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**Prof. Gerold Stucki, MD, MS**

Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (PRM) is the medicine of functioning in light of health conditions. Its goal is to enable people with health conditions, experiencing or likely to experience disability, to achieve and maintain optimal functioning and quality of life. It achieves this goal through the application of the third health strategy - rehabilitation.

The International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ISPRM) is the global PRM agency, which ensures that PRM physicians worldwide can provide effective, adequate and economic services for patients along the continuum of care and over the lifespan. ISPRM achieves this goal as the international umbrella organization of PRM physicians and national PRM societies and as non-governmental organization (NGO) in official relation with the World Health Organization (WHO) [1,2].

ISPRM has specified its policy agenda for the next years in *chapter 6 of the special issue on ISPRM*, which was published in its official journal, the *Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine* [3]. All articles of this special issue are open-access and can be downloaded directly from the journal's homepage ([www.medicaljournals.se/jrm](http://www.medicaljournals.se/jrm)) or through PubMed (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?otool=ichspzlib>). In the next two years, ISPRM is focusing on the following issues:

#### 1. *Dissemination and implementation of the World Report on Disability and Rehabilitation*

The upcoming publication of the World Report on Disability and Rehabilitation by WHO in 2011 provides PRM with a unique opportunity to strengthen PRM and rehabilitation in general. The *WHO Liaison Committee* with its *Sub-Committee on the Implementation of the World Report* is currently preparing the worldwide dissemination and implementation of the report. It is suggested that national societies prepare a dissemination and implementation plan in accordance.

#### 2. *Implementation of the ICF Core Sets in rehabilitation systems worldwide*

In 2009, ISPRM has endorsed the ICF. It has adopted the *ICF Core Sets* as its tools for rehabilitation management. The *WHO Liaison Committee* and its *Sub-Committee on ICF Implementation* is coordinating the system-wide implementation of the ICF. For this it works closely with the ICF Research Branch of the WHO FIC CC in Germany and at Swiss Paraplegic Research, Nottwil, Switzerland (<http://www.icf-research-branch.org/>). In this context, it is important to recall that functioning as specified in the ICF is the operationalization of health. It is also important to recall that the ICF is the language for all persons involved in rehabilitation, including patients and persons with health conditions, PRM and other medical specialists, service providers and payers as well as policy makers.



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### 3, *Strengthening of human functioning and rehabilitation research*

ISPRM has embarked in a range of activities to strengthen human functioning and rehabilitation research “from the cell to society” [3,4]. Most importantly, in the next two years, *ISPRM’s Publication Committee* will further develop its web of journals [3]. In this context, it is important to consider the enhancement of coherent journal-author guidelines by including the ICF for the planning and reporting of studies.

Based on a motion passed by the Board of Governors at Limassol in 2010, future congresses will adhere to a common *congress structure* and will use a common *topic list* developed by the *Congress Committee* [<http://www.isprm.org/?CategoryID=353&ArticleID=170>]. This will enhance the development and identification with our field of competence.

The *Education Committee* has developed a unique proposal to offer national societies the possibility to enroll trainees for the São Paulo/Harvard Clinical Effectiveness program. The recently appointed *Task Force on Research* is currently developing a plan towards the establishment of an *ISPRM Research Committee* to facilitate collaborative research and the development of suitable research methodology.

### 4, *Development of rapid rehabilitation research response to disasters*

Based on the experience of ISPRM members in earthquake disasters in China in 2008 and Haiti in 2010, ISPRM has established the *Sub-Committee on Rehabilitation Disaster Relief* within its *WHO Liaison Committee*. Over the next two years, the Sub-Committee is developing a rapid rehabilitation response plan which will enable ISPRM to serve as a catalyst of immediate PRM services in the case of disasters.

### 5, *Facilitation of the development of the PRM specialty worldwide*

Considering ISPRM’s national membership, ISPRM has given its *Membership Committee* the task to systematically contribute to the development of our specialty and the development of national societies in world areas who are lacking them.

### 6, *Systematic development of the conceptual basis of PRM and the rehabilitation strategy*

Over the next two years, the *Sub-Committee on Strengthening Medical Rehabilitation* of ISPRM’s *WHO Liaison Committee* is pursuing key developments towards a better conceptual foundation of PRM and the rehabilitation strategy. ISPRM members are encouraged to discuss the current *conceptual description of the rehabilitation strategy* and the *conceptual description of PRM* as published in chapter 6 of the ISPRM special issue and to submit letters to JRM [3].

