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THE RESULT OF THE MERGER AND INTEGRATION OF IRMA AND IFPMR

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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 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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW AT [WWW.ECPRM2008.ORG](http://WWW.ECPRM2008.ORG)**

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### COLLABORATION BETWEEN WHO AND ISPRM CONTINUES

In accordance with exchanges last year, the WHO Executive Board reviewed the report of the collaboration with the ISPRM in its recent 122<sup>nd</sup> session. As a result the WHO Board decided to maintain the ISPRM in official relations with the WHO. In making its decision, the WHO Board commended the efforts of the ISPRM in support of the work of WHO. The WHO Board takes this opportunity to convey many thanks to the members of the ISPRM for their continuing interest in working with WHO and hopes that these activities continue to be as fruitful.

We therefore would like to thank Prof. Stucki and Dr. Melvin for their continuous efforts in collaborating with the WHO.

### EUROPA MEDICOPHYSICA NAME UPGRADE

Stefano Negrini

I am happy to announce that as of 1 January 2008 Europa Medicophysica (EMP) will upgrade its name from Latin to English, appearing as The European Journal of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (Eur J Phys Rehabil Med - EJPRM). The EJPRM has been presented to PubMed/Medline and will substitute Europa Medicophysica (Eura Medicophysica - EMP).

The EJPRM will start with Volume 45, following the sequence of EMP volume numeration, and will carry the subtitle “Europa Medicophysica”, testifying to its origin, birth, and history. The second title, “Mediterranean Journal of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine”, remains as a distinctive sign recalling the Journal’s important role as a bridge between southern Europe and North Africa and the Middle East.

The reasons for the name change are clear: English is now the international language of medicine and the Journal will need to enhance its visibility as a European platform for presenting clinical research in physical and rehabilitation medicine through the Medline database and other information sources. The goal is to increase the Journal’s value for its readers and authors, and ultimately their patients. Emphasis on the EJPRM as an internationally recognized clinical journal for rehabilitation professionals is consistent with this aim.

Best regards and...ad majora.

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### CHINESE NEW YEAR GREETINGS FROM CHINESE SOCIETY OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION, CHINESE ASSOCIATION OF REHABILITATION MEDICINE AND 1ST ASIAN OCEANIA CONFERENCE OF PHYSICAL AND REHABILITATION MEDICINE

Jianan Li

Wish you all a Happy Chinese New Year and a prosperous PMR in the year of Rat. I would also like to express our gratitude for your support for Beijing, China to hold the World Congress in 2013. We are very busy at the moment to organize an important regional PMR conference in Nanjing. The on-line abstract submission of the 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Oceania Conference of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine has been closed with about 600 abstracts submitted. With 120 invited speakers attending the Conference, we are expecting a success for the first conference of this newly established Regional Society. The on-line registration is now going on ([www.aocprm2008.com](http://www.aocprm2008.com)) and the scientific program is on the web.

As the Chairman of this Conference, I wish to encourage our colleagues in the world to join this unique event in history of Asia and Oceania. You may enjoy lectures by the most famous experts in our field, communication with colleagues, exhibition of modern rehabilitation equipment, and also the fascinating historical city and nature wonderland of the richest area of China. You may also have opportunity to learn some Chinese traditional approaches for physical and rehabilitation medicine, including acupuncture, Chinese manipulation and other Chinese methods.

### THE ISPRM JOURNALS AND THEIR PROFITS FOR ISPRM MEMBERS

#### JOURNAL OF REHABILITATION MEDICINE

From January 1<sup>st</sup> onwards, all *individual* members of the ISPRM will have [free access to the electronic version of the Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine \(JRM\)](#).

The JRM is one of the two official journals of the ISPRM and has the highest impact factor of all PM&R journals published. The paper version of the journal is offered to our ISPRM individual members at a fee of 75 Euro per year.

This free offer of the electronic JRM and special service to our *individual* members started as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 onwards with a try out period of 1 calendar year. Of course this will be evaluated in 2008 and the intention of all parties is to continue with this offer (if financially sustainable for the ISPRM).

