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THE ISPRM & THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Mark Young & Amparo Martinez Assucena (report)

Proposed Guidelines

The Representatives of Individual Members' Committee activities will be focused on: optimizing membership interests within the ISPRM, facilitating active membership participation within ISPRM and working on increasing membership numbers.

The activities of the committee will bear relevance to several target populations:

1. Individual members of ISPRM. among them:
 - a. National Representatives
 - b. Members Representing Active National Societies Members
2. Presidents of National Societies (NS) and related representatives

To provide ongoing communication, discussion and dialogue to:

2. Individual members about
 - a. Scientific, educational, management activities or others related to the specialty
 - b. Upcoming ISPRM Congress activity (during the planning and programming stages)
 - c. Board of Governors meetings news and developments
3. Presidents of National Societies and relevant representatives about the following matters:
 - ✓ A combined membership dues structure to those national societies with more than 500 members
 - ✓ Financial benefit for the society
 - ✓ Benefit of two international journals via internet for affiliated individual members.

To disseminate information about additional tangible benefits including:

- Global participation in the "Rehabilitation Community" of Professionals
 - Exchange possibilities for trainees and professionals in concert with the ISPRM Exchange Committee
 - Participation in international research programs
 - Participation in an international network in education;
 - Accessibility to relevant information in other societies.
4. To propose honoring individual members who have contributed to the enhancement of membership matters within ISPRM. We want to support any activity that honors our colleague Haim Ring, who was a preeminent active individual member.

For the above described purposes it is necessary to have the names of individual names, their e-mail and whose NS they belong. The Executive Director could provide this information.

"Relevant representatives" could be:

Representatives of other scientific societies among whose members there are PRM physicians. There can be "specific societies", such as Neurorehab, Biomechanics, Pediatrics; local PRM societies within the national one. The National Representatives and Representatives of Individual Members could provide this information, and also about the Presidents of National Societies.

The NS with more than 500 members are: Chinese Taipei, Italy, Japan, Korea, Poland, Spain, Turkey, USA.



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THE ISPRM & THE NATIONAL SOCIETIES

Gulseren Akyuz & Alessandro Giustini

The most important Goals for ISPRM could be resumed:

- To facilitate international exchange regarding different aspects of rehab. clinical activities and research, including disseminating information about rehabilitation related funding, multicentre trials, international projects, meetings and congresses
- supporting concretely as possible these activities and providing means to facilitate clinical, scientific activities and communications
- to organise the International congress of PRM and other scientific events, to support other initiatives and co-operation in the fields of PRM. Furthermore, by a close co-operation with National, regional and Continental PRM Societies and other scientific Associations and Bodies, to provide information to governments about the contents and evidence based efficacy of P&RM, aiming to influence national governments for a strong enrichment of our Discipline, as a fundamental part of empowerment of Disabled Peoples Rights and Health Services following WHO-ICF indications.

Probably you can agree with me on the fundamental relevance, of information and communication to be able to reach these Goals: to have a better shared knowledge, to share problems, solutions, experiences and criticisms at national and international level. This communication must be timely, openly produced by ISPRM and attended by everyone. Contents of this communications are based on different scientific activities (ISPRM, National Societies, individual Members, any other Research and clinical Centres and Hospital etc.) and supported also by PRM Journals diffusion.

But the role and validity of this communication is based on the role of ISRM as world responsible , as guarantee and “sign” for the value of contents. In fact in these years more and more the Health decisions (in a scientific, political, social, Ethic point of view) arrive from the “global world level”. WHO, Unicef, ILO, World Development Bank, U.N. Are defining many points very important for Peoples (not only disabled) and for their rights, and in the same time very important for PRM. So all financial international and national decisions (for supporting researches, interventions, services etc.) follow these indications.

Unfortunately National Societies (even if very big and strong) and Continental Organizations (in Europe and other regions really very useful) cannot cover alone as necessary this World Level.

Only ISPRM has the possibility to be as a sort of Global source (accordingly together all other levels), a unique world body representing all rehabilitation problems and solutions (towards professionals, patients, people and Governmental and Non-Governmental Organisations).

The most important task for ISPRM future is this on my opinion. Next Congresses could be a “World Conference” on Quality of life (covering scientific and communication aspects) as for example for AIDS, Cancer, environment..

But also ISPRM and Central Office must be able to support day by day these activities together with the National Societies in particular.

They are the basis and also the target for this ISPRM actions : on the contrary nothing could be useful.