It is intended that ISPRM will approve a modified version of this conceptual description at its 2011 or 2012 board meeting. The *Sub-Committee on Strengthening Medical Rehabilitation* is also developing a *conceptual framework for rehabilitation services* within the broader context of health services provision. Ultimately, this effort should lead to a convergence of our understanding of optimal service provision along the continuum of care, across sectors and over the lifespan [3].

### 7, *Development of ISPRM governance*

Over the last two years, ISPRM has embarked in an initiative to revise its governance in order to be prepared to best fulfill its mission in the second decade of its existence. In 2010, the Board of Governors has approved a number of important By-Law changes including the move from a Board of Governors to an *Assembly of Delegates*. The *Structural Reorganization Task Force of ISPRM* established in 2008 [1;2] will complete its task over the next two years by developing proposals for a number of remaining issues.



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They include the proposal for the election of 3 national representatives for each of the *three ISPRM world areas* to serve on *ISPRM's Executive Committee*. Similarly, the Task Force is studying the proposal that the ISPRM Assembly is electing one representative of individual members for each of the *three ISPRM world areas*. Other issues include proposals with regard to the *relationship of ISPRM with regional societies*, the enhanced involvement of ISPRM in its now yearly congresses, a revised membership model as well as a procedure for approval of ISPRM position statements including publications and curricula.

In one of its next issues, the Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine will publish an editorial with a more in-depth discussion on the issues raised in this presidential address.

National societies and individual members are encouraged to contribute to the range of current ISPRM initiatives. For this, please consult our website which provides all relevant information including the contact addresses of the relevant committee and sub-committee chairs and members (<http://www.isprm.org/?CategoryID=224>).

I consider it a privilege to serve as ISPRM president from 2010 to 2012. I would like to thank our national societies and individual members and my colleagues and friends who are serving as ISPRM officers for their commitment to achieve our mission. Together we can make a difference.

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### Activities of the ISPRM in North America

Walter Frontera

#### General

A new brochure was prepared to promote membership in ISPRM.

#### United States of America

##### ***American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R)***

A stand to promote ISPRM (benefits of membership) was presented at the Annual Meeting of the AAPM&R in Austin, Texas on October 22-25, 2009. The meeting featured an educational session in Spanish on the topic of Education in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in Latin America. The Academy offered discounted Annual Assembly attendance to ISPRM members.

The Academy's official scientific journal, PM&R, has been accepted for inclusion in MEDLINE. The decision was made after a review by the Literature Selection Technical Review Committee of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) in mid-June. Inclusion in MEDLINE represents an endorsement of the journal's contributions to the medical literature thus far.

The next meeting of the AAPM&R will take place in Seattle, Washington on November 4-7, 2010.

More information at: [www.aapmr.org](http://www.aapmr.org)

##### ***Association of Academic Physiatrists (AAP)***

A stand to promote ISPRM (benefits of membership) was presented at the Annual Meeting of the AAP in Bonita Springs, Florida in 2010.

The AAP and the publisher Lippincott Williams and Wilkins have entered into an agreement with the Latin American Medical Association of Rehabilitation (AMLAR - ISPRM's Regional group for Latin America) to make the American Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (*AJPM&R*) the official journal of AMLAR.

The American Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and the European Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation have exchanged commentaries on traumatic brain injury as part of the Euro-American Focus.

The next meeting of the AAP will take place in Chandler, Arizona on April 12-16, 2011

More information at [www.physiatry.org](http://www.physiatry.org)

#### Canada

##### ***Canadian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (CAPM&R)***

Reported by Thomas A. Miller, MD, FRCPC, President

CAPM&R represents over 200 physiatrists and has membership from all of Canada's 10 provinces. The Annual Meeting of CAPM&R is the central event for the organization, and took place in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on May 26 – 29, 2010.

More information at: <http://capmr.ca/>

I am pleased to provide you with an update on the activities of the Canadian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (CAPM&R). It has been a busy year for the CAPM&R, and in fact back through 2009 as the CAPM&R held a strategic visioning exercise. This led to a new vision and mission for the Association, as well as a number of initiatives for action. The 2009 strategic visioning exercise led to a focus on the CAPM&R's communications, and with an external consultant the CAPM&R is rebranding with a new logo and website to be launched this fall. A strategic planning meeting will also be held in October 2010 to build on the momentum to date and renewed mission.

