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Message from the President



Prof. Gerold Stucki
President of ISPRM

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International Seminar on the
Implementation of the World Report on
Disability

As an initiative of the São Paulo State Secretariat

ISPRM Web of Journals

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

for the Rights of the Person with Disability in partnership with the World Health Organization, the World Bank, the Pan-American Health Organization, the Global Partnership for Disability and Development, the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, the Latin-American Network of Non-Governmental Organizations of Persons with Disabilities and their Families, the Latin-American of Non-Governmental Organizations of Persons with Disabilities, the Lucy Montoro Network, the Brazilian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and the Medical College Foundation, the International Seminar on the Implementation of the World Report on Disability was held from February 23rd to 25th, 2012, in São Paulo, Brazil.

The launch of the Portuguese version of the World Report on Disability enabled the discussion of relevant subjects to the development of strategies for the Report's implementation, such as housing, education, employment, health, and enabling environments. The main objective of the Seminar was to identify the challenges to the implementation of the Report's recommendations aiming at the promotion of equal opportunities for persons with and without disabilities, as established by the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Aiming at this target, the Seminar count on the presence of several representatives from the partner institutions and invited experts, who presented new world-reaching guidelines to tackle the challenges that still prevent the guarantee of equality of rights for persons with disabilities in every subject, but with a special emphasis on health and rehabilitation.

Main themes presented at the Seminar included the presentation of the World Report of Disability, understanding, conceptualizing and measuring disability, health care systems for persons with disabilities, rehabilitation: new ways, greater breath, inclusive education: reality and perspectives, work and employment, information and communication technologies, policies for

The purpose of this web is to contribute to the dissemination of information published in journals dedicated to the field of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine around the world and to make this information available to members of ISPRM.

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.

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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

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financing innovation, crosscutting policies development: challenges, support for independent living, risk situations, humanitarian emergencies and persons with disabilities, vulnerable groups: children and women with disabilities; sports, leisure and tourism.

There were 60 speakers from Switzerland, USA, Korea, Portugal, Mexico, Sweden, UK, Italy, Argentina, Ghana, Germany, Australia and Brazil. Two lectures were delivered by web-conference from Switzerland (the International Labor Organization) and USA (CRPD Secretariat). There were ISPRM representatives from Switzerland, USA, Korea, Portugal, Mexico, Sweden, Turkey, France, Saudi Arabia, Lithuania, Italy, Argentina, Honduras, Colombia, Ghana, Germany, Australia and Brazil.

There were 697 participants, including more than 100 attendees with disabilities. Types of disabled people participating in the Seminar included physical, visual, hearing loss and intellectual disabilities. Internet streaming technology allowed the live participation of more than 100 remote participants per day at <http://www.pessoacomdeficiencia.sp.gov.br>

Accessibility tools included closed caption, both at the conference room and at the internet live streaming; audio description, Brazilian sign language interpreters, guide interpreters, and simultaneous translation into Spanish, English and Portuguese. International attendants at the Seminar came from Chile, Uruguay, Honduras, Ecuador and Argentina. Participants from 16 Brazilian States attended the Seminar: Amazonas, Bahia, Ceara, Distrito Federal (Brasília), Espirito Santo, Goias, Minas Gerais, Maranhão, Paraíba, Parana, Rio de Janeiro, Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina, São Paulo, Tocantins and Para. Cases of success of the São Paulo State Secretariat presented at the Seminar included accessibility, inclusion and citizenship caravan, access, transportation, leader dogs and clothing, “accessible beaches” project, “virada inclusiva” project and Lucy Montoro Rehabilitation Network. During the Seminar, two ISPRM workshops were

held: ICF and WRD Implementation. Seminar content demonstrated that the nine recommendations described in the World Report on Disability, namely

1. Enable access to all mainstream policies, systems and services;
2. Invest in specific programs and services for people with disabilities;
3. Adopt a national disability strategy and action plan;
4. Involve people with disabilities;
5. Improve human resource capacity;
6. Provide adequate funding and improve affordability;
7. Increase public awareness and understanding of disability;
8. Improve disability data collection;
9. Strengthen and support research on disability; can be translated into immediate action.