**ALL INDIVIDUAL ISPRM MEMBERS HAVE FREE ACCESS TO THE ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE JOURNAL OF REHABILITATION MEDICINE. SO WE ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP DUES ASAP THROUGH THE ISPRM WEBSITE. - ALL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING FOR 2007 HAVE RECEIVED AN EMAIL WITH A PASSWORD AND LOGIN FOR THE JRM. PLEASE CONTACT THE CENTRAL OFFICE IF YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION.**

**MEMBERSHIP 2008 IS TO BE RENEWED BY FEBRUARY 28 FOR FURTHER ACCESS TO THE JRM**

#### DISABILITY AND REHABILITATION

The second official journal of the ISPRM is "Disability and Rehabilitation" and the electronic version of this journal can be ordered at a rate of 100 UK Pounds for ISPRM individual members. This can be requested through Taylor and Francis.

Contact person is Kathryn Spiller at [Kathryn.Spiller@informa.com](mailto:Kathryn.Spiller@informa.com)

### THE ISPRM WELCOMES THE ARGENTINE SOCIETY OF PM&R AS A NEW MEMBER

The SAMFIR (Sociedad Argentina de Medicina Física y Rehabilitación) is our youngest member of the ISPRM.

The society is having a very interesting with all information on the SAMFIR at: [www.samfyr.org.ar](http://www.samfyr.org.ar).

On April 23 – 25 SAMFIR organizes the XIX Argentine Congress of Physical Rehabilitation Medicine in Buenos Aires. Details on the congress can be found at [www.samfyr.org/congreso2008](http://www.samfyr.org/congreso2008).

We kindly welcome the SAMFIR within our ISPRM family.



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### CLINICAL TRIALS COURSE 2008 - DISTANCE-LEARNING CLINICAL RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM

(24 WEEKLY LECTURES OF 2 HOURS OF DURATION)

**Marta Imamura, MD PhD, Chair, ISPRM Education Committee**

One of the main goals of the "World Action Plan for Initial Education in PRM" (WAPIE.PRM) is to facilitate access to research and research activities to the PRM trainees. All ISPRM members can also benefit from the education activities as well. Although our specialty has been shown to be a promising and emerging center for medical research, most of our research ends up not being published or published in journals of low impact factor. In order to reverse this situation, the University Of São Paulo School Of Medicine has partnered with the Scholars in Clinical Sciences Program of Harvard Medical School with the goal of training researchers and physicians to be leaders and top quality scientists. We have recently finalized the agreement with the Scholars in Clinical Science Program / Harvard Medical School in which they will deliver a research program – similar to that used to train Harvard researchers- by professors from Harvard Medical School and Harvard School of Public Health, using video conference technology from both universities (Harvard University and University of Sao Paulo) to broadcast this lecture from Boston to Sao Paulo and from São Paulo to the other centers worldwide. This outstanding course will take place from March 13th to October 16th 2008, and will consist of 24 lectures of two hours each. The first lecture will be delivered by Prof. Steven Freedman, MD PhD, associate dean of Translational Medicine at Harvard Medical School. In this program, we will also have other key speakers, such as the academic dean of Harvard School of Public Health, James Ware, and the deputy editor of New England Journal of Medicine.

The Scholars in Clinical Sciences Program was established at Harvard in 2000 to address the critical need for formal training opportunities in clinical research, which is vital to the advancement of scientific knowledge and the development of improved treatments for human disease. The goal of the Scholars in Clinical Sciences Program is to provide superior, coordinated didactic and practical training for individuals interested in clinical trials. The program prepares trainees to be effective leaders of complex research groups, academic departments, academic medical centers, and industrial and managed care groups. This CME course on clinical trials is another example of the emphasis of this program to be a world leader in clinical research training.

Besides the 24-lectures delivered by teleconference, there will be an intensive four-day live course, from October 23 to 26th 2008, delivered by 10 professors from Harvard Medical School and Harvard School of Public Health, at the Maksoud Plaza Hotel in São Paulo.

This initiative will certainly contribute towards increasing the scientific research capacity of our specialty, as well as allow our researchers to publish in high quality medical journals.

