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2008, A NOTABLE YEAR IN THE ISPRM HISTORY!

William J. Peek, ISPRM historian

Leafing, in these first weeks of 2008, through the written 'History of the ISPRM', one encounters some remarkable dates.

In April 1988, the 10th International Congress of the International Federation of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation took place in Toronto, Canada. There, representatives of the IRMA and IFPMR Boards of Governors agreed to try to coordinate the often common activities of the two organizations, to delegate representatives into each others Board of Governors, and to hold their international congresses alternatively every two years.

There and then, now exactly twenty years ago, the seed of the ISPRM was planted, although it would take eleven years before the fruit was at full term.

If 2008 means some kind of a jubilee for ISPRM, what remarkable facts can be found in the History about its parentage?

The first lines of "The History of IFPMR", written by Jose Jimenez, say: "In February 1948 Dr. J. Michez wrote to dr. P. Bauwens: "My aim is to recreate a nucleus of specialists in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and I hope that we shall be able to launch an association as strong as that which we had before the war."

Which was, now sixty years ago, the start of the postwar internationally organized PM&R.

The other part of the history of ISPRM's ancestors, the 'History of IRMA' written by Herman J. Flax, starts with: "The International Rehabilitation Medicine Association was founded almost single-handed by Sidney Licht, MD in 1968. Dr. Licht wanted to establish an international forum where physicians from countries, that had not yet recognized the specialty of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, could assemble to discuss their work."

1948, 1968 and 1988: three milestones in the history of the genesis of the ISPRM.

A lot of people have been actively involved in it. Leafing through the 'History' again, three names catch the attention of the reader because they come back again and again in the past twenty years. The names of three people who took part in the process of merging IFPMR and IRMA from 1988 onwards and who are still very actively involved in the ongoing streamlining of the new Society: John Melvin, Jose Jimenez and Martin Grabois.

For them, 2008 is a kind of jubilee year too.

REQUEST FROM THE NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS FOUNDATION'S INTERSPECIALTY MEDICAL COUNCIL:

The Bone Summit is a very important meeting for the National Osteoporosis Foundation, as well as the entire bone community – researchers, clinicians and medical professional alike.

Below you can find a link to a brief ten minute survey that is crucial to the Environmental Scan we are attempting to produce for the opening session of the Summit, scheduled for June 26 & 27 in Washington, DC. <http://www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=942984>

May we kindly request to fill out this survey?

Many thanks in advance

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JOEL A. DELISA, MD, MS TO CHAIR ABMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ABMS Contact: Lori Boukas : lboukas@abms.org

EVANSTON, Ill. – March 18, 2008 –American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), the pre-eminent entity overseeing the certification of physician specialists in the United States, announced at its Annual Assembly Meeting today the appointment of Joel A. DeLisa, MD, MS as the 32nd Chair of its Board of Directors.

Dr. DeLisa most recently served as the Vice Chair of ABMS and previously was its Treasurer. As a member of the ABMS Executive Committee, Dr. DeLisa represented the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (ABPMR), an ABMS Member Board, which he served from 1987 to 1999, and was its Chair from 1993 through 1998 and was an Emeritus member for an additional three years.

“Joel DeLisa is an inspiring and accomplished leader skilled in achieving a forward-looking agenda,” said Kevin B. Weiss, MD, ABMS President and CEO. “He has a sense of deep commitment to ABMS and its mission. And our shared vision is to make the future of specialty medicine even more remarkable than our rich 75 year heritage by serving the public, physicians, healthcare professionals and the entire board enterprise.”

In addition to his roles with ABMS and ABPMR, Dr. DeLisa is Professor and Chair of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School and President of the Kessler Medical Rehabilitation Research and Education Center. He is the Vice President of International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ISPRM). He served two years as the Chair of the Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG). Dr. DeLisa is Chair of the Council of Academic Societies (CAS) of the Association of American Medical Colleges and is a member of its Executive Council and Committee.

An accomplished physiatrist and experienced senior investigator, administrator and medical educator, Dr. DeLisa’s distinguished career also includes service on the faculty of the University of Washington, a long-term affiliation with the Department of Veterans’ Affairs and the publication of numerous published articles, abstracts, chapters and books.

