The President, the Board of Governors and the Executive Director of the ISPRM wish all their individual and national society members a very Happy New Year 2003. We look forward to further working together in the new year and to advance our organization to further achievements.

Tender to organise the 2009 ISPRM Congress

We herewith would like to announce that the tender for the 2009 ISPRM Congress is now open for bidding.

It is undoubtedly a great challenge for a national society to organise the ISPRM World Congress in its country. Apart from the high scientific level the ISPRM World Congress also offers an opportunity to welcome a large number of colleagues.

We therefore would like to encourage national societies to submit their bid for the 2009 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 backed by his national society.

Requirements for application to hold the ISPRM World Congress are now available at our website www.isprm.org

Deadline for sending the application: March 31st, 2003

ISPRM Website

Please note that the website has a new lay-out and now also features a full search engine, which enables visitors to fully search the content (including the abstracts). E.g. “bone and joint decade” or “membership” immediately directs the visitor to the proper places.

Please feel free to try it yourself at www.isprm.org

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UPDATE ON THE AUSTRALASIAN REHABILITATION OUTCOMES CENTRE (AROC)

As you already know the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care has been working for some time with the AFRM and others in the industry (providers, funders, regulators and consumers), including the State and Territory Governments to establish an Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre (AROC). The objective of the Centre is to establish a national benchmarking system which will build a collection of comparative data to provide information on the efficacy and outcome measurements for both public and private rehabilitation facilities.

AROC has now commenced operation. The Centre for Health Service Development at the University of Wollongong is now running AROC on a day-to-day basis. There are now seven foundation members. They are:

- National Roads and Motorists Association (NRMA)
- National Private Rehabilitation Group (NPRG)
- Australian Health Insurance Association (AHIA) and Health Insurance Restricted Membership Association of Australia (HIRMAA)
- Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing (DHA)
- Commonwealth Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA)
- NSW Department of Health and Victorian Department of Human Services
- Traffic Accident Commission (TAC)

Management Committees

The AROC Board of Management, chaired by Dr Toni Hogg, the immediate past president of the AFRM, is responsible for decision-making, resolution of any disputes that may arise, the clinical governance of AROC and for ensuring that AROC meets relevant clinical and scientific standards. There is also a Scientific and Clinical Advisory Committee (SCAC) that provides advice to the Board of Management on matters relating to data and reporting policy, education and training issues and research priorities.

FIM Training and Credentialing

The FIM training and credentialing, which until recently was so competently organised by Mrs Lyn Arnold on behalf the AFRM, has now been handed over to AROC.

Newsletter

Early in 2003 AROC is planning to produce a newsletter for distribution throughout the industry detailing the progress made by the Centre and its plans for further development.
NEWS FROM NATIONAL SOCIETIES, MEMBERS OF ISPRM

THE TURKISH SOCIETY OF PM&R

We are very pleased to announce that Prof. Dr. Haim RING has been elected as the first Honorary Member of the Turkish Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in this year. So, we had the honour to invite Prof. Dr. Haim RING and his spouse, Irene, to Istanbul, and had a ceremony at the Istanbul Hilton Hotel on August 17, 2002.

After the short CV presentation of Prof Haim RING by me, I invited him to present his lecture on ‘Technology in Rehabilitation’. Then, at the ceremony, he received the wall certificate and the metal plaque from Assoc. Prof. Hurriyet Yilmaz who is the President of the Turkish National Society of PM&R. It was a very big honour for all of us.

Gulseren Akyuz, MD, Prof

NEWS FROM CHINA

THE 6TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EXERCISE AND REHABILITATION AND THE ANNUAL MEETING OF CHINA ASSOCIATION OF REHABILITATION MEDICINE HELD IN NANJING, CHINA

The 6th National Conference on Exercise and Rehabilitation adjunct to the Annual Meeting of China Association of Rehabilitation Medicine (CARM) was held in Nanjing, China during November 26 to 30, 2002. This event attracted 303 Participants, including most senior experts in this field. A significant change is the young blood in the conference. Fifty percent participants were aged 21 to 40 yrs, 42% aged 41 to 60 yrs and 8% over 61 yrs. This indicates the growth of a new generation in this field. One important decision from the conference was to organize a major celebration event for the CARM 20 years anniversary in 2003 in Beijing.
The Expert Committee of CARM, representing the height of Chinese scholars in rehabilitation medicine, was established in this conference. The Chairman is professor Shifang Zhou from Nanjing and Vice Chairmen are professor Dengkun Nan from Wuhan and professor Jichuan Zhang from Beijing.

New leadership of the Exercise and Rehabilitation Committee was also formatted. This committee is the most active branch of the CARM and aims on prompting research and clinical practice of exercise and mobilization in rehabilitation. The new chairman is professor Jianan Li from Nanjing. The vice chairmen are professor Shurong Ji from Beijing, professor Yongshan Hu and professor Tingren Lu from Shanghai.

Reported by Jianan Li, China

TUNESIAN SOCIETY ON PM&R

We are happy to announce that recently the Tunisian Society on PM&R has joined ISPRM. An article on the Society and their system of Rehabilitation will appear in the next N&V.

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.
Upcoming Meetings and Congresses

- **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**, Udine, Italy. February 16-22, 2003
  www.bfe.org


  www.painmed.org

- Annual Meeting of the **Philippine Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine**, March 5 to 8, 2003, Boracay Regency, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan, Philippines. www.eparm.org


  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


Fifth Brazilian Congress of Pediatric Orthopaedics, June 18-21, 2003. Belo Horizonte, Brazil sternick@gold.com.br

2nd Interdisciplinary Congress on Spine Care, 10-13 August 2003, Chicago, USA: www.worldspine.org

4th Congress of the European Federation of IASP Chapters, September 2-6, 2003, Prague, Czech Republic Visit www.pain2003.cz


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.


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

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@continuingseducation.net, Visit: www.continuingseducation.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.
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  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

• 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 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, 27-30 September 2004,
  Athens, Greece. Visit www.triaenatours.gr

• 5th Mediterranean Congress on PM&R, September 30 -October 2004, Antalya, Turkey, conduct Pr. Tansu at Arasil, tansu@surf.net.tr

Reminder: the 3rd ISPRM World Congress will be organised May 18-22, 2005 in San Paolo, Brazil and the 4th 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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