Detailed information is available at [www.isprm.org](http://www.isprm.org)

and at [www.fmusp.com.br/harvard](http://www.fmusp.com.br/harvard)



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International Brain  
Injury Association

Seventh World Congress on Brain Injury

Held in conjunction with  
Congress of the Portuguese Society of PMR  
Congresso Nacional da Sociedade Portuguesa de MFR



Jorge Lains, MD, President, IBIA, Portugal

Nathan Zasler, MD, FAAPM&R, FAADEP, DAAPM, CBIT, Chairperson, IBIA, USA

As President and Chairperson of the IBIA Seventh World Congress on Brain Injury in Lisbon, Portugal, we would like to invite the participation of all professionals involved with serving persons with acquired brain injury to this international Congress and meeting of minds. We are very excited about having the meeting in Lisbon which, historically, has been the center of one of the biggest empires of all time with colonies in the Americas, Asia and Africa. Lisbon's sophisticated shopping centers, fine hotels, gastronomy, and culture, combined with the climate will make this a superb destination for our biennial World Congress.

Aside from the wonderful scientific program with over 40 invited world renowned experts in the field of brain injury, we have had an outpouring of interest in the meeting with over 400 scientific submissions from around the world. There will also be a pre-conference, full-day symposium on the state of the art of knowledge regarding mild traumatic brain injury assessment and treatment that will span issues from biomechanics of injury through vocational reentry. The pre-congress on MTBI will be co-sponsored by the International Brain Injury Association and the World Federation of Neurological Rehabilitation. The 7th World Congress of the IBIA will also have a number of excellent and diverse post-conference workshops.

IBIA is also introducing at this World Congress a number of new events including candlelight sessions with experts, among others, and several new awards, including the Henry Stonnington Award for best review article in *Brain Injury*, IBIA's officially endorsed organizational research journal, and the Jennett & Plum award for clinical achievement in the field of brain injury medicine. We are also planning a number of wonderful social events, as well as touring opportunities to further explore and appreciate the culture of our host country, Portugal.

Since ISPRM is an endorsing organization for the 7th World Congress, its members are entitled to a discount on the registration, equivalent to that of IBIA members. For further information on the meeting, please check our website: [www.internationalbrain.org](http://www.internationalbrain.org).

We look forward to seeing you in Lisbon!

### 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

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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

*(one of the two official journals of the ISPRM)*

*Issue February 2008 (Volume 41)*

#### Original Reports

- *Comparison of individual, group and combined intervention formats in a randomized controlled trial for facilitating goal attainment and improving psychosocial function following acquired brain injury, Tamara Ownsworth, Jennifer Fleming, David Shum, Pim Kuipers, Jenny Strong*
- *The complexity of participation in daily life: A qualitative study of the experiences of persons with acquired brain injury Anna Häggström, Maria Larsson Lund*
- *Impact of internal capsule lesions on outcome of motor hand function at one year post-stroke Sven Schiemanck, Gert Kwakkel, Marcel WM Post, Jaap L Kappelle, Arie JH Prevo*
- *Mapping the Stroke Impact Scale (SIS-16) to the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health Carolina Moriello, Kerry Byrne, Alarcos Cieza, Caryn Nash, Paul Stolee, Nancy Mayo*
- *Isotonic and isometric contractions exert the same amount of corticomotor system excitability in healthy subjects and patients after stroke Hartwig Woldag, Caroline Renner, Horst Hummelsheim*
- *Social, intimate and sexual relationships of adolescents with cerebral palsy compared with able-bodied age-mates Diana Wiegerink, Marij E. Roebroek, Mireille Donkervoort, Peggy T Cohen-Kettenis, Henk J. Stam*
- *Patients with acute spinal cord injury benefit from normocapnic hyperpnoea training. Siska Van Houtte, Yves Vanlandewijck, Charlotte Kiekens, Christina M. Spengler, Rik Gosselink*
- *Quality of life of traumatic spinal cord injured patients in Hong Kong Yong Hu, Joseph NF Mak, Yat Wa Wong, John CY Leong, Keith DK Luk*
- *Manual dexterity in hereditary motor and sensory neuropathy type 1a: Severity of limitations and feasibility and reliability of 2 assessment instruments Annemieke J. Videler, Anita Beelen, Ivo N. van Schaik, Marianne de Visser, Frans Nollet*
- *A randomized controlled trial of aquatic and land-based exercise in patients with knee osteoarthritis Hans Lund, Ulla Weile, Robin Christensen, Benedicte Rostock, Anne Downey, Else Marie Bartels, Bente Danneskiold-Samsø, Henning Bliddal*
- *Effects of deep and superficial heating in the management of frozen shoulder. May S. F. Leung, Gladys L.Y. Cheing*
- *Vitality, perceived social support and disease activity determine the performance of social roles in recently diagnosed multiple sclerosis: A longitudinal analysis Vincent de Groot, Heleen Beckerman, Jos W. Twisk, Bernard M. Uitdehaag, Rogier Q. Hintzen, Arjan Minneboo, Gustaaf Lankhorst, Chris H. Polman, Lex M Bouter*