At first one of the most important points will be to know the real situations in different countries to prepare and guide our activities on scientific, clinical but also legal, management and financial fields, to define all together most important problems and perspectives.

So I suggest to discuss this idea during the next Board Meeting in Istanbul, to know the opinions and to involve National Societies in the followings activities.



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THE FACULTY-STUDENT EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE COMMITTEE

Mark A. Young

Charge to the Committee: The charge of the Faculty-Student Exchange Committee is to serve as a central clearing house for international educational and humanitarian exchange opportunities in Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine.

Background:

The Faculty-Student Exchange Committee of the ISPRM was established in 2002 due to the recognition of then President John Melvin (USA) and President-elect Haim Ring (Israel) that promoting international education was a logical extension of the ISPRM's mission to spread rehabilitation expertise internationally. With the encouragement of the ISPRM Board, the new committee was appointed with physiatrists Peter Disler (Australia), Luigi Tessio (Italy) and Mark Young (USA) as its founding leaders. The committee was inspired by luminaries within the specialty who envisioned a global educational agenda including Dr. Herman Flax, Dr. Mathew Lee and many of the current senior members of the ISPRM.

The Faculty-Student Exchange Committee serves primarily as a central clearing house for international educational and humanitarian opportunities in Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine by placing medical students, residents, faculty physicians and allied rehabilitation professionals in global voluntary didactic and public service rotations. The committee tracks the progress and outcomes of these rotations as well as the successes of its other educational initiatives. To coordinate its initiatives, the Faculty-Student Exchange Committee interfaces with other educational rehabilitation organizations and relevant ISPRM committees and shares information about global PRM educational opportunities with ISPRM membership. (Please see the committee website for more information, <http://isprm-edu.org/>, or refer to the 'specific activities' listed in the appended '*Promoting Global Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine Educational Exchange: ISPRM Faculty-Student Exchange Committee*' (NEWS LETTER NO.2 – 2007, *Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine*).

Chairperson: Mark Young MD, MBA, FACP

Co-Chairperson: Bryan O'Young MD

Membership of the Committee:

Current: Mark Young (Chair: USA), Bryan O'Young (Co-chair, USA), Torkhan Farzaneh (Iran), Iuly Treger (Israel), Calogero Foti (Italy), Peter Lee (Korea), Amparo M. Assucena (Spain), Charles Knoll (USA), Meeta Peer (USA), Elenha Polukhin (USA) Hugo Nunez Bernadet (Uruguay)

Past: Peter Disler (Australia), Christina Moran de Brito (Brazil), Jianan Li (China), Iuly Treger (Israel), Alessandro Giustini (Italy), Haim Ring (Mentor: Israel), Onder Kayhan (Turkey), David Cassius (USA)

Activities of the Year:

Since the last annual report to the ISPRM Governing Board at its annual meeting in Brugges, Belgium on June 5th, 2008, the ISPRM Exchange Committee has continued its primary mission of placing rehabilitationists in didactic rotations as well as serving as an information resource and diplomatic channel for advocating educational and humanitarian opportunities in Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine globally. The committee processed 18 inquiries from prospective international rotators during the past year (70 since committee inception). (Please see attached list of **Rotation Sponsoring Institutions**).

Aside from committee placements, many national societies have advanced international educational exchange by independently coordinating placements as well as by hosting foreign physiatrists to present to their society, at meetings and at training institutions.

In an effort to fully reflect the extent of international educational exchange as well as to acknowledge individual society participation, the committee kindly requests that it be notified of educational exchange activities independently conducted by national societies and by individual institutions. This information can be forwarded to the committee chair at Mark.Young@JHU.edu This will help to capture information for the ISPRM Exchange Committee central data registry so that all members of the ISPRM can keep informed.



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In May of 2008, China suffered a series of devastating earthquakes resulting in over 370,000 injuries. The Chinese government saw the urgent need for rehabilitation services. ISPRM members Jianan Li and Leonard Li advocated initially for a Chinese team to learn from the leading US institutions and committee members Mark Young and Bryan O'Young coordinated the visit with the generous support of leading USA rehabilitation institutions.

In December, the committee hosted a seven-member medical, architectural and educational planning delegation from China comprised of key rehabilitation and government planning officials. (Please note attached **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**). Bryan O'Young accompanied the delegation to several prominent USA rehabilitation institutions and 'centers of excellence' (please see **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**) in order to: 1) gain better understanding of rehabilitation facility function and design to inform construction of treatment facilities, including a dedicated rehabilitation hospital near Chengdu, for victims of the 2008 Sichuan Earthquake and future disasters in western China, and to 2) appreciate the various rehabilitation educational models in the United States in order to improve existing Chinese models.