Linamara Rizzo Battistella – State Secretary

Gerold Stucki – ISPRM President

Marta Imamura – ISPRM President Elect

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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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Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine

Discover the list of recently published articles of the "Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine" Volume 44



Obituary

Please join me in celebrating the life and contributions of Herman J. Flax, MD (1917 – 2012), who



Basic Principles of Peripheral Nerve Disorders

Peripheral nerve disorders

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Congresses & Events in the PRM World

August

Disability Sport
Conference 2012
Coventry Cathedral,
Coventry,
United Kingdom
August 23–25, 2012
The Centre for Peace and
Reconciliation Studies
and the International
Wheelchair and Amputee
Sports Federation will be
hosting an international,
inter-disciplinary
conference
for academics and
practitioners.

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September

4th Congress of the
World Union of
Wound Healing
Societies
**Discounted rates for
ISPRM Members**
Yokohama, Japan
September 1–7, 2012

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Academy of Spinal Cord
Injury
Professionals, Inc. (ASCIP)
2012
Annual Conference &
Expo
Las Vegas, Nevada United
States
September 3–5, 2012.

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passed away recently after making a positive impact on the world and everyone he interacted with for the past 95 years.

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Herman was born in Richmond, Virginia on March 31, 1917. After a nurturing childhood, he went on to graduate from the Medical College of Virginia (now Virginia Commonwealth University) School of Medicine in 1940. He received post-graduate PM&R training at the University of Pennsylvania and McMaster University at a time when PM&R wasn't even a recognized specialty. Dr. Flax then forged a practice and went on to work in PM&R for 50 years, including nearly 40 years as Chief of Rehabilitation Medicine in the San Juan Veteran's Administration Hospital, Puerto Rico. Since 1990, Herman has worked as a consultant in the Washington, D.C. and Baltimore region and an Emeritus Professor in the Virginia Commonwealth University Department of PM&R. During his half century of practice, he made significant contributions to the field, including serving as President of the American College of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM) and the International Rehabilitation Medicine Association (IRMA became part of ISPRM). He has received more than 50 honors by our specialty organizations, including: Gold Key Award of the ACRM—highest award recognizing his contributions to the field and ACRM, Distinguished Clinician Award of the American Academy of

are comprising one of the major clinical topics in neuromusculoskeletal disorders.

Sharp nerve injuries, chronic entrapment syndromes and peripheral neuropathic processes can be classified in this common medical topic.

Different aspects of these disorders including anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, injury mechanisms, and different diagnostic and management methods need to be addressed when discussing this topic.

The goal of preparing [this book](#) was to gather such pertinent chapters to cover these aspects.

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PM&R – recognizing his outstanding clinical skills in PM&R, Lifetime Achievement Award of IRMA – which has been renamed the Herman J. Flax, M.D. Lifetime Achievement Award of the ISPRM (International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine), the Society of Education and Rehabilitation of Puerto Rico honored Herman by naming their future structure the Herman J. Flax, M.D. Rehabilitation Medical Center. He has more than 100 publications to his name, including "Life in Years", which presents his life, values and a history of the field of PM&R, and 3 books of poetry. Finally, since 1990, Herman has generously established a number of endowments and gifts to VCU and the Department of PM&R, including "The Flax Fund" (PM&R residency training), the "Herman J. Flax, MD Professor of PM&R", the "Flax Resident Education and Leadership Award", and a collection of rare medical books.

It is with great joy and enthusiasm that I recall all of the wonderful times that we were able to spend with Herman and his beloved bride, Melanie, for the past 22 years. He was a true pioneer who helped to lay the foundations for all of the work we do today, and it is with love and appreciation that I ask you to celebrate his life.

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ISPRM World Congresses



7thISPRM World Congress,
June 16 – 20, 2013, Beijing, China

www.isprm2013.org

8thISPRM World Congress,
June, 2014, Cancun, Mexico



9thISPRM World Congress,
June 06 – 11, 2015, Berlin, Germany

www.isprm2015.org

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