Dr. DeLisa completed his medical degree at the University of Washington School of Medicine. He finished his residency training at the University of Washington Medical Center, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and the St. Joseph Hospital and Medical Center.

He is certified by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, including a subspecialty certificate in Spinal Cord Injury Medicine. His research interests include spinal cord injury, health delivery systems outcomes and the evaluation of physician clinical competencies, as well as undergraduate and graduate medical education.

About ABMS

Now in its 75th year, American Board of Medical Specialties is the preeminent medical organization overseeing physician certification in the United States. It assists its 24 Member Boards in their efforts to develop and implement educational and professional standards for the evaluation and certification of physician specialists. ABMS Member Boards provide physician certification information to ABMS for its certification verification service programs. ABMS is recognized by the key healthcare credentialing accreditation entities as a primary equivalent source of board certification data for medical specialists. Patients can visit www.abms.org or call toll-free 1-866-ASK-ABMS to see if their physician is board certified by an ABMS Member Board. For more information about ABMS visit www.abms.org or call (847) 491-9091.



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BOOK OF REPORTS – REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION OF REPORTS

To the occasion of the ISPRM Board Meetings, we always have the book of reports ready with reports submitted by the members of the President's Cabinet, the Executive Committee and the Chairmen of the different Committees.

We therefore kindly request the members of the above committees to submit their reports **by April 20** so that the book of reports can be made ready in time for distribution during the upcoming European Congress on PM&R in Brugge, June next

Deadline for Report Submission: April 30 at the latest !

UPCOMING ISPRM BOARD MEETINGS – MARK YOUR AGENDA

The next ISPRM Board Meetings will be organised combined with the European Congress on PM&R, 3-6 June 2008 in Brugge, Belgium.

Please mark your agenda as follows:

- ISPRM President's Cabinet Meeting:
Tuesday, June 3 - 09-11 hrs (on invitation only)
- ISPRM Executive Committee Meeting:
Tuesday, June 3 - 11.00-13.00 hrs (on invitation only)
- ISPRM Board of Governors Meeting – **BOARD 2006-2008 - with election of the BOARD 2008-2010**
Tuesday, June 3, 13.30 – 17.30 hrs
- ISPRM Board of Governors Meeting – **First Meeting of the BOARD 2008 - 2010**
Friday, June 6, 13.30 – 17.30 hrs

All meetings will take place at the unique Governor's Residence (1st floor) located at the Grand Place (building with all the flags on the left when you look to the Belfry).

POINTS FOR THE AGENDA

All ISPRM members (national societies and individual members) are kindly invited to bring in issues that they want to be discussed within the Board of Governors meetings in June in Brugge.

Please forward your points to the Central Office by **April 20** at the latest. They will be revised by the President's Cabinet first before being included in the agenda.



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16th European Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine

"From cell to society"

Congress President
Prof. Dr. Guy Vanderstraeten

Tuesday June 3 - Friday June 6, 2008

Brugge, Belgium

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NEW BOARD FOR THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF PRM

Pedro Cantista

I would like to inform ISPRM about the election of the members of the Executive Committee of the ESPRM (European Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine) during its Bucharest Assembly on September 2007.

These members joined Professor Alessandro Giustini already elected as President before.

Here are the elected members:

- Alain Delarque
- Pedro Cantista
- Christoph Gutenbrunner
- Elena Ilieva

Pedro Cantista is in charge of "external relations" of the ESPRM. So this includes of course ISPRM.

Due to this, every time you think there is a relevant issue to inform ESPRM, let me know please, so that I might assist Prof. Giustini and accomplish my obligations.

Contact email: pedrocantista@netcabo.pt

IN MEMORIAM DR. JOHN BASMAJIAN

By Jose Jimenez

This is to inform you that Dr. John Basmajian died on March 14, 2008 in his 87th year.

He was a very active member of IRMA and was honoured with the Sidney Licht Lectureship Award in 1994.

In the name of the ISPRM we would forward our condolences to his family.

