The end of the year also means the period for membership renewal. We therefore would like to remind the advantages of individual ISPRM Membership. This also means that all individual members of national societies made their choice for combined membership can profit from the advantages as pointed out below.

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
- 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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2011
We kindly encourage all members to renew ISPRM membership for 2011 in the upcoming weeks. This can be made as follows:

- paying dues for 2011 through our website www.isprm.org or directly through https://www.flexmax.eu/medicongress/isprm2011/
- registering for the 2011 ISPRM World Congress in Puerto Rico through www.isprm2011.org and tick the box ISPRM Non-Members including 2-year ISPRM Membership offering immediately the reduced fee for the congress as well.

NATIONAL SOCIETIES FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES ALREADY MADE AN APPLICATION FOR COMBINED ISPRM MEMBERSHIP
Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, CARM, CSPMR, Columbia, Cyprus, France, Hong Kong, Italy, Kuwait, Mexico, Portugal, Signapore, Thailand, Uruguay

We kindly 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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BANGLADESH NATIONAL CONFERENCE REPORT: BAPMRCON2010

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The 6th National Convention and Scientific Conference of Bangladesh Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (BAPMRCON2010) held in Dhaka during 6-7 November 2010 at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel and Milton Hall, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University. A coloured souvenir has been published edited by Prof. M Taslim Uddin and the editorial Board. The Two day long program was participated by 370 National and International registered participants and accompanying persons. The theme of this conference was “Enrichment of Medical Rehabilitation for the Millennium” and the theme talk delivered by Professor M Shahidur Rahman, who was the Scientific Chairman of the conference.

His Excellency Md Zillur Rahman, President Peoples Republic of Bangladesh, Hon’ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Health minister Prof Ruhul Haque, Health Advisor Professor Syed Modassar Ali, Secretary Health and Family Welfare, Gov of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh Mr. Humayun Kabir, Bangladesh Medical Association President Prof Mahmud Hassan, Prof. Pran Gopal Datta, Vice Chancellor Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, Director General of Health Services Prof Shah Munir Hossain and President International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine Mr Prof Gerold Stuki was kind enough to sent best wishes and messages on the occasion.

The inaugural session of the conference was held in Dhaka Sheraton hotel on 06th November. Dignitaries present in the Dias of the session among others included high officials of the government of Bangladesh, the VC of BSM Medical University and the officials of Bangladesh Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. They have shown satisfaction in the specialty and highlighted the importance PMR in the management of disabilities resulting from trauma and disease conditions. Vice Chancellor assured the participants to open subspecialty wards like Neuro Rehab, Musculoskeletal Rehab, Geriatric Rehab and sports Medicine Rehab in the medical university within shortest possible time. BAPMR President Prof Quamrul Islam thanked the Government officials and the VC for creating new posts at Government and University for newly passed physiatrists. The Medias including Radio, TV and daily papers widely covered the inaugural function highlighting the importance of Rehabilitation Medicine in the coming days.

The scientific session have been placed under guidance of the scientific secretary Prof Shahidur Rahman as “Hands on workshop’, ‘plenary sessions’, Free paper sessions and ‘poster presentations’”. Medical education, Rehab management special issues, Medical rehabilitation critical issues, Neuro Rehabilitation and Musculoskeletal sessions in day one have been houseful with active participations with Q&A. During day 2, the plenary session were chaired by the eminent Rheumatologist and the Chair of Medicine Dept. BSM Medical University Pof. Syed Atiqul Haq. In the free paper session 16 papers have been presented mostly by the young physiatrists of the country and many of the presentations were of high class work. Their topic covered the burning issues and current trends in Rehabilitation including physiatric epidemiology, pathologic diagnosis, disability evaluation; best use of therapy modalities of Rehab, technology in rehab and aspects of Telerehab in community based rehabilitation.