The CAPM&R is delighted to have entered into a formal agreement with the *Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine* (JRM). JRM is now published in association with the CAPM&R and the abstracts from the CAPM&R Annual Scientific Meetings will be published in the journal. CAPM&R member Dr. Robert W. Teasell has accepted JRM's invitation to become a member of the Editorial Board.



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The CAPM&R was invited to submit nominees to the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, as the 2010 Royal College McLaughlin-Gallie Visiting Professorship was to be chosen from the field of physical medicine and rehabilitation. Based on the CAPM&R's recommendation, Dr. Claes Hultling from Sweden was named the 2010 Royal College McLaughlin-Gallie Visiting Professor. As part of this prestigious award Dr. Hultling visited and lectured at several Canadian university programs, as well as the CAPM&R 58th Annual Scientific Meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

CAPM&R members have been active on the international front with Dr. Colleen O'Connell and her Team Canada Healing Hands (TCHH) charity whose members have travelled to Haiti to assist with recovery from the earthquake and subsequent injuries requiring PM&R expertise. The Canadian Medical Foundation (CMF) has supported this group with funding to facilitate Canadian physiatrists to assist in the post-earthquake rehabilitation efforts and training in Haiti. CMF recently decided that TCHH will be one of the three main projects they support.

The International Rehabilitation Special Interest Group is growing in popularity and momentum. Expeditions to Nepal have been carried out by some CAPM&R members and future projects are expected. On the topic of Special Interest Groups we have established a new Pain and Rehabilitation Special Interest Group in 2010.

The 59th CAPM&R Annual Scientific Meeting will be held June 8-11, 2011 in Victoria, British Columbia. The program is well underway and will be available on the new CAPM&R website at [www.capmr.ca](http://www.capmr.ca) this fall.

We look forward to keeping the ISPRM updated on future activities of the CAPM&R.

## The XXIV congress of the Latin American Medical Association of Rehabilitation – AMLAR 2010 and the XXV congress of the Colombian Association of PM&R

By **Jorge E. Gutierrez, MD, MSc, Colombian ISPRM delegate**

The Colombian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (ASCMF&R) organized the XXIV Congress of the Latin American Medical Association of Rehabilitation – AMLAR 2010. This supranational congress that included the XII meeting of the Latin-American Society of Paraplegia and the XXV Congress of the Colombian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation was held from August 25-28, in Cartagena, Colombia.

The Colombian Association was honored with the presence of most of the ISPRM president's cabinet including Dr Joel DeLisa - President, Dr. Marta Imamura -Vice-President, Dr Martin Grabois -Treasurer, and Dr. Linamara Battistella – Honorary president. Other ISPRM officers present at the meeting were Dr. Juan Manuel Guzman - Regional Vice President for Latin America, Dr. Walter Frontera Vice President for North America, Veronica Rodriguez - President of the 2011 ISPRM World Congress, Dr Christoph Gutenbrunner President of the 2015 ISPRM world Congress and numerous members of the ISPRM Committees, several representatives of the active national societies, and of the individual ISPRM members. They were joined by other world class speakers like Dr Jun Kimura, Dr Erik Stålberg, Dr William Micheo, Dr. Alberto Esquenazi, Dr. Bryan O'Young and Dr. Anton Wicker among others.

Some highlights of the congress are listed:

- We had 63 international speakers and 40 national speakers.
- More than 1060 people, from 30 different countries, attended the Congress. Besides the Americas, we had participants from Andorra, Spain, France, Italy, Portugal and Switzerland.
- The academic program was organized following the conceptual model proposed by Christoph Gutenbrunner, Jan D. Reinhardt, Gerold Stucki, and Alessandro Giustini (J Rehabil Med 2009; 41: 299–302). This model was adopted by the ISPRM for international PM&R congresses, and it was first applied in the European congress in Venice, earlier this year.