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IOF ANNOUNCES PROFESSOR JOHN A. KANIS AS NEW PRESIDENT

Foundation pays tribute to long-term President and General Secretary

The International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF) announced today that Professor John A. Kanis has been elected to the role of IOF President, following recent Board elections. At the same time, the Swiss-based foundation paid tribute to Professor Pierre D. Delmas, long-time President and founding member of IOF, and IOF General Secretary Professor Jean-Yves Reginster, who announced that they would not seek re-election to Board Officer positions.

Prof. John A. Kanis received his medical degree from the University of Edinburgh. After a MRC Clinical Research Fellow position at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre he became Wellcome Senior Research Fellow at the University of Oxford. He was then appointed Reader in Human Metabolism and Clinical Biochemistry at the University of Sheffield, where he is currently the Emeritus Professor in Human Metabolism and the Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Metabolic Bone Diseases. Prof. Kanis' research interests are largely related to disorders of skeletal metabolism including osteoporosis, Paget's disease of bone, hyperparathyroidism, renal osteodystrophy and neoplasia affecting the skeleton.

He has also made a number of national and international contributions to guideline development, health technology assessment, epidemiology and health economics. Prof. Kanis holds several honorary positions including founding member and trustee of the European Foundation for Osteoporosis and Bone Disease (now the International Osteoporosis Foundation), founder member of the British Menopause Society, chairman of the Finance committee of the International Bone and Mineral Society, and a WHO Advisor on Osteoporosis. He is an Editor of Bone and serves on the editorial board of several journals. He is the author of more than 800 papers, chapters and books on bone disease and metabolism. His current major interest is in the development of risk assessment algorithms and the formulation of practice guidelines in many regions of the world.

Pierre D. Delmas, as President of IOF from its launch in 1998 to April 2008, has worked tirelessly to establish the foundation's role as a driving force in the global osteoporosis movement. It is widely recognized that thanks to his exceptional directorship, IOF has grown both in terms of membership and international impact. From an organization of 74 member society from 46 countries, IOF has developed into a truly global organization with 184 societies in some 90 locations, representing all continents. Today, the impact of IOF's many programs in research, health professional and public education and awareness, and advocacy is felt across the world. For his work on behalf of IOF, Pierre D. Delmas was awarded the first IOF Medal of Achievement in 2006.

Jean-Yves Reginster, founding Board Member and General Secretary, has contributed greatly to the IOF, offering his influential support on behalf of IOF's many widespread public and health professional education programs. IOF is fortunate that it can continue to rely on the expertise of Professors Delmas and Reginster as dedicated and active members of the Board.

IOF also announced that Professor Bess Dawson-Hughes was elected General Secretary. She is a Professor of Medicine at Tufts University and Director of the Bone Metabolism Laboratory at the Jean Mayer United States Department of Agriculture Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University.

Treasurer of IOF is Professor René Rizzoli. He is presently Professor of Medicine at the University Hospitals of Geneva, and Head of the service of bone diseases of the department of rehabilitation and geriatrics, of which he is also the Chairman.

NEWS & VIEWS EDITORIAL BOARD 2007-2008

During the board meeting related to the ISPRM World Congress in Seoul in June 2007, the ISPRM Board of Governors has appointed the following Editorial Board for the ISPRM News & Views

Editors **Nicolas Christodoulou** - chrisfam@logosnet.cy.net & **Werner Van Cleemputte** - Werner@medicongress.com

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Please feel free to submit articles for the News & Views and to take part in our Editorial Board.

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JOURNAL OF REHABILITATION MEDICINE

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Issue 4, April 2008 (Volume 40)

Chronic fatigue syndrome: An approach combining self-management with graded exercise to avoid exacerbations

Jo Nijs, Lorna Paul, Karen Wallman

Eight months of physical training in warm water improves physical and mental health in women with fibromyalgia: A randomized controlled trial

Pablo Tomas-Carus, Narcis Gusi, Arja Häkkinen, Keijo Häkkinen, Alejo Leal, Alfredo Ortega-Alonso

Impact of home modification services on ability in everyday life for people ageing with disabilities

Ingela Petersson, Margareta Lilja, Joy Hammel, Anders Kottorp

Predicting the discharge destination of rehabilitation patients using a signal detection approach

Hidekazu Miyamoto, Akihito Hagihara, Koichi Nobutomo

Time-courses of lung function and respiratory muscle pressure generating capacity after spinal cord injury: A prospective cohort study

