Message from the President

Prof. Gerold Stucki
President of ISPRM

Agreement of Mutual Recognition with Regional Societies

The International Society for Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ISPRM) and the European Society for Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ESPRM), the European Union for Medical Specialists Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine Section and Board (UEMS-PRM-Section & Board), the European Academy for Rehabilitation Medicine (EARM) and the Asociación Médica Latinoamericana de Rehabilitación (AMLAR) signed mutual recognition agreements to cooperate and to coordinate their activities at international and regional levels. This includes the collaboration in projects of mutual interest supporting the development of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine in Europe and Latin America as well as on the world level. > Read More

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73rd Annual Assembly of the AAPM&R, in conjunction with the ISPRM Interim Board Meeting
15–18 November, Atlanta, Georgia, USA.
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The American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPMR) is excited to announce that

ISPRM Web of Journals

The ISPRM Publications Committee is pleased to announce the beginning of the ISPRM Web of Journals.

The purpose of this web is to contribute to the
the 2012 Annual Assembly will host the International Society for Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ISPRM) board meeting.

As one of our international colleagues, we wanted to make you aware of the opportunities at this year’s meeting that may be of interest to you. The AAPM&R Annual Assembly will be held November 15-18, 2012, at the Georgia World Congress in Atlanta.

This year’s Assembly will also feature an engaging International Symposium chaired by William Micheo, MD, on Friday, November 16, 2012.

2012 AAPM&R Annual Assembly to Include International Insights

To implement the decision of the Assembly of Delegates in 2010, the Journal Sub-Committee of the Publications Committee, under the leadership of Prof. Franco Franchignoni, has started to develop this project. This web of journals will consist of an official journal, journals published in association with ISPRM, and journals endorsed by ISPRM.

The official journal continues to be the Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine, edited by Prof. Gunnar Grimby. During the Congress in San Juan, Puerto Rico the President’s Cabinet approved the classification of “journal published in association with” for the European Journal of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (EJPRM) and the Portuguese Journal of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (PJPRM). Finally, the journal Rehab in Review was approved as a journal “endorsed by ISPRM”.

You will find links to these journals in the appropriate directories under Publications in the left-bar menu of the ISPRM website: http://isprm.org/?CategoryID=377

The content of the EJPRM is openly available and in the case of the PJPRM it will be openly available 6 months after publication. Rehab in Review will be distributed free to all ISPRM members.

Sincerely,

Walter Frontera, MD, PhD
Chair, Publications Committee

Franco Franchignoni, MD
Chair, Journals Sub-Committee
WHO Director-General announces increased attention to disabilities

At the 65th World Health Assembly in May, Dr Margaret Chan was appointed for a second five-year term as Director-General of WHO. Among her specific priorities for the next five years are chronic noncommunicable diseases, mental health and disabilities. > More info

Disability included in the Rio+20 Outcome Document

"The Future We Want" has five references to disability: responsibilities of States to respect, protect and promote human rights and fundamental freedom for all (paragraph 9); participation and access to information and judicial and administrative proceedings for promotion of sustainable development (paragraph 43); green economy policies for sustainable development and poverty eradication to enhance the welfare of persons with disabilities (paragraph 58(k)); a safe and healthy living environment for all, particularly, disabled persons (paragraph 135) and finally, equal access to education for persons with disabilities (paragraph 229). > More info

Osteoporosis

Osteoporosis is a public health issue worldwide. During the last few years, progress has been made concerning the knowledge of the pathophysiological mechanism of the disease. > More info

WHO launches Wheelchair service training package

The wheelchair is one of the most commonly used assistive devices. Health and rehabilitation professionals are not always trained adequately to ensure people with disabilities get a quality wheelchair. In partnership with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), WHO released the Wheelchair service training package: basic level whose main purpose is to develop...
Sri Lanka launches the World report on disability

On 30 May the World report on disability was launched in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The well attended launch was followed by an intensive discussion of Sri Lanka's draft National Action Plan on Disability. > More info

First ever Pacific Community-based Rehabilitation (CBR) Forum in Fiji

The Forum, jointly hosted by WHO, the Pacific Disability Forum, and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, gathered more than 50 participants from disabled people's organizations (DPOs), service providers and government from across the Pacific. > More info

World Bank hosts Disability and Development Core Course based on the World report on disability

This first ever course was held on the minimum skills and knowledge required by personnel involved in wheelchair service delivery. > More info

ISPRM World Congresses

7th ISPRM World Congress, June 16 – 20, 2013, Beijing, China
www.isprm2013.org

8th ISPRM World Congress, June, 2014, Cancun, Mexico

9th ISPRM World Congress, June 06 – 11, 2015, Berlin, Germany
www.isprm2015.org

WHO holds training of experts workshop on wheelchair service

WHO in partnership with USAID and Management Sciences for Health (MSH) held a training of experts workshop from 4-8 July in Washington DC. Twenty-five experts from 17 different countries were selected as a first batch of trainees. > More info

WHO gives countries tools to help stop abuse of people with mental health conditions

Violence, abuse and the harmful treatment of people with mental health conditions are still prevalent in many social care and mental health facilities around the world. Launching a new tool for assessing and improving the quality of services and human rights. > More info

The Lancet: adults and children with disabilities at much higher risk of violence
7-11 May, drawing heavily on the World report on disability. It provided an important opportunity to increase knowledge on disability, and reflect on how to address disability in development policy. > More info

Children with disabilities are almost four times more likely to experience violence than non-disabled children, according to a systematic review published in the medical journal The Lancet in July. > More info

Call for papers: Special issue on violence and disability in the Journal of Interpersonal Violence

In 2013 The Journal of Interpersonal Violence will publish a special issue on the topic of violence against people with disabilities, in association with WHO. Papers are invited which relate to all forms of interpersonal violence and any type of disability. Deadline for submissions: 2 November. > More info

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