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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

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

#### Congresses on:

- **Stroke**                    [www.internationalstroke.org/s\\_content.php?id=fb2002-03-04-1020](http://www.internationalstroke.org/s_content.php?id=fb2002-03-04-1020)
- **Neurology**            [www.eurostroke.org/esc\\_main%20links.htm](http://www.eurostroke.org/esc_main%20links.htm)
- **Neurorehab**            [www.wfnr.co.uk/docs/events.htm](http://www.wfnr.co.uk/docs/events.htm)
- **Spine**                    [www.spine.org/calendar/nass\\_future\\_events.cfm](http://www.spine.org/calendar/nass_future_events.cfm)
- **Brain Injury**          [www.internationalbrain.org/content.php?pages=congress](http://www.internationalbrain.org/content.php?pages=congress)
- **Osteoporosis**        [www.iofbonehealth.org/meetings-events.html](http://www.iofbonehealth.org/meetings-events.html)

#### 2008

- **Association of Academic Physiatrists - AAP 2008 Annual Educational Conference**, February 19-23, Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, CA. Visit: [www.physiatry.org/](http://www.physiatry.org/)
- **18th Annual Convention of the Philippine Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine**, February 20-22, Lipa City, Batangas, Philippines. Contact: Ms. Lianavida Asuque-Talvo at [parm\\_ph@yahoo.com](mailto:parm_ph@yahoo.com)
- **NeuroRehabana2008 conference**, March 10-14, Havana, Cuba Visit [www.neurorehabana2008.sld.cu/welcome?set\\_language=en](http://www.neurorehabana2008.sld.cu/welcome?set_language=en)
- 6th edition of **Dubai International Rehabilitation Forum - REHAB Dubai 2008**. 10-12 March, Dubai international Exhibition Center – Visit: [www.rehab.ae](http://www.rehab.ae)
- **42nd Comprehensive Review Course in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation** (81.75 CME credits) of Baylor College of Medicine / The University of Texas Medical School at Houston PM&R Alliance, March 29 – April 6, 2008, Marriott Medical Center Hotel, Houston, Texas. Info: [PMandR@bcm.edu](mailto:PMandR@bcm.edu).
- **5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.sosortathens2008.com).
- **European Congress on Clinical and Economic Aspects of Osteoporosis and Osteoarthritis**, 9-12 April, Istanbul, Turkey. Visit [www.ecco08.org](http://www.ecco08.org)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Kessler Medical Rehab Research & Education Centre (KMRREC) PM&R Review Course, 24 April – 2 May, West Orange, NJ, USA. Visit [www.kmrrec.org](http://www.kmrrec.org)

**IBIA - 7th World Congress on Brain Injury, April 9-12, Pestana Palace Hotel,  
Lisbon, Portugal – visit [www.internationalbrain.org](http://www.internationalbrain.org)**

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- **XIX Argentine Congress of Physical Rehabilitation Medicine (SAMFIR)**, 23 - 25 April, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Visit: [www.samfyr.org/congreso2008](http://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.dconferences.com.au/afrmafoem](http://www.dconferences.com.au/afrmafoem)
- **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](mailto:lelias@medicaa.com)
- **Ier. CONGRESO NACIONAL AVANZADO DE MEDICINA DE ELECTRODIAGNÓSTICO**, 14 - 17 May. Hotel Presidente Intercontinental, Guadalajara, Jalisco, México – Info: [gwbocca@hotmail.com](mailto:gwbocca@hotmail.com)