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- The AMLAR congress had discounted registration charges for all the ISPRM members.
- Almost 90% of the practicing Colombian physiatrist attended the congress.
- We had 52 sponsors including the pharmaceutical industry, device and equipment distributors and publishers.
- Fellowships were granted to all Colombian PM&R residents to attend the congress.
- A forum about how to get published in Rehabilitation journals was held the first day.
- A round table about Accessibility and Rehabilitation policies was headed by Dr Joel DeLisa.
- Another round table about PM&R education in Latin America was conducted by Dr Martha Imamura, president of the ISPRM educational committee.
- Three special interest groups were created in the congress: Research in Latin America, Bioethics and Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation.
- The workshops about IFC, SFEMG, QEMG, SNMT, Research and outcomes in Rehabilitation and hydrotherapy were very well attended and evaluated.
- The Colombian association members declared, for third year in a row, to be very satisfied with the benefits of the combined national society/individual ISPRM membership.
- The ASCMF&R edited a new volume (two numbers) of the Colombian Journal of PM&R.
- 86 papers from 23 countries were presented; the abstracts of the ten best papers will be published in the American Journal of PM&R, the AMLAR's official journal.
- The best paper award was won by Dr. Fabio Salinas et al. from the Universidad de Antioquia for the manuscript titled "Evaluation of the efficacy of early intervention with Carbamazepine to prevent neuropathic pain after Spinal Cord Injury".
- The Colombian Association of PM&R assumed the main directive positions of the Latin American Medical Association of Rehabilitation – AMLAR, Dr. Salomon Abuchaibe is the new AMLAR president, Dr Jorge Gutierrez the new AMLAR Secretary and Dr Carlos Rangel the new AMLAR Treasurer.
- Dr. Doris Valencia, was elected as new president of the Colombian Association of PM&R
- The congress organizers received a very positive feedback from the attendees and from the ISPRM officers for the high scientific level and for the way the meeting was organized.
- The 2011 ISPRM Congress in San Juan, Puerto Rico was widely promoted during the Congress. The Berlin 2015 Congress was also promoted.
- The Dominican Society of Physiatry will host in 2012 the XXV Meeting of the Latin American Association of Rehabilitation Medicine (AMLAR 2012), a conference endorsed by the ISPRM. The host town is Punta Cana. Information will be available soon in the upcoming website <http://amlar2012.com.do>

### Picture: Opening Ceremony



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**Comprehensive rehabilitation of patients with rheumatic diseases in a warm climate: A literature review**

*Karin K.Ø. Forseth, Gunnar Husby, Ingiöld Hafström, Christina H. Opava*

**Difference in impact of neurobehavioural dysfunction on Activities of Daily Living performance between right and left hemispheric stroke**

*Gudrun Arnadóttir, Britta Löfgren, Anne G. Fisher*

**Circumstances and consequences of falls in polio survivors**

*Alice Bickerstaffe, Anita Beelen, Frans Nollet*

**Prevalence of hand symptoms, impairments and activity limitations in rheumatoid arthritis in relation to disease duration**

*Noortje C.A. Horsten, Jennie Ursum, Leo D. Roorda, Dirkjan van Schaardenburg, Joost Dekker, Agnes F. Hoeksma*

**Prospective analysis of body mass index during and up to 5 years after discharge from inpatient spinal cord injury rehabilitation**

*Sonja de Groot, Marcel W.M. Post, Karin Postma, Tebbe A. Sluis, Lucas H.V. van der Woude*

**Specific muscle stabilizing as home exercises for persistent pelvic girdle pain after pregnancy: A randomized, controlled clinical trial**

*Annelie Gutke, Jenny Sjö Dahl, Birgitta Öberg*

**Psychometric evaluation of the Northwick Park Dependency Scale**

*Richard J. Siegert, Lynne Turner-Stokes*

**Changes in satisfaction with activities and participation between acute, post-acute and chronic stroke phases: A responsiveness study of the SATIS-Stroke questionnaire**

*Edouard Bouffouix, Carlyne Arnould, Laure Vandervelde, Jean-Louis Thonnard*

**Economic evaluation of a geriatric rehabilitation programme: A randomized controlled trial**

*Sari Kehusmaa, Ilona Autti-Rämö, Maria Valaste, Katariina Hinkka, Pekka Rissanen*

**Validity and reliability of the de Morton Mobility Index in the subacute hospital setting in a geriatric evaluation and management population**

*Natalie A. de Morton, Kylie Lane*

**Correlation of motor function with transcallosal and intracortical inhibition after stroke**

*Naoyuki Takeuchi, Takeo Tada, Masahiko Toshima, Katsunori Ikoma*

**Heterogeneous assessment of shoulder disorders: Validation of the Standardized Index of Shoulder Function**

*Arnaud Dupeyron, Anthony Gelis, Philippe Sablayrolles, Philippe-Jean Bousquet, Marc Julia, Christian Herisson, Jacques Pélissier, Philippe Codine*

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**Effect of repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation in a patient with chronic crossed aphasia: fMRI study**

*Tae-Du Jung, Jun-Yeon Kim, Yang-Soo Lee, Dong-Hyup Kim, Jae-Jun Lee, Jee-Hye Seo, Hui Joong Lee, Yongmin Chang*

