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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 20 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 Part 1
  Tuesday, June 3, 13.30 – 17.30 hrs
- ISPRM Board of Governors Meeting Part 2:
  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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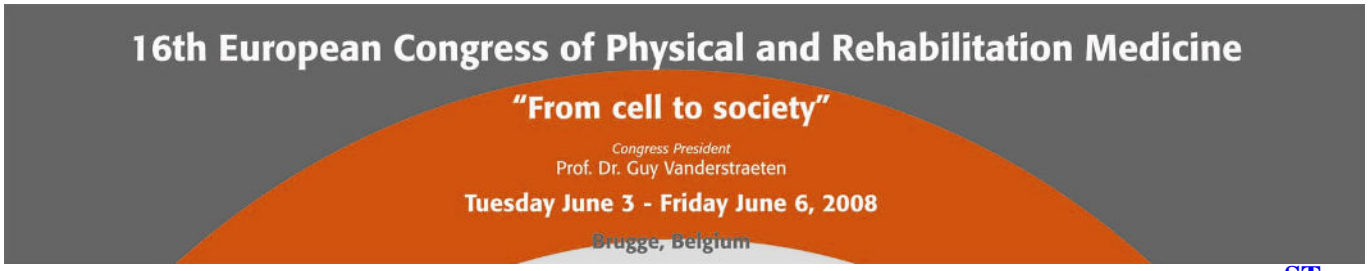

DEADLINE FOR EARLY REGISTRATION IS MARCH 31ST. REGISTER AT WWW.ECPRM2008.ORG

NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS FOUNDATION RELEASES NEW CLINICAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LOW BONE MASS AND OSTEOPOROSIS INCORPORATING ABSOLUTE FRACTURE RISK

Susan Randall RN, MSN, CFNP, Senior Director, Education, National Osteoporosis Foundation

NOF's new guide dramatically alters the way patients, both men and women, are evaluated and treated and better identifies those at risk for fractures from low bone mass or osteoporosis. Guide represents a major breakthrough utilizing Absolute Fracture Risk methodology as the basis for making treatment decisions in patients with low bone mass or osteoporosis.

Washington, DC – The National Osteoporosis Foundation (NOF) is releasing its new Clinician's Guide to Prevention and Treatment of Osteoporosis to help U.S. healthcare providers make better treatment decisions and assess fracture risk for patients with low bone mass or osteoporosis. The new information in the Guide is based largely on a report (also being released) from the World Health Organization (WHO) detailing the WHO algorithm (FRAX®). This algorithm estimates the likelihood for a person to break a hip or other major bone due to low bone mass or osteoporosis over a period of 10 years.

The updated Guide, with the application of absolute fracture risk, provides an improved basis for clinicians and patients to make decisions about osteoporosis prevention and treatment.The Guide is also available on our website www.isprm.org

INTERNATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS FOUNDATION HAILS WHO FRACTURE RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT AND FRAX™ WEBSITE AS MILESTONES IN OSTEOPOROSIS PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Diagnosis of fracture risk becomes much easier, bringing benefits to those at risk and cost savings
Janice Blondeau, International Osteoporosis Foundation

The International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF) has welcomed the launch of the World Health Organization (WHO) technical report, Assessment of osteoporosis at the primary health care level1 and the FRAX™ website, as major steps towards helping health professionals worldwide to identify more easily patients at high risk of fracture for treatment.

"The new WHO report and its related FRAX™ tool which predicts the risk of osteoporosis fracture using clinical risk factors will be of considerable use to health care professionals and policy makers throughout the world, particularly in places where there are few DXA machines. We know that early diagnosis and treatment can save precious healthcare resources so we see the launch of these two assets as a very important milestone in the fight against osteoporosis,"

Assessment of osteoporosis at the primary health care level, authored by Prof. Kanis et al., was released on February 21, 2008. It is a technical report based on epidemiological and health economic analyses of population-based cohorts worldwide. A practical tool, named FRAXTM, www.shef.ac.uk/FRAX has been developed to predict the ten-year risk of fractures.

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IOF RECOGNISES ESCEO EUROPEAN GUIDANCE FOR OSTEOPOROSIS DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT

A comprehensive guide to applying new FRAX™ tool and WHO technical report in European daily practice

The International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF) has welcomed the recently published paper European guidance for the diagnosis and management of osteoporosis in postmenopausal women1 from the European Society for Clinical and Economic Aspects of Osteoporosis and Osteoarthritis (ESCEO).