Gabi Mueller, Sonja de Groot, Lucas H. van der Woude, Maria Hopman

Shoulder pain in persons with thoracic spinal cord injury: Prevalence and characteristics

Marie Alm, Helena Saraste, Cecilia Norrbrink

Determinants of improvement in walking capacity among individuals with chronic stroke following a multi-dimensional exercise program

Marco YC. Pang, Janice J. Eng

A national survey of occupational therapists' practices related to participation post-stroke

Nicol Korner-Bitensky, Johanne Desrosiers, Annie Rochette

Inhibition of the unaffected motor cortex by 1 Hz repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation enhances motor performance and training effect of the paretic hand in patients with chronic stroke

Naoyuki Takeuchi, Takeo Tada, Masahiko Toshima, Takayo Chuma, Yuichiro Matsuo, Katsunori Ikoma

Association between muscle function and low back pain in relation to pregnancy

Annelie Gutke, Hans Christian Östgaard, Birgitta Öberg

Mirror therapy in patients with causalgia (Complex Regional Pain Syndrome type II) following peripheral nerve injury: Two cases

Ruud W. Selles, Ton A.R. Schreuders, Henk J. Stam

Botulinum toxin type A in the healing of ulcer following oro-mandibular dyskinesia in a patient in a vegetative state

Domenico Intiso, Mario Basciani, Filomena Di Rienzo, Maurizio Tolfa, Giuseppina Grimaldi, Piero Fiore

The need for exercise rehabilitation in Botswana

Ronel Marais

Articles are accessible for ISPRM individual members



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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND CONGRESSES

ISPRM World Congresses

- **5th Congress** **June, 13 - 17, 2009** **Istanbul, Turkey**
- **6th Congress** **June, 12 - 15, 2011** **San Juan, Puerto Rico**
- **7th Congress** **June 2013** **Beijing, China**

Congresses on:

- **Stroke** www.internationalstroke.org/s_content.php?id=fb2002-03-04-1020
- **Neurology** www.eurostroke.org/esc_main%20links.htm
- **Neurorehab** www.wfnr.co.uk/docs/events.htm
- **Spine** www.spine.org/calendar/nass_future_events.cfm
- **Brain Injury** www.internationalbrain.org/content.php?pages=congress
- **Osteoporosis** www.iofbonehealth.org/meetings-events.html

2008

- **People at work, managing complexity** - combined Conference of the Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine and the Australasian Faculty of Occupational & Environmental Medicine. 6-11 May, Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, Australia. Visit www.dconferences.com.au/afirmafoem
- **XVII European Stroke Conference**, 13-16 May, Nice, France – info to follow
- **Otoneurología y Rehabilitación Vestibular**, 14-16 Mayo, British Hospital, Montevideo, Uruguay: Info lelias@medicaa.com
- **Ier. CONGRESO NACIONAL AVANZADO DE MEDICINA DE ELECTRODIAGNÓSTICO**, 14 - 17 May. Hotel Presidente Intercontinental, Guadalajara, Jalisco, México – Info: gwbocca@hotmail.com

First Asia and Oceania Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (AOCPRM), May 15-19, 2008, Nanjing, China. Info: www.aocprm2008.com

- **International conference on Ambulatory Monitoring of Physical Activity and Movement**, 21-24 May, World Trade Centre, Rotterdam, The Netherlands – Visit www.icampam.org
- **13th International Pain Clinic Congress - WSPC2008**, 29 May -1 June 1, 2008, Seoul, Korea. Visit www.pain-wspc2008.org

European Congress on Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, 3 - 6 June 2008, Brugge, Belgium - visit www.medicongress.com

ISPRM BOARD MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THIS CONGRESS

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- **7th Combined Congress of the Spine and Paediatric Orthopaedic Sections (APAO)**, 4-7 June, Jeju Island, Korea. Visit www.spapoa2008.net

- **3rd Course on Knee Arthroplasty (Lyon Course)**, 13-15 June, Brugge, Belgium – visit www.medicongress.com

World Congress of Medical Hydrology, 25-28 June 2008, Porto, Portugal
visit www.ismh08.org