**Degeneration of Cingulum and Fornix in a Patient with Traumatic Brain Injury: Diffuse Tensor Tractography Study**

*Ji Heon Hong, Sung Ho Jang*

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND CONGRESSES

#### ISPRM World Congresses

- **6<sup>th</sup> Congress** June 12 - 15, 2011 San Juan, Puerto Rico
- **7<sup>th</sup> Congress** June 16 - 20, 2013 Beijing, China
- **8<sup>th</sup> Congress** June 06 - 11, 2015 Berlin, Germany

#### 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)



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#### 2010

- **Introduction Disability and Development (course code 470588)**, Coordinator Wim H. van Brakel, 29 Nov-23 Dec, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Contact [h.cornielje@enablement.nl](mailto:h.cornielje@enablement.nl)
- **Second International Congress of Pan Arab Regional Group for Military Medicine**, 4-9 December, Jeddah, Saudi-Arabia  
Visit: <http://www.panarab2rcmm.org.sa/english/interconf/Pages/default.aspx>. Contact: Maher Jadid: [msjadid@yahoo.com](mailto:msjadid@yahoo.com)
- **22nd Annual National Forum on Q1 in Health Care, IHL**, 5-8 December Orlando, USA. Website: [www.ihl.org](http://www.ihl.org)
- **7<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Mental Dysfunction and other Non-motor Features in Parkinson's Disease and Related Disorders**. 9-12 December, Barcelona, Spain. Website: [www.kenes.com/mdpd](http://www.kenes.com/mdpd)
- **1st IOF Asia-Pacific Meeting on Osteoporosis**, 10-13 Dec, Singapore. Contact: [nakhmisse@iofbonehealth.org](mailto:nakhmisse@iofbonehealth.org)  
Visit [www.iofbonehealth.org/singapore-2010.html](http://www.iofbonehealth.org/singapore-2010.html)

#### 2011

- **International Stroke Conference 2011 and State of the Art Stroke Nursing Symposium**. 8-11 February, Los Angeles, USA. Website: [www.strokeconference.org](http://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](mailto:mdlscab@yahoo.com)

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- **2011 Combined NZRA/NZIRR/RDRT NZ Rehabilitation Biennial Conference**, 3-6 March, Hyatt Regency Auckland, New Zealand. Website: [www.nzrehabconf2011.co.nz](http://www.nzrehabconf2011.co.nz)
- **XII Congress of the Portuguese Society of PRM (SPMFR)**, 10 to 12 March 2011, Algarve, Portugal. Website: [www.congressospmfr.org](http://www.congressospmfr.org) and [www.spmfr.org](http://www.spmfr.org)
- **11<sup>th</sup> European Congress on Clinical and Economic Aspects of Osteoporosis and Osteoarthritis**. 23-26 March, Valencia, Spain. Website: [www.ececo11-iof.org](http://www.ececo11-iof.org)
- **VI Congreso Internacional de la Sociedad Cubana de Medicina Física y Rehabilitación, 13-15 April**, Centro de Convenciones del Hospital General Universitario Gustavo Aldereguía Lima, de Cienfuegos, Cuba. <http://promociondeeventos.sld.cu/rehabilitacion2011> Contact: [solangel@infomed.sld.cu](mailto:solangel@infomed.sld.cu)
- **7<sup>th</sup> International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics – Euro Region Congress**. 14-17 April, Bologna, Italy. Website: [www.iaggbologna2011.com](http://www.iaggbologna2011.com)
- **Australasian Musculoskeletal Imaging Group (AMSIG) 2011 Annual Meeting**. 6-8 May, Rydges Lakeside, Canberra, Australia. Email: [charee@iceaustralia.com](mailto:charee@iceaustralia.com) - Website: [www.iceaustralia.com](http://www.iceaustralia.com)
- **8<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Osteoporosis**, 18-21 May, Cosmopolitan Hotel, Las Vegas, NV, USA, Email: [Audrey.Shively@nof.org](mailto:Audrey.Shively@nof.org) - Website [www.nof-iso.org](http://www.nof-iso.org)
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- **20<sup>th</sup> European Stroke Conference**. 24-27 May, Hamburg, Germany. Website: <http://www.eurostroke.org>
- **21<sup>st</sup> Conference, EWMA**. 25-27 May, Brussels, Belgium. Website: <http://ewma.org>
- **8<sup>th</sup> Annual World Congress on Brain, Spinal Cord Mapping & Image Guided Therapy**, June 8-10, San Francisco, USA Visit: [www.worldbrainmapping.org](http://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](http://www.universityofpuertorico.edu), San Juan, Puerto Rico. Topic Submissions and info: [tomhaig@hotmail.com](mailto:tomhaig@hotmail.com)