During the visit, members of the Exchange Committee also shared their experience with organizing the rehabilitation response to Hurricane Katrina, the devastating hurricane which struck the US Gulf Coast in August, 2005. Planning recommendations included assembling rehabilitation disaster response teams comprised of volunteer physiatrists and other rehabilitation professionals. (Additional information is available through the AAPM&R medical education website, 'academe': "*Rehabilitations Service Care Contributions in Natural and Man Made Disaster*" initially presented by Dr. Mark Young; <http://me.e-aapmr.org/SlideLectures.aspx> . ISPRM member James Gosney (USA) later presented on the unified rehabilitation response to Hurricane Katrina, named '*Operation Functional Recovery*', earlier this week at the '*First World Conference on Medical Rehabilitation in Rural and Developing Regions*', sponsored by the International Rehabilitation Forum, in Kayseri, Turkey).

ISPRM member Bryan O'Young presented at the Chinese Medical Doctor's Association Rehabilitation Medicine Conference in Beijing on new advancements in pain management and also lectured at the Peking First Hospital in Beijing on the universal principles of rehabilitation medicine in May of 2009.

ISPRM members John Melvin (USA) and Mark Young presented at the international rehabilitation-themed Biennial Alumni PM&R Symposium at the Johns Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland USA on June 5, 2009.

In support of its ongoing primary mission of placing rehabilitationists in global didactic rotations, the Exchange Committee is currently implementing a recognition program to duly acknowledge the sponsorship contribution of volunteer faculty and host institutions. (Please note **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**). The committee has also developed a proposal (please see attached) to create an award in memory of the late Haim Ring (Israel) for his years of service as mentor to the committee. (Dr. Ring passed away in August 2008).

Agenda for the Coming Year

- Continue placement of rehabilitationists in global didactic and humanitarian rotations
- Continue support of China's rehabilitation development initiative by providing additional planning, training and education resources based on the Hurricane Katrina Operation 'Functional Recovery' experience
- Publish '*Operation Functional Recovery*' experience in a peer-reviewed rehabilitation or disaster management journal
- Continue implementation of a sponsoring faculty and host institution 'recognition program'
- Expand recognition of international educational exchange by tracking individual society efforts to independently coordinate placements as well as hosting of foreign physiatrists at educational forums
- Create an ISPRM Central Registry Database which will be linked to the committee web site www.isprm-edu.org

SELECTED VISITATION & DIDACTIC ROTATION PLACEMENTS (2006-2009)



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USA (originating) Placements

1. Dr. Nina Choi, University of MD Sinai Hospital resident placed in one month rotation in Korea with Dr. Peter Lee, Dr. Kwon and Dr. Cheung-il Park. Dr. Kim, Yun-Hee et al
2. MS Brett Gerstman, UMDNJ student (currently PM&R Resident at NYU) placed in month rotation in Uruguay with mentors Hugo Nunez Bernadett and Juan Luis Lacuague
3. Dr. Ileana Howard, PM&R resident at University of Washington visited PRM Department, Hospital de la Esperança, Barcelona, Spain
4. MS Drew Morchawer, Tulane student (currently PM&R Resident at UT-Southwestern) placed in month rotation in Israel with mentors Rafi Heruti, Iuly Treger and Haim Ring
5. MS Nhat Tran, Boston University student (currently PM&R Resident at Tufts) placed in rotation in Viet Nam
6. Dr. Ken Vitale, NYU/Hospital for Joint Disease visited Tokyo Bay Hospital, Japan

International (originating) Placements

1. Dr. Zhen Chen from China visited Baltimore, Maryland
2. Dr. Luisa Gagean from Lisbon, Portugal visited the Loewenstein Hospital Rehabilitation Center (Tel Aviv, Israel; Dr. Nachum Soroker)
3. Dr. Ghatak from Calcutta, India visited Baltimore, MD
4. Dr. Luong Khanh, Physiatrist from Bach Mai Rehabilitation Center (Vietnam) rotated at the Chaim Sheba Rehabilitation Hospital (Tel Hashomer, Israel; Dr. Jeff Shames)
5. MS Aliza Livshitz, student from the Technion University (Haifa, Israel) visited MN
6. Dr. Renee Maschke, SCI Physiatrist from Italy visited NY
7. MS Suchita Mehta, student from Bombay, India to visit NY (NYCPM)
8. Dr. David Sareceni, resident from Rome, Italy visited NY, NJ, MD
9. Dr. Oral et. al. visited NYU
10. Dr. Marcello Solli, resident from Vergata University, Rome visited NY/MD
11. Dr. Takirbashev from Krgyzstan (Russia) visited University of MN (Russian American Medical Association; Dr. Elena Polukhin)
12. Dr. Wafaa Al Yazeedi from Qatar visited the University of MN