This paper constitutes a roadmap for European countries to practically implement the new FRAX™ tool based on the WHO technical report, Assessment of osteoporosis at the primary health care level2,3. The European guidance, published in Osteoporosis International, is a critical review of diagnostic methods, treatments and their monitoring options. It also shows case-finding strategies supported by health economic data.

IOF sees the ESCEO guidance as a positive move towards using the FRAX™ algorithm in daily practice. The WHO report and FRAX™ tool, released on February 21, 2008, help health practitioners to better understand the new paradigm for diagnosis and management of people at risk of developing fragility fractures.

In this regard, there will be a FRAX™ exhibition booth at the forthcoming ECCEO 8 Congress in Istanbul, Turkey, to be held at the Grand Cevahir Hotel & Convention Center. Participants will have the opportunity to have their 10-year fracture risk calculated, based on their geographic origin and individual risk factors. As a next step, the ESCEO paper can contribute with guidance on how to manage or monitor their condition, in the most rationale and cost-effective way.

Professor Jean-Yves Reginster, President of ESCEO, noted, "The ESCEO European guidance is convergent with the WHO report on how to assess and treat postmenopausal women with or at risk from osteoporosis. Moreover, cost-effectiveness analyses which illustrate scenarios based on a UK setting provide a starting point for health policy makers and health care providers to develop national guidelines on diagnosis and intervention thresholds."

The ESCEO guidance is very timely, as across Europe, osteoporosis is a major public health problem with serious medical and economic impact. In 2000, throughout the region, there were an estimated 620,000 new hip fractures, 574,000 forearm fractures, 250,000 shoulder fractures, and 620,000 spinal fractures in men and women aged 50 years or over, accounting for 34.8% of such fractures worldwide4. There are more than 2.7 million osteoporotic fractures in men and women in Europe at a direct cost of 36 billion euros5. It is estimated that by 2050, direct costs related to hip fractures will increase to 76.7 billion euros6.

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FIRST IRANIAN CONGRESS OF INTERVENTIONAL PHYSIATRIC PAIN MANANGMENT

Farzaneh Torkan

The 1st Iranian Congress of Intervtional physiatric pain managment was hold at December 20, 2007 in Tehran, Iran. This congress was organized by Shahid Beheshti university, M.C in collaboration with Iranian socity of physical and rehabilitation medicine, Dr Seyed Mansoor Rayegani Associte prof. Of physical medicine and rehabilitation was scientific secretary of the congress. The congress covered many topics of pain medicine including: definition, pathophysiology, physical modality measures, interventional procedures and pharmacotherapy. These topics were presented by invited speakers from different Disciplines including physiatry, Anestlesiology, Neurosuryey, Neurology, pharmacology, nutrition and Psychology.
Dr Ali Nemat, coordinator of pain medicine program of South California University was invited as keynote lecturer.
More then 200 participants from different disciplines participated in the congress.

REHAB DUBAI 2008 WITH STRONG LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

Under the patronage of H.H Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai Minister of Finance, the 6th edition of Dubai International Rehabilitation Forum and Exhibition - Rehab Dubai 2008 opened 12th March 2008 at the Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre.

H.E Mariam Mohammed Khalfan Al Roumi Minister of Social Affairs and H.E. Werner Van Cleemputte Executive Director International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ISPRM) graced the inaugural ceremony. The UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative in United Arab Emirates Dr. Khaled Alloush will also be present. Mr Thani Jumma the chairperson of the organising Committee and chairman of Dubai Club for Special Sports revealed this in a statement today. The Department of Tourism and Commerce marketing, Dubai Conventions Office is the official supporter.

Since its inception, Rehab Dubai has raised the profile of disability, awareness and rehabilitation issues in the UAE and in the Middle East region. This reflected in the growing number of rehabilitation conferences, university courses, standardization of rehabilitation services, and creation of infra-structural facilities for the disabled. Promotion of tourism for the disabled has also gained special attention from governments and semi government institutions in the region, Mr. Thani added.

With over 10 million severely disabled people among the Arab population, the market for Arab rehabilitation products, spurred by a series of rehabilitation projects undertaken by the governments in the region estimated at $7bn annually.