**6<sup>th</sup> ISPRM World Congress,  
June, 12 - 16, 2011, San Juan, Puerto Rico  
[www.isprm2011.org](http://www.isprm2011.org)**



- **International Society for Posture and Gait Research XX Conference, ISPGR**. 18-22 June, Akita, Japan. Website: <http://ispgr.org/conferences/japan-2011/conference-overview/index.html>
- **6<sup>th</sup> World Physical Therapy Congress**, 20-22 June, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Website: [www.wcpt.org/congress](http://www.wcpt.org/congress)
- **International Puijo Symposium Ageing and Disability, Current Evidence**, 28 June-1 July, Kuopio, Finland. Visit [www.puijosymposium.org](http://www.puijosymposium.org)
- **European Conference on Post Polio Syndrome**, 31 August-2 September, Copenhagen, Denmark. Visit [www.poliocconference.com](http://www.poliocconference.com)
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- **19th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine**, Conjoint Meeting with ANZSCOS. 13-17 September, Brisbane, Queensland. Email: [spinalrehab2011@tcc.co.nz](mailto:spinalrehab2011@tcc.co.nz)
- **23rd International Congress of Lymphology**. 19-23 September, Malmo, Sweden. Website: [www.lymphology2011.com](http://www.lymphology2011.com)
- **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; 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.sportsmed-pmr-2011.at)
- **26<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the North American Spine Society**, 1-5 November, Chicago, USA. Website: [www.spine.org](http://www.spine.org)
- **International Multidisciplinary Forum on Palliative Care**. 11-14 November, Budapest, Hungary. Website: [www.imfpc.org](http://www.imfpc.org)
- **XXth World Congress of Neurology**. 12-18 November, Marrakesh, Morocco. Website: [www2.kenes.com/wcn/Pages/.aspxHome](http://www2.kenes.com/wcn/Pages/.aspxHome)
- **72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Assembly of the AAPM&R**, 17-20 November, Orlando, Florida, USA. Website: [www.aapmr.org](http://www.aapmr.org)

## 2012



- **Ninth World Congress on Brain Injury**, 22-25 March, Edinburgh, Scotland, Visit: [www.internationalbrain.org/](http://www.internationalbrain.org/)
- **7<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Neurorehabilitation, Innovations in NeuroRehabilitation, in conjunction with 20<sup>th</sup> ASM of the AFRM and the 35<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:wcnr2012@dcconferences.com.au) website: [www.dcconferences.com.au/wcnr2012](http://www.dcconferences.com.au/wcnr2012)
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Conference of the Asian Oceania Society of PRM (AOSPRM)**, 17-19 May, Bali, Indonesia. Contact: [aosprmbali@pharma-pro.com](mailto:aosprmbali@pharma-pro.com)
- **Spineweek**, Third Combined Congress of the Different Spine Societies, 27 May - 1 June, RAI Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Info [congresses@medicongress.com](mailto:congresses@medicongress.com) – Website [www.spineweek2012.org](http://www.spineweek2012.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](mailto:info@esprm2012.eu). Website [www.esprm2012.eu](http://www.esprm2012.eu)
- **4<sup>th</sup> Congress of the World Union of Wound Healing Societies**, 1-7 September, Yokohama, Japan. Visit: <http://www.wuwhs2012.com>
- **27<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the North American Spine Society**, 23-27 October, Dallas, Texas, USA. Visit: [www.spine.org](http://www.spine.org)

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in conjunction with the  
ISPRM Interim Board Meeting  
15-18 November, Atlanta, Georgia, USA.  
[www.aapmr.org](http://www.aapmr.org)**

### 2013

**7<sup>th</sup> ISPRM World Congress,  
June 16 – 20, 2013, Beijing, China  
[www.isprm2013.org](http://www.isprm2013.org)**

### 2014

**8<sup>th</sup> ISPRM World Congress,  
June, 2014, TBD  
[www.isprm2014.org](http://www.isprm2014.org)**

### 2015

**9<sup>th</sup> ISPRM World Congress,  
June 06 – 11, 2015, Berlin, Germany  
[www.isprm2015.org](http://www.isprm2015.org)**