Recent International Visitation:

New York University-Rusk Institute

Aydan Oral, MD, Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Chair, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Istanbul University Istanbul Faculty of Medicine, İstanbul, Turkey

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Chinese Delegates

- Kui Liu, Director, Ministry of Health, China
- Xiangtian Wu, Senior Officer, Ministry of Health, China
- Professor Wei Zhang, Deputy President, West China Hospital of Sichuan University
- Professor Chengqi He, Director, West China Hospital of Sichuan University
- Professor Xiaoyong Qiu, Senior Architect, China Southwest Architectural Design and Research Institute
- Haiyong Chen, Engineer, West China Hospital of Sichuan University
- Hongchen He, Secretary, West China Hospital of Sichuan University

Chinese Delegation (Institution ((USA)); Host)

- Baylor College of Medicine; Dr. Martin Grabois (offer of support)
- Jefferson Magee Hospital; Dr. John Melvin
- Johns Hopkins University Hospital; Dr. Jeffrey Palmer, Dr Richard Zorowitz, Dr. Sam Mayer
- Kessler Rehabilitation; Dr. Joel Delisa, Dr. Bruce Gans
- Maryland Rehabilitation Center, TheWorkforce & Technology Center, State of MD; Office of Dr. Mark Young
- MetroHealth Rehabilitation Institute of Ohio; Dr. John Clark, Dr. Brendan Patterson (offer of support)
- National Institutes of Health; Dr. Leighton Chan, Dr Li Li
- New York College of Podiatric Medicine; Dr. Howard Rusk Jr, Dr. Stanley Kornhauser
- Rusk Institute; Dr. Steven Flanagan; Dr. Mathew Lee
- Rusk Without Walls (dinner); Dr. Mathew Lee, Dr. Bryan O'Young
- University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Richard Salcido, Dr. Sam Wu

Rotation Sponsoring Institutions

- Hospital for Joint Disease, New York University
- Hospital for Special Surgery, New York University
- Johns Hopkins Hospital
- Kernan's Hospital, University of Maryland
- Kessler Neuromuscular Program, UMDNJ Hospital (Newark); Dr. John Bach
- Maryland Rehabilitation Center, TheWorkforce & Technology Center, State of MD
- Moss Rehabilitation Research Institute
- Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York University
- New York College of Podiatric Medicine
- Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care& Rehabilitation, North Shore-LIJ Health System
- Rusk Institute, New York University
- Sinai Hospital of Baltimore
- Thomas Jefferson University
- University of Pennsylvania

National Physiatrist Organizations

Many national physiatrist organizations deserve acknowledgement for independently promoting international educational exchange by hosting foreign physiatrists during the past year. Colombia, China, Iran, Israel, and Italy are recognized and thanked.

Special notice and gratitude to the Iranian Society of PM&R for hosting the following lecturers:

- Dr. Jeffrey Basford; Mayo Clinic, USA
- Dr. Leonard Li; Hong Kong Association of Rehabilitation Medicine, Hong Kong
- Hasan Monfared; University of Alberta Hospital Multidisciplinary Pain Centre, Canada
- Ali Nemat; Keck School of Medicine of USC, USA
- Mehrsheed Sinaki; Mayo Clinic, USA



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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND CONGRESSES

ISPRM World Congresses

- **6th Congress** **June 12 - 15, 2011** **San Juan, Puerto Rico**
- **7th Congress** **June 16 - 20, 2013** **Beijing, China**
- **8th Congress** **June 2015** **Berlin, Germany**

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



= congresses offering reduced registration fees for ISPRM members

2009

Principles and Practice of Clinical Research 2009 - Course will be offered by Scholars in Clinical Science Program and Department of Continuing Education, Harvard Medical School. The course will occur from March 19th to October 25th. For the 2009 edition, CME credits will be provided. – for details please contact Marta Imamura: martaimf@gmail.com

- **Eurospine 2009**, 21-24 October, Warsaw, Poland. Visit www.eurospine2009.org
- **48th ISCoS Annual Meeting**, 21-24 October, Florence, Italy. Visit www.iscos2009.com