- **1st Herzogenaurach Dysphagia Conference**, 4-5 July, m&I Fachlinik, Herzogenaurach/Germany. Visit www.dysphagia-conference.org
- **24th Annual Congress of the Colombian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation**, August 13-16, Medellin, Colombia – Visit <http://congresoascmfr2008.homestead.com> or Contact: ascmfr@gmail.com
- **1st World Congress on Pain**, 17-22 August, Glasgow, Scotland – visit www.iasp-pain.org
- **Two week Training of Trainers in CBR programme** in 25 August - 5 September, Alphen aan den Rijn, The Netherlands. Contact Huib Cornielje h.cornielje@enablement.nl
- **Virtual Rehabilitation 2008**, 25-27 August, Convention & Exhibition Centre, Vancouver, Canada. Visit: www.virtual-rehab.org.
- **47th Annual Meeting of ISCos**, 29 August-3 September, Durban, South-Africa. Visit www.iscos.org.uk
- **17th Annual Meeting of European Society of Movement Analysis for Adults and Children (ESMAC)** 8-13 September, Antalya Turkey. Contact: Gunes Yavuzer. Visit: www.esmac2008turkey.org
- **4-week International Course in Management of Disability and Rehabilitation**. 15 September - 10 October. The Netherlands. Visit: www.enablement.nl
- **7th Mediterranean Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine**, 18 - 21 September 2008, Portoroze, Slovenia - Contact: Prof. Crt Marinček marincek.crt@mail.ir-rs.si – visit: <http://medcongress.prm08.org/home/>
- **European Congress on Surgery of the Elbow and the Shoulder– SECEC 2008**, 18-20 September 2008, Brugge, Belgium – visit www.medicongress.com
- **5th Regional Central European Conference of the Int Soc for Prosthetics & Orthotics**, 19-21 September 2008, Pontrose, Slovenia – visit www.ce-ispo2008.org
- **5th World Congress on Neurorehabilitation (WFNR)**. 24-27 September, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, contact traceymole@wfnr.co.uk
- **6th World Stroke Congress**, 24-27 September, Vienna, Austria, Visit: www.kenes.com/stroke2008

Association Medica Latinoamericana de Rehabilitación - AMLAR 2008 - including the meeting of the Latin-American Society of Paraplegia.
27-30 October, Hilton Conrad Hotel and Convention Center, Punta del Este, Uruguay
Contact Hugo Nunez Bernadet anhunez@adinet.com.uy – Visit: www.amlar2008.org.uy



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- **23rd Annual Congress of The French Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine**, 23-25 October + additional meetings on 22 October, Mulhouse, France. Visit <http://www.sofmer.com>
- **70th Annual Assembly of the AAPMR**, 20-23 November 2008, San Diego, USA – www.aapmr.org
- **World Congress on Osteoporosis**, 3-7 December, Bangkok, Thailand, visit www.iofbonehealth.org

2009

- **IAPMRCON 2009** – National Congress of the Indian Association on PM&R, 16 – 18 January at Kolkata, West Bengal, India.: Contact: rathinhaldar@yahoo.com
- **20th Anniversary of the International Center of Neurological Restoration (CIREN)**, 9-13 March, Palacio de las Convenciones, La Habana, Cuba. Contact rn2009@neuro.ciren.cu. Visit www.ciren.ws
- **First World Congress on Spina Bifida Research and Care Location:** Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort Orlando, Florida Date: 15-18 March. Info: raustin@sbaa.org
- **9th European Congress on Clinical and Economic Aspects of Osteoporosis and Osteoarthritis**, 19-21 March, Athens, Greece, visit www.eccceo9.org
- **19th EWMA Conference (European Wound Management Association)**, 20 – 22 May, Helsinki, Finland. Info follows



- **World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, IAGG, 5-9 July, Paris, France.** Visit www.gerontologyparis2009.com

2010

- **World Congress on Osteoporosis**, 5-8 May, Venice, Italy, visit www.iofbonehealth.org

**17th European Congress on Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation,
23 - 27 May 2010, Venice, Italy**

- **13th World Congress on Pain, 29 August-3 September**, Montreal, Canada. Visit www.iasp-pain.org

ISPRM Members can send us an email with their upcoming congresses for publication in this agenda

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