Profesor M Shahid Ullah, Pro Vice Chancellor of BSM Medical University attended as the chief guest in the cultural program and Gala Dinner and highly praised the overall organization of the conference. Physiatrist Family members, accompanying participants, registered participants and the invited guests participated actively in the cultural programme. Professor M Quamrul Islam, the president of Bangladesh Association of PMR delivered the concluding speech and declared as the most successful conference so far. He thanked the participants, organizing committee, sponsors, AOSPRM and ISPRM for the great support and he also expected to continue the support in the coming days.
THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ISPRM EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Marta Imamura

Committee Members: William Micheo (Puerto Rico, USA), Nachum Soroker (Israel), Alain Delarque (France), Andrew Cole (Australia), Massami Akai (Japan), Franco Franchignoni (Italy), Gerald E. Francisco (USA), David A. Cassius (USA), Bryan O’Young (USA), Henry L. Lew (USA), Simon Tang (Chinese Taipei), Gunes Yavuzer (Turkey), Farzan Torkan (Iran), Seong Woong Kang (Korea), Xiaojie Li (China), Jean Michel Viton (France), Juan Lacuague (Uruguay).

1. ISPRM Educational Committee Meetings

Since the last Board of Governors meeting held in Istanbul in 2009, members of the education committee participated in two meetings in 2010:

1. During the 2nd Asia Oceania Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine in Taipei, Taiwan, May 1st, 2010.

Members present: Marta Imamura, Henry Lew, Masami Akai, David Cassius, Andrew Cole, Gerard Francisco, Alain Delarque, Farzaneh Torkan, Walter Frontera (Chair, Publication’s committee, by invitation) Christoph Gutenbrunner (by invitation). The committee members identified several goals and to be accomplished until the next BOG meeting in Cyprus:

1.1. Develop the minimum curriculum for the PRM residents as well as medical students;
1.2. Generate and maximize current and future resources to sustain the educational activities;
1.3. Engage in research activities and publications related to clinical practice;
1.4. Identify and make public the available international rotation and program for exchange students/residents;
1.5. Train physiatrists to do good research, starting with systematic reviews and meta-analysis of relevant literature;

Also, some recommendations and suggestions were made at the meeting:

1.6. Provide options to the educational monographs that do not get published in JRM as the education reviews: publish in ISPRM website, publish in News and Views, and publish in ISPRM’s associated journals;
1.7. Create an undergraduate subcommittee to set up some basic principles as well as aims of curricula, structure (model), teaching methods, and topic areas. Prof. Christoph Gutenbrunner has been appointed as the subcommittee chair and charged to submit the material to the committee. Some raised issues were that the rehabilitation strategy and PRM should be a mandatory part of the curriculum of medical schools, medical students can be introduced to the principles of rehabilitation and the ICF (International Classification of Functioning) model in the first year of training, more specific topics can be taught in clinical modules in 4th and 5th year in the European system, and the implementation will be different according to national and regional rules;
1.8. Develop official educational workshops to be implemented and monitored by the ISPRM;
1.9. Spread knowledge via educational papers published in agreements with journals such as Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine (JRM), the European Journal of PRM (EJPRM), Annals of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (APRM) and the Journal of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine Stuttgart;
1.10. Utilize the e-book on education: on the basis of free access, full text and original text available for free on the website of the UEMS PRM Board at www.euro-prm.org;
1.11. Provide supporting activities for residents – example of existing programs: During the European congress, they provide free accommodation and free course for residents and lectures are recorded and made available on line;
1.12. Design curriculum and « infiltrate » the health care system with topics such as aging and geriatric rehabilitation;
1.13. Advertise PRM Schools: free or low cost (45€ including accommodation, lunches on working days) schools for PRM trainees registered to the UEMS PRM Board (free registration); European School Marseille on Motor Disabilities (in July welcomes every year 3 trainees from Brazil and USA); Syracuse School Haim Ring; International Teaching Programme COFEMER Marseille for PRM Trainees (video of the lectures will be available on the web); international conferences free or low cost (less than 50€) registration for trainees is already adopted in annual congresses in some European Union countries and at AMLAR 2010.

2. During the Seventeenth European Congress in Venice, Italy, on May 25th, 2010: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm. Attendees: Marta Imamura, Bryan O’Young, Nachum Soroker, Seyed Mansoor Rayegani (on behalf of Farzan Torkan from Iran), Alain Delarque, David Cassius.