70th Annual Meeting of the AAPM&R, 22-25 October, Austin, Texas, USA. Visit www.aapmr.org



- **19th World Congress of Neurology**, 24-30 October, Bangkok, Thailand. Visit www.wcn2009bangkok.com
- **4th Pan Arab congress of PMR**, 29-31 October, Damascus, Syria. Contact hitenbak@scs.net.org
- **24th Annual Meeting of the North American Spine Society**, 10-14 November, San Francisco, USA. Visit www.spine.org
- **12th Asian Federation of Sports Medicine Congress**, 3-6 December, Amritsar, Punjab, India. Visit www.afsm2009.com
- **5th ASEAN Rehabilitation Medicine Association Congress**, 10-12 December, Bangkok, Thailand. Visit www.arma2009.org

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2010

- **3rd International Football Medicine Conference**, 19-21 February, Sun City, South Afrika. Visit www.fifa.org
- **3rd Int. Congress on Gait & Mental Health (GAIT 2010)**, 26-28 February, Washington DC, USA, Visit www.kenes.com/gait
- **Eight World Congress on Brain Injury (IBIA)**, 10-14 March, Washington DC, USA. Visit www.internationalbrain.org
- **World Congress of Internal Medicine**, 20-25 March, Melbourne, Australia. Info follows.
- **18th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine**, 20-25 March, Melbourne, Victoria. Contact: afrm@racp.edu.au
- **6th World Congress for Neurorehabilitation**, 21-24 March, Vienna, Austria. Contact: traceymole@wfnr.co.uk
- **1st Baltic & North Sea Conference on PRM; “Reclaim Function!”**, 14-16 April 2010, Stockholm, Sweden
Contact: www.bncprm2010.org

2nd Asia-Oceanian Conference on Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, April 29 - 2 May Taipei, Taiwan, Visit: www.aocprm2010.com. Contact: aocprm2010@knainth.com.tw



- **SAS10 – Int. Society for the Advancement of Spine Surgery:** April 27 - 30, 2010. New Orleans, LA USA. Visit www.spinearthroplasty.org
- **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. Contact: alessandro.giustini@ntc.it



- **7th World Conference, International Society for Gerontotechnology**, 27-30 May, Vancouver, Canada. Visit: www.sfu.ca/grc/isg2010
- **37th World Congress of the International Society of Medical Hydrology**, 23-26 June, Paris, France. Visit www.ismh2010.org

XXIV Congress of the Latin American Medical Association of Rehabilitation – AMLAR. Includes the XII meeting of the Latin-American Society of Paraplegia and the XXV Congress of the Colombian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. August 25-28, Hilton Convention Center, Cartagena, Colombia. Contact: Dr. Jorge E Gutierrez jegutier@gmail.com, Visit. <http://amlar2010.org>



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

8th Mediterranean Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, September 29 to October 2, Limassol, Cyprus. Hosting the ISPRM Interim Board of Governors meeting. Contact Congress president: Nicolas Christodoulou. chrisfam@logosnet.cy.net - visit <http://www.medcongress.prm10.org>





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- **2nd World Parkinson Congress**, 28 September – October 1, Glasgow, Scotland. Visit www.worldpdcongress.org
- **The Best of Both World-Rehabilitation 2010-Mind & Body**: 6-8 October, Hilton on the Park, Melbourne, Australia. Visit: www.dconferences.com.au/rehab2010
- **7th World Stroke Congress**, 13-16 October, Seoul, Korea. Visit www.kenes.com/stroke2010
- **71st Annual Meeting of the AAPM&R**, 3-7 November, Seattle, Washington, USA. Visit www.apmr.org

2011

- **72nd Annual Assembly of the AAPM&R**, 17-20 November, Orlando, Florida, USA. Website: www.aapmr.org

6th ISPRM World Congress, June, 12 - 15, 2011, San Juan, Puerto Rico

2012

- **World Congress for Neurorehabilitation**, 15 -19 May, Melbourne, Australia. Info follows.
- **3rd Conference of the Asian Oceania Society of PRM (AOSPRM)**, 17-19 May, Bali, Indonesia. Contact: aosprmbali@pharma-pro.com
- **Spineweek**, Third Combined Congress of the Different Spine Societies, May 27- June 1, Rai Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Info congresses@medicongress.com

2013

7th ISPRM World Congress, June 16 – 20, 2013, Beijing, China

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8th ISPRM World Congress, June 2015, Berlin, Germany