**First Asia and Oceania Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (AOCPRM), May 15-19, 2008, Nanjing, China. Info: [www.aocprm2008.com](http://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](http://www.icampam.org)
- **13th International Pain Clinic Congress - WSPC2008**, 29 May -1 June 1, 2008, Seoul, Korea. Visit [www.pain-wspc2008.org](http://www.pain-wspc2008.org)

**European Congress on Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, 3 - 6 June 2008, Brugge, Belgium - visit [www.medicongress.com](http://www.medicongress.com)**

**ISPRM BOARD MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THIS CONGRESS**

- **7<sup>th</sup> Combined Congress of the Spine and Paediatric Orthopaedic Sections (APAO)**, 4-7 June, Jeju Island, Korea. Visit [www.spapoa2008.net](http://www.spapoa2008.net)
- **3rd Course on Knee Arthroplasty (Lyon Course)**, 13-15 June, Brugge, Belgium – visit [www.medicongress.com](http://www.medicongress.com)

**World Congress of Medical Hydrology, 25-28 June 2008, Porto, Portugal visit [www.ismh08.org](http://www.ismh08.org)**

- **1st Herzogenaurach Dysphagia Conference**, 4-5 July, m&I Fachlinik, Herzogenaurach/Germany. Visit [www.dysphagia-conference.org](http://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](mailto:ascmfr@gmail.com)
- **1st World Congress on Pain**, 17-22 August, Glasgow, Scotland – visit [www.iasp-pain.org](http://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](mailto:h.cornielje@enablement.nl)
- **Virtual Rehabilitation 2008**, 25-27 August, Convention & Exhibition Centre, Vancouver, Canada. Visit: [www.virtual-rehab.org](http://www.virtual-rehab.org).

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- **47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of ISCos**, 29 August-3 September, Durban, South-Africa. Visit [www.iscos.org.uk](http://www.iscos.org.uk)
- **17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.esmac2008turkey.org)
- **4-week International Course in Management of Disability and Rehabilitation**. 15 September - 10 October. The Netherlands. Visit: [www.enablement.nl](http://www.enablement.nl)
- **7<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine**, 18 - 21 September 2008, Portorose, Slovenia - Contact: Prof. Crt Marincek [marincek.crt@mail.ir-rs.si](mailto: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](http://www.medicongress.com)
- **5<sup>th</sup> Regional Central European Conference of the Int Soc for Prosthetics & Orthotics**, 19-21 September 2008, Pontrose, Slovenia – visit [www.ce-ispo2008.org](http://www.ce-ispo2008.org)
- **5<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Neurorehabilitation (WFNR)**. 24-27 September, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, contact [traceymole@wfnr.co.uk](mailto:traceymole@wfnr.co.uk)
- **6<sup>th</sup> World Stroke Congress**, 24-27 September, Vienna, Austria, Visit: [www.kenes.com/stroke2008](http://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  
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- **70<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the AAPMR**, 20-23 November 2008, San Diego, USA – [www.aapmr.org](http://www.aapmr.org)
- **World Congress on Osteoporosis**, 3-7 December, Bangkok, Thailand, visit [www.iofbonehealth.org](http://www.iofbonehealth.org)

## 2009

- **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Center of Neurological Restoration (CIREN)**, March 9-13, Palacio de las Convenciones, La Habana, Cuba. Contact [rn2009@neuro.ciren.cu](mailto:rn2009@neuro.ciren.cu). Visit [www.ciren.ws](http://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](mailto:raustin@sbaa.org)
- **9<sup>th</sup> European Congress on Clinical and Economic Aspects of Osteoporosis and Osteoarthritis**, 19-21 March, Athens, Greece, visit [www.ecceo9.org](http://www.ecceo9.org)

## 2010

- **World Congress on Osteoporosis**, 5-8 May, Venice, Italy, visit [www.iofbonehealth.org](http://www.iofbonehealth.org)

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

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