found in the ISPRM and Monduzzi website. 4 people got a prize for the Daily Best Poster where juries of 10 senior colleagues decide the awards should go to J.H. Park (S. Korea), M. Penta (Belgium), G. Yavuzer (Turkey) and A. Tenenbaum (Sweden). In parallel, a technological & scientific exhibition took place where 22 firms from all over the world presented in 750 square meters of dedicated space in the main hall and the useful tenth - serving also for the Posters Exhibition - the latest in devices, drugs, hardware, software, OT and PT therapies, functional assessment, pain assessment and management, electrophysiology, cerebral blood flow, etc. in our field. 10 computers were placed at the Internet Station, near the congress halls, where the participants could watch the program or surf to other destinations such as the next ISPRM congress in Sao Paulo (Brazil) in 2005.

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The aftermath

Over 70 personal and other messages arrived from all over the world, some of them even from persons that for different reasons couldn't possibly be there, expressing their satisfaction with the congress. More importantly the financial balance was positive, something quite rare these days, due to the joint efforts of the OC, SC and the efficient organization of "Kenes", the organizing company with offices in Switzerland, Germany, UK, USA and Israel. According to the ISPRM Policies and Procedures 30% of the final positive balance will go to reinforce the ISPRM assets, by now as a real lifeline support (see below). The Israeli PM&R Society that undertook the organization of the congress, is now organizing its own National congress in December. While the usual congress would consist in 1 day scientific program and 6-8 exhibitors, the program now is of 2 days of scientific presentations and around 30 potential exhibitors seeking to be in the meeting, everything under the influence of the Prague Congress. From this we can learn that organizing a world congress may reflect in immediate benefit for the local and related rehabilitation systems. All this beyond the possible financial benefit.

The challenge: strengthening the financial basis

Generally speaking everything looks quite well in the ISPRM organization: not only we had a successful congress, the ISPRM is in close contact with international bodies notably the World Health Organization (WHO) Brain Trauma Prevention project, the WHO-ICF (ICIDH-2) project under Gerold Stucki, the Decade of Bone & Joint, the Spinal Injury Core Set. Our website www.isprm.org is continuously updated, the News and Views electronic bulletin appears every 1-2 month, people from all over the world contact the Central Office run by Werner Van Cleemputte. However, the organization's finances need a strong re-enforcement. The national organizations and individual membership constantly improving cannot, nevertheless, provide the financial strength we need to push forward projects such as the international exchange programs and others.

SPONSORSHIP by industry and commercial firms looks as the most likely solution. It is therefore imperative that every member in the ISPRM, whether manning an official position or not, should engage in this endeavor. Provide our Central Office with information about potential sponsors: name, contact details including contact person and we shall all work hard to engage them. Our website can be a magnificent way to expose their products to the world rehabilitation community.

ICF CORE SET PROJECT

By Gerold Stucki and Alarcos Cieza

We are extremely pleased to report that we have finished the preliminary studies and the consensus conferences for 12 chronic health conditions. We are now preparing both the publications and the validation studies of the ICF Core Sets in a number of regions, countries and settings worldwide. You will find detailed information in the accompanying newsletter.

We are delighted to be working with a number of associated organizations, and we are pleased with the increasing number of organizations which have expressed interest in joining the project. In the enclosed newsletter, you will also find current lists of these organizations. If you would like your organization to become an associate member, please fill in the enclosed "Association Intent Form". Partner organizations become associated with the project after signing a cooperation agreement. Then they will receive a quarterly newsletter containing updates on the project's development.

The ICF Research Branch collaborating with the CAS group of the WHO is committed to providing associated organizations with support, not only in performing validation studies, but also in mobilizing funds from hospitals, universities, governments, and third parties. The success of the validation studies will largely depend on appropriate funding for all involved partners, and we therefore encourage all associates to focus on fund raising.

Please find attached the ICF Core Set Information (PDF format)

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CALL FOR SPEAKERS BY THE BIOFEEDBACK FOUNDATION OF EUROPE

The Biofeedback Foundation of Europe is currently looking for new presenters for one or two 1/2-day sessions in the area of pain and rehabilitation at its 8th Annual Conference in Winterthur, near Zurich, Switzerland. The Congress is endorsed by ISPRM and ISPRM members participating in the conference will receive a reduced fee.

Each 1/2-day session is to bring delegates up-to-date on how biofeedback is being used in pain and rehabilitation.

The BFE covers the cost for the presenter to travel to Winterthur and accommodation for 1-day in a hotel in Winterthur. There is no fee provided.

See www.bfe.org for details on the congress

Contact person is Mark Schwartz, Project Manager at info@bfe.org - Please contact Mr Schwartz directly if interested.

ISPRM PRESENCE AT INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES

The ISPRM will be present with a booth at the following Congresses:

- American Academy on PM&R (AAPM&R) **64th Annual Assembly & Technical Exhibition**, October 9 -12, 2003, Chicago Hilton, Chicago, Illinois (USA), Visit: www.aapmr.org
- Annual Meeting of the French Society on PM&R – SOFMER, 16 – 18 October 2003, Lille , France
<http://www.technimediaservices.fr/sofmerlille/>

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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

- 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.
- **EuroSpine 2003**, Annual Congress of the Spine Society of Europe, Sept. 30-Oct 4, 2003, Prague
www.eurospine.org
- **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. www.ftr.kongresi.org
- American Academy on PM&R - **AAPM&R - 64th Annual Assembly & Technical Exhibition**, October 9–
12, 2003, Chicago Hilton, Chicago, Illinois (USA), Visit: www.aapmr.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
- Annual Meeting of the French Society on PM&R – **SOFMER**, 16 – 18 October 2003, Lille
<http://www.technimediaservices.fr/sofmerlille/>
- Stress Management Workshop with Erik Peper, President of the Biofeedback Foundation of Europe, October
18 & 19, 2003, in Vienna, Austria/ contact: Bettina Reiter, at Reiter@gamed.or.at
- **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

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- **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
- 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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- 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
- **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
- **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
- **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
- 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 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
- 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 03, 2004, Antalya, Turkey, visit www.medicongress.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 Paulo, Brazil and the 4th ISPRM World Congress will take place on October 8-12, 2007 in Seoul, Korea.

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