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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Having had the pleasure to serve as your President in 2009, I want to thank those of you who serve on the committees and task forces for your dedicated hard work during this past year.

The Congress in Istanbul was a success and the Board of Governor's (BOG) minutes are currently being circulated for electronic approval, a process which was approved at that meeting. In 2010 we will have one official journal, *The Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine*.

At the Istanbul meeting, Berlin was selected as the Congress site for 2015. The issue of combining an annual Congress under the scientific and administrative leadership of ISPRM together with a host country and possibly in collaboration with a relevant regional society was also discussed. Selected Committee/Task Force chairs will participate in a retreat in Taiwan, following the 2nd Asian-Oceania Conference of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine. At BOG meeting in Limassol, Cyprus, we will be presenting recommendations and discussing the annual meeting concept.

I would like to encourage you to read the September 2009 issue of *The Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine*. It has a series of ISPRM discussion papers concerning our Society and strategic issues.

I would also recommend that you read the article entitled "Research Priorities for Health of People with Disabilities:- an Expert Opinion Exercise" that appeared in *Lancet* 2009; 37(4), 1857-62. The overall message states the need to identify barriers that people with disabilities have in accessing health care services at different levels, and to find optimum strategies to integrate their needs into primary care systems, especially in low-income and middle-income countries. This study involved expert individuals some of whom are ISPRM members and individuals from the World Health Organization.

In closing want to wish each of you health, peace, and prosperity in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Joel A. DeLisa, MD, MS
ISPRM President



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COMBINED NATIONAL SOCIETY/INDIVIDUAL ISPRM MEMBERSHIP

Werner Van Cleemputte, ISPRM Executive Director

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

NATIONAL SOCIETIES FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES ALREADY MADE AN APPLICATION FOR COMBINED ISPRM MEMBERSHIP

Argentina, Australia, Brazil, China (two societies), Columbia, France, Greece, Hong Kong, Italy, Kuwait, Mexico, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Thailand, Venezuela and The Netherlands.

WE KINDLY ENCOURAGE ALL OTHER NATIONAL SOCIETIES TO EXAMINE THIS COMBINED MODEL IN DETAIL AND CONSIDER THE BENEFITS FOR THEIR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS AS WELL.

**WE KINDLY ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS
TO RENEW ISPRM MEMBERSHIP BY
PAYING THEIR DUES FOR 2010 THROUGH
OUR WEBSITE WWW.ISPRM.ORG**



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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Chang-il Park, Chair of the Nominating Committee

This is a brief note inviting all members of our Society to indicate names for the positions to be elected in the next Board Meeting. Please provide your ideas to me at cipark@yuhs.ac not later than **March 31st**.

UPCOMING ISPRM BOARD MEETINGS – MARK YOUR AGENDA

On an invitation by Prof. Nicolas Christodoulou, the next ISPRM Board Meetings will be organised combined with the **European Congress on PM&R**, Wednesday, 29 September - Saturday 02 October 2010 in Limassol, Cyprus, Please mark your agenda as follows:

- ISPRM President's Cabinet Meeting: Wednesday, 29 September, 09.00-11.00 hrs - (on invitation only)
- ISPRM Executive Committee Meeting: Wednesday, 29 September, 11.00-13.00 hrs - (on invitation only)
- ISPRM Board of Governors Meeting Part 1: Wednesday, 29 September, 13.30 – 17.30 hrs
- ISPRM Board of Governors Meeting Part 2: Saturday 02 October, 13.30 – 17.30 hrs

THE ISPRM 2012 INTERIM BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING – CALL FOR TENDER

Werner Van Cleemputte

The ISPRM holds its Board of Governors Meetings every second year (odd years) during its ISPRM World Congresses.

During interim years, the ISPRM organizes its Board of Governors Meetings in conjunction with an exciting congress.

In the past, the Interim Board Meetings were mainly supported by the Congresses in Europe as shown below:

2000	Athens, Greece	Mediterranean Congress
2002	Catania, Italy	Mediterranean Congress
2004	Antalya, Turkey	Mediterranean Congress
2006	Algarve, Portugal	Mediterranean Congress
2008	Brugge, Belgium	European Congress
2010	Limassol, Cyprus	Mediterranean Congress

We kindly announce that the 2012 ISPRM Board of Governors is now open to bidding and we would like to encourage national societies to submit their bids to host the ISPRM Board of Governors meeting in conjunction with their congresses. The Central Office of ISPRM would like to call for submission of proposals to host the Interim Board Meeting 2012. The interested party should

1. Follow the rules and regulation listed in the document for hosting Interim ISPRM Board meeting - visit <http://www.isprm.org/?CategoryID=231&ArticleID=130>
2. An application to hold the 2012 ISPRM Interim Board Meeting can be made by any active National Society, member of the ISPRM and **in good standing for at least two successive years** or any individual active ISPRM member **in good standing** fully backed by his or her national society.
3. Submit your proposal on or before **August 29, 2010** to the Central Office at Werner@medicongress.com. Late submission will not be entertained. PowerPoint presentations and/or video clips (not more than 5 minutes) could also be submitted to be uploaded to the website for the Board members to review.



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OFFICIAL JOURNALS OF THE ISPRM

Presently the ISPRM has two official journals—The Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine (JRM) and The Disability and Rehabilitation Journal (DRJ).

We herewith inform our ISPRM members that as of January 1, 2010, the DRJ will no longer be one of the official journals of the ISPRM. This will affect the discounted rate for ISPRM members as well as the on-line access

ISPRM is continuing its collaboration with the JRM and in 2010, ISPRM members will also have free access to the electronic version of the JRM. For further details, please contact the Central Office.

CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS PERIOD

The ISPRM Central Office will be closed Saturday, December 19 till Sunday, January 3.

We will be back at your disposal as of Monday, January 4.

However do not hesitate to renew your membership through the ISPRM website during this closing period

8TH WORLD CONGRESS THE INTERNATIONAL BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION (IBIA)

Nathan Zasler

The **International Brain Injury Association (IBIA)** will hold its 8th World Congress March 10 – 14, 2010 in Washington, DC. IBIA brings together the largest group of international professionals working in the field of brain injury to learn, share experiences and socialize, as well as recognize outstanding contributions to the field of brain injury care. Delegates are comprised of physicians, psychologists and neuropsychologists, therapists, social workers, nurses, case managers, legal professionals, advocates and all others working in the field of brain injury. The Eighth World Congress program features internationally recognized invited speakers, platform lectures, workshops, short oral presentations and poster sessions. The 2010 meeting set a new IBIA record with over 650 abstracts submitted from around the world. State of the art research will be presented dealing with information spanning from basic science to clinical (coma to community) aspects of brain injury. International priorities in the field of brain injury research will be discussed. IBIA will also have a number of exciting, state of the art, pre-Congress symposia, as well as post-Congress workshop sessions to further enhance the attendee didactic experience. The official language of the Congress is **English and sessions are open to all delegates registering to attend the event.**

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to learn the latest information on traumatic and acquired brain injury medicine and neurorehabilitation, as well as, network with international colleagues in the field. Space is limited, particularly for pre- and post-conference workshops and symposia... so don't delay registering. For further information regarding the 8th World Congress please see: <http://www.internationalbrain.org/?q=node/16>

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Please feel free to submit articles for the News & Views and to take part in our Editorial Board.

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JOURNAL OF REHABILITATION MEDICINE

(one of the two official journals of the ISPRM)

Special Issue 12, November 2009 (Volume 41)

Articles are accessible electronically for all ISPRM individual members (in good standing)

The application of robotics in the functional motor recovery of the paretic upper limb (Complete issue