Dear Friends:

A new year always ushers in new expectations and achievements and for the ISPRM, a new platform to exchange ideas and dialogue about matters important in rehabilitation. It is, therefore, with tremendous pride and excitement that I announce the launch of the *Journal of the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine* (JISPRM). The journal will be an official publication of the ISPRM that will cater to the scientific, educational and advocacy needs of its members in particular, and will support the advancement of disability management and physical and rehabilitation medicine (PRM) worldwide.

The JISPRM also seeks to advance the quality and value of PRM research by encouraging the confluence of biophysical, psychosocial and medical sciences, and in doing so influence contemporary evidence-based PRM practice around the globe. Further it will serve as a forum for discussion of controversial issues regarding PRM, rehabilitation, disability management that affect persons with limitation of function and participation. The JISPRM will collaborate with other journals and publications to collectively advance the common mission of promoting PRM internationally.

On behalf of the editorial board of the JISPRM, I encourage you to help the journal flourish by contributing your scientific papers and topical reviews. The success of the journal - *your journal* - will hinge upon your support and contributions.

Warm regards,

**Gerard E. Francisco, M.D.**

Editor-in-Chief
"Congratulations to Prof. Francisco and his editorial board as well as to the Publications and Communications Committee for a very important accomplishment. The JISPRM will be an important instrument for the growth of PRM in the world."

Walter Frontera, ISPRM President-Elect

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