Objectives: to identify the current status of the three WAPIE.PRMs goals:
2.1. Minimum core curriculum for PRM residents:
- SCI, acquired TBI and research curriculum completed, submitted and approved in Istanbul, 2009
- Other curriculum submitted to educational committee but not completed: Amputees, musculoskeletal, pediatrics, geriatrics, stroke, pediatrics, chronic pain, cardiac, pulmonary, cancer and neuro rehabilitation
- Not submitted to educational committee: EMG and burn rehabilitation
- Members were encouraged to finalize the report on each of the PRM topics not completed

2.2. Minimum core curriculum for undergraduate students:
- Dr. Gutenbrunner was charged to chair a sub-committee to produce the minimum core curriculum for undergraduate students during the ISPRM Education Committee meeting in Taipei. The goal is to better understand the current exposure of medical students from different medical schools around the world to PRM and produce the recommendations from the ISPRM Education Committee.
- The PRM Board of the European Union of Medical Specialties had prepared a report on the curriculum of undergraduate teaching program on disabled persons in medical schools and an e-book on education for PMR trainees. These will be published by the end of this year. The educational committee will need to ask permission from the PRM Board of the EUMS to make the above publications available on the ISPRM website.

2.3. Research
A task force was created in Taipei to address the issue of Research in PRM.

2.4. Other topics
- To identify top 10 topics and produce educational and didactic materials on these topics to be published in the website;
- Papers and presentations submitted to the 2nd World Congress of the ISPRM in Prague, Czech Republic were categorized and the number of papers in each category was determined. The idea is to expand this action to most previous PRM Congresses. The importance is to conceptualize the structure and hierarchy of the entire taxonomy of PRM subjects of interest. The same infra-structure was constructed for the organization of the educational materials in the website and the idea is to rapidly recruit substantial educational materials. For this purpose members of the education committee suggested their areas of expertise to provide such materials to the education committee session of the website;
- To identify financial sponsorship for the educational committee: Dr. Soroker and his team were credited for their dedicated work in the past and these efforts should somehow be remunerated. The idea is to create an educational fund coming from sponsorship donations from pharma, medical devices companies or other sources. Prof. Grabois (treasurer) stated after the meeting that this action is possible and easy to perform: he will create a subsection named Education Committee Project.

2.5. Website activities under Education
2.5.1. Journal club activities
- Activities of the journal club will be made more accessible, via an off-line availability
- Rotation of the schedule time in each year to allow people from different time zones to have easier access to the journal club activities

2.5.2. Educational materials
- Recruit and place in the website important educational materials such as review and position papers produced by senior ISPRM members and published elsewhere in the past;
- Educational committee members, President’s Cabinet and Executive Committee members will be given two weeks to comment on products of the work of the educational committee in need of approval. If there are no comments provided or the material is approved by all members, the educational products will be placed within the members only sections of the website, and will be made available for all registered members in good standing.
- Potential continuing medical education (CME) for ISPRM conferences
II. World Action Plan on Initial Education in PRM (WAPIE.PRM)

The "World Action Plan for Initial Education" (WAPIE.PRM), originally an international expansion of the European work plan for initial education in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine was created in Seoul on June 14th, 2007 and has three main objectives:
1. to create an undergraduate and postgraduate minimum curricula endorsed by ISPRM that could be used at an international level;
2. to facilitate access to the best level of education in PRM for the PRM trainees during their postgraduate teaching and training programs;
3. to facilitate access to research and research activities to the PRM trainees.

In 2010, all ISPRM Regional Congress further discussed the educational issues as part of the scientific program: 2nd Asian Oceania Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine held in Taipei, Taiwan; 17th European Congress of the European Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine held in Venice, Italy; XXIV Congreso de la Asociación Médica Latinoamericana de Rehabilitación (AMLR 2010) held in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.