Mr. Abdul Salam Al Madani, President of INDEX Holding, the organiser of Rehab said, 'A specialised exhibition parallel to the conference will invite therapy centres, handicapped clubs, institutions encouraging and training the participants with special needs, companies offering medical solutions, academic software's, rehabilitation equipment as well as universities and rehab schools to contribute to this special three day gathering.'

Al Madani added, 'Rehab 2008 will give manufacturers, suppliers, traders and distributors of rehabilitation equipment the opportunity to reach new markets in a short period of time though exhibiting and meeting Government officials, purchasing officers, decision makers and representatives of regional rehabilitation hospitals, clinics, centres and institutions.

Rehab will display the latest rehabilitation products and services from different parts of the world. Rehab Dubai is the only platform in the Middle East that will bring together investors, manufacturers, suppliers and products and services providers and consumers under one roof. B2B meetings and direct face-to-face contacts will be arranged, which will result in exploring new markets and conclude long-term deals,' Mr.Madani said.

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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

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COMBINED NATIONAL SOCIETY/INDIVIDUAL ISPRM MEMBERSHIP

Werner Van Cleemputte, ISPRM Executive Director

In the September issue of the N&V, we have pointed out the advantages of National societies in combining national society with individual membership.

In short these advantages are

- Individual membership of the ISPRM for each member of your national society
- Monthly electronic version of the newsletter called News & Views with announcements on the society, its members, views and info on what is happening in the field of PM&R as well as a congress section. This News & Views is sent monthly by email to each of your members.
- Free electronic version of the Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine with access to all publications of the JRM as of 2001
- Reduced fee on the electronic version of Disability and Rehabilitation.
- Certification of membership through an official ISPRM membership card
- Certification of membership through a wall paper certificate
- Reduced registration fees at a large number of international congresses worldwide - all congresses that are endorsed by the ISPRM
- Individual page for each ISPRM individual member on the ISPRM website
- Full access to the "members only" section of the ISPRM website with discussion forums, reporting etc.
- National society membership like paid before is waived for the society.
- Having the Central Office of the ISPRM as direct spokesperson towards the society and intermediate with all countries members of the ISPRM

Apart from the information given in the September issue of the News & Views, a letter has been sent out to all national societies with the same information
As a result a number of national societies are now discussing this issue within their board in detail.

NATIONAL SOCIETIES THAT MADE AN APPLICATION FOR THIS COMBINED MODEL ARE:

- The **Italian Society** previously already agreed on this combined membership.
- The **Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation**
- The **Colombian Association of PM&R**
- The Cyprus Society

WE ENCOURAGE ALL OTHER NATIONAL SOCIETIES TO EXAMINE THIS COMBINED MODEL IN DETAIL AND CONSIDER THE BENEFITS FOR THEIR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS AS WELL.

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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 Bejing, 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

- **5th International Conference on Conservative Management of Spinal Deformities, S.O.S.O.R.T. 2008,** April 3 – 5 Eugenidou Foundation**,** Athens-Greece. Visit: www.sosortathens2008.com.

- **European Congress on Clinical and Economic Aspects of Osteoporosis and Osteoarthritis,** 9-12 April, Istanbul, Turkey. Visit www.ecceo8.org

- 20th Annual Kessler Medical Rehab Research & Education Centre (KMRREC) PM&R Review Course, 24 April – 2 May, West Orange, NJ, USA. Visit www.kmrrec.org

IBIA - 7th World Congress on Brain Injury, April 9-12, Pestana Palace Hotel, Lisbon, Portugal – visit www.internationalbrain.org

- **XIX Argentine Congress of Physical Rehabilitation Medicine** (SAMFIR), 23 - 25 April, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Visit: www.samfyr.org/congreso2008

- **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.dcconferences.com.au/afrmafoem

- **XVII European Stroke Conference**, 13-16 May, Nice, France – info to follow

- Otoneurolgía 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

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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

- **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 Fachklinik, 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 Anaylsis 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, Portorose, Slovenia - Contact: Prof. Crt Marincek marincek.crt@mail.ir-rs.si – visit: http://medcongress.prm08.org/home/

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- **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

- **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

- **20th Anniversary of the International Center of Neurological Restoration** (CIREN), March 9-13, 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: March 15-18. Info: raustin@sbaa.org
- **9th European Congress on Clinical and Economic Aspects of Osteoporosis and Osteoarthritis,** 19-21 March, Athens, Greece, visit www.ecceo9.org

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

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

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