The current activities of the "World Action Plan for Initial Education" (WAPIE.PRM) are as follows:
1. to create an undergraduate and postgraduate minimum curricula endorsed by ISPRM that could be used at an international level:
   1. The committee has identified existing Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine programs offered at residency or postgraduate teaching and training programs in USA (82), Europe (70), China (23), Brazil (11), Mexico (11), Venezuela (7), Colombia (6), Peru (2), Iran (2), Dominican Republic (1) and Panama (1).
   2. A draft of the undergraduate essential curricula was produced by Prof. Gutenbrunner. Together with the recommendations from the White Book of the Association of Academic Physiatrists (AAP), a draft document was produced and will be discussed during the ISPRM Education Committee Meeting to be held in Limassol, Cyprus, September 28th 2010.
   3. All postgraduate minimum curricula endorsed by ISPRM that could be used at an international level were also produced based on existing programs that were submitted to the committee by committee members and other well recognized PRM specialists. The content of the curricula will also be discussed during the ISPRM Education Committee Meeting to be held in Limassol, Cyprus, September 28th 2010. Most curricula outline the general concepts and topics that should be covered during the rotations (USA, Brazil, China, Korea, Japan, and Iran). The most detailed and comprehensive curriculum is described by the Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine in terms of tasks, knowledge and suggested learning resources. The curricula used in the University of Toronto and in the United States also address skills and attitudes that should be obtained after the completion of the programs. It should be emphasized that the minimum or essential curricula is just a display of topics. Each program and country should use it accordingly and only if needed.

2. Facilitate access to the best level of education in PRM for the PRM trainees during their postgraduate teaching and training programs:
   4. Educational materials such as review and position papers produced by senior ISPRM members and published elsewhere in the past are uploaded in the website under the structure and hierarchy of the taxonomy of PRM subjects of interest. Materials were provided by committee members and approved by the Committee members, President’s Cabinet and Executive Committee members.
   5. The response to the survey submitted to PRM residency program directors in order to identify top 10 topics and produce educational and didactic materials on these topics to be published in the website is as follows (up to September 2010): The committee received the replies from 25 residency programs from 8 countries: Brazil (10), China (6), Iran (2), Mexico (2), Peru (2), Venezuela (1), Colombia (1), Dominican Republic (1).
RESULTS – 25 replies (8 countries):

II. P&RM in Orthopedic and Musculoskeletal Disorders
   H. Back and Neck Pain - 84%
   E4. Rehabilitation Following Bone Fractures and Reconstructive Orthopedic Surgery – 76%
   F. Rheumatic Conditions—Rheumatoid Arthritis; Osteoarthritis – 76%
   J. Orthopedic and Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation—Other – 72%

IV. P&RM Topics of General Interest:
   Q1. Rehabilitation in General Hospitals and in Rehabilitation Centers – 80%
   R1. Specialization in Postgraduate Education – 80%
   T3. Spasticity Management – 76%
   U7. Neuromuscular Functional Electrical Stimulation; Biofeedback – 72%

I. PRM in Neurological Disorders
   A1. Stroke & Other Diseases of the Brain – 76%
   A4. Disorders of Cognition, Language & Behavior – 76%
   B1. Spinal Cord Injury – 72%

6. Chairs of the scientific committees of the 3rd and 5th World Congresses of the ISPRM held in São Paulo, Brazil and Istanbul, Turkey provided the results of the number of papers and presentations submitted to both World Congresses according to the conceptualized structure and hierarchy of the taxonomy of PRM subjects of interest.

7. Implementation of the educational activities related to the most relevant topics from both sources of information will be introduced in the www.isprm.org website

3. Facilitate access to research and research activities to the PRM trainees:

3.1. Long-Distance Training
In order to train leaders in clinical research in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, the education committee is currently providing an intensive long-distance training course on Clinical Trials since 2008. The intensive Principles and Practice of Clinical Research Course is offered by the Department of Continuing Education, Harvard Medical School. The course aims to provide the participants with a theoretical understanding of the issues involved in the design, conduct, analysis, interpretation and report of clinical trials. The participants are being trained to develop skills to scrutinize information, to critically analyze and carry out research, and to communicate effectively. Our goal is to train the highest number of physiatrists to perform good quality clinical research, to increase the chances of successful grant applications and publication in high impact peer-reviewed journals and develop large clinical research centers for multicenter trials. Over 50 PRM doctors, including residents were already trained from 2008 to 2010.

3.2. Journal Clubs
The members-only session of the www.isprm.org website is providing an on-line Journal Club to teach ISPRM members to critically appraise scientific publications on diagnostic testing, cohort studies, randomized controlled trials, systematic reviews, meta-analyses and clinical guidelines focused on evidence based information. The JC activities were performed every first Tuesday of the month at GMT -3: 4pm-5:30pm. Registration to receive access to the virtual room can be performed at journalclub@fmusp.org.br. Participants will now be provided with an educational mileage card: the more they participate, the more educational miles they receive.


April 13th, 2010: Carville SF, et al. EULAR evidence-based recommendations for the management of fibromyalgia syndrome. Ann Rheum Dis 2008;67;536-541. The full paper can be downloaded from free at: http://ard.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/67/4/536. For this discussion it will be used the AGREE instrument (APPRAISAL OF GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH & EVALUATION). Presented by Andrea D. Furlan, MD PhD. Assistant Professor at the Institute for Work & Health, Toronto, Canada


November 9th, 2010: Macko RF, et al. Treadmill Exercise Rehabilitation Improves Ambulatory Function and Cardiovascular Fitness in Patients With Chronic Stroke: A Randomized, Controlled Trial. Stroke. 2005;36:2206-2211. The full paper can be downloaded from free at: http://stroke.ahajournals.org/cgi/reprint/36/10/2206. To be presented by Gustavo A. Perlaza O., MD. Resident of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of del Valle, Cali, Colombia

3.3. Research Taskforce
A taskforce for Research was created during the retreat in Taiwan, May, 2010. Chair of the committee is Prof. Marco Francheschini. The education committee will work in close collaboration with the taskforce.

III. Other issues
1. Evaluate the possibilities to introduce the technical training in PRM invasive procedures at the international level.
   During the last BOG meeting in Istanbul, Prof. Delisa charged the education committee to evaluate the possibilities to introduce a training session on PRM invasive procedures. An initial plan to train PRM specialists on invasive procedures was proposed by Simon F.T. Tang during the 2nd Asia Oceania Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine.
   The 2nd Asian-Oceania Conference of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (AOCPRM), we have offered workshops and courses in clinical ultrasound ranging from basic understanding of anatomical concepts to intervention ultrasound guided
INJECTION TREATMENTS. During the past several years, physiatrists in Taiwan have published many outstanding papers on soft tissue ultrasound related topics.

If the ISPRM is to endorse or provide accreditation to a training program to educate physiatrists in the proper use of ultrasound in soft tissue diagnosis and treatments in the field of rehabilitation medicine, Taiwan is more than willing to play this essential role. We propose the training programs to be divided into basic and advanced courses:

**Basic Course:**
- What is an ultrasound image? What you should know about an ultrasound image.
- How does an ultrasound machine work? What commercial probes are available and when to use them?
- The anatomical concepts of an ultrasound image.

Proposed training time: 12 hours.
Proposed number of physiatrists trained per year: 20.

**Advanced Course:**
- The concept of applying color Doppler ultrasound in diagnosing and identifying soft tissue tumors.
- Ultrasound guided soft tissue and peripheral joint aspiration and injection treatments.
- Ultrasound guided spine injection such as caudal epidural injections.

Proposed training time: 20 hours.
Proposed number of physiatrists trained per year: For those who have accomplished the basic course.

Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Taiwan, is more than willing to organize the ultrasound training courses. We have physiatrists who are experienced in teaching ultrasound related topics.

**CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS/NEW YEARS BREAK**

The ISPRM Central office will be closed from December 24 till January 9. We will be back at your disposal on January 10.
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- International Stroke Conference 2011 and State of the Art Stroke Nursing Symposium. 8-11 February, Los Angeles, USA. Website: www.strokeconference.org
- Physiatry: Beyond the Basics, 21st Annual Convention of the Philippine Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine (PARM), 17-20 February, Iloilo City, Philippines, Contact: mdlscab@yahoo.com
- 2011 Combined NZRA/NZIRR/RDRT NZ Rehabilitation Biennial Conference, 3-6 March, Hyatt Regency Auckland, New Zealand. Website: www.nzrehabconf2011.co.nz
- XII Congress of the Portuguese Society of PRM (SPMFR), 10 -12 March 2011, Algarve, Portugal. Website: www.congressospmfr.org and www.spmfr.org
- 23rd Annual PM&R Review Course of Kessler Foundation, 17 - 25 March 2011, Westminster Hotel, Livingston, NJ, USA. Contact: gdeiorio@KesslerFoundation.org Website: www.keslerfoundation.org
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- 7th International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics – Euro Region Congress. 14-17 April, Bologna, Italy. Website: www.iaggbologna2011.com
- Australasian Musculoskeletal Imaging Group (AMSIG) 2011 Annual Meeting. 6-8 May, Rydges Lakeside, Canberra, Australia. Email: charee@iceaustralia.com - Website: www.iceaustralia.com
- 8th International Symposium on Osteoporosis, 18-21 May, Cosmopolitan Hotel, Las Vegas, NV, USA, Email: Audrey.Shively@nof.org - Website www.nof-iso.org
- RACP Annual Congress. Darwin Convention Centre, 22-25 May, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia. Email: racp@racp.edu.au
- 20th European Stroke Conference. 24-27 May, Hamburg, Germany. Website: www.eurostroke.org
- 21st Conference, EWMA. 25-27 May, Brussels, Belgium. Website: http://ewma.org
- 17th World Congress on Disaster and Emergency Medicine. 31 May – 3 June. Beijing, China. Website: www.wcdem2011.org
- 8th Annual World Congress on Brain, Spinal Cord Mapping & Image Guided Therapy, June 8-10, San Francisco, USA Visit: www.worldbrainmapping.org
- Second World Congress on Medical Rehabilitation in Rural and Developing Regions (in conjunction with the ISPRM World Congress), 11-12 June. University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Topic Submissions and info: tomhaig@hotmail.com

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June, 12 - 16, 2011, San Juan, Puerto Rico
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- 6th World Physical Therapy Congress, 20-22 June, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Website: www.wcpt.org/congress
- International Puijo Symposium Ageing and Disability, Current Evidence, 28 June-1 July, Kuopio, Finland. Visit www.puijosymposium.org
- European Conference on Post Polio Syndrome, 31 August-2 September, Copenhagen, Denmark. Visit www.polioconference.com
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- 19th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, Conjoint Meeting with ANZSC0S. 13-17 September, Brisbane, Queensland. Email: spinalrehab2011@tcc.co.nz
- Translating Evidence into Practice – 10th International IACFS/ME Research and Clinical Conference. 22-25 September, Ottawa, Canada. Website: http://www.mefmaction.net/
• Ageing Well Together – Regional Perspective; 9th Asia/Oceania Regional Congress of Geriatrics and Gerontology. 23-27 October, Website: http://www.ageing2011.com/

• 7th European Congress of Sports Medicine and 3rd Central European Congress of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in 26-29 October, Salzburg, Austria. Website: www.sportsmed-pmr-2011.at

• 26th Annual Meeting of the North American Spine Society, 1-5 November, Chicago, USA. Website: www.spine.org

• International Multidisciplinary Forum on Palliative Care. 11-14 November, Budapest, Hungary. Website: www.imfpc.org

• XXth World Congress of Neurology. 12-18 November, Marrakesh, Morocco. Website: www2.kenes.com/wcn/Pages/.aspxHome

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

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• Ninth World Congress on Brain Injury, 22-25 March, Edinburgh, Scotland, Visit: www.internationalbrain.org/

• 7th World Congress of Neurorehabilitation, Innovations in NeuroRehabilitation, in conjunction with 20th ASM of the AFMR and the 35th Annual Brain Impairment Congress for the Australian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment (ASSBI), 15-19 May, Melbourne, Australia. Email: wcnr2012@dcconferences.com.au website: www.dcconferences.com.au/wcnr2012

• 3rd Conference of the Asian Oceania Society of PRM (AOSPRM), 17-19 May, Bali, Indonesia. Contact: aosprmbali@pharma-pro.com

• Spine week. Third Combined Congress of the Different Spine Societies, 27 May - 1 June, RAI Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Info congresses@medicongress.com – Website www.spineweek 2012.org

• 18th European Congress of Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine, “Science & Art in Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine”. 28 May - 1 June, Macedonia Palace Hotel, Thessaloniki, Greece Info: info@esprm2012.eu. Website www.esprm2012.eu


• 27th Annual Meeting of the North American Spine Society, 23-27 October, Dallas, Texas, USA. Visit: www.spine.org

73rd Annual Assembly of the AAPM&R, in conjunction with the ISPRM Interim Board Meeting 15-18 November, Atlanta, Georgia, USA. www.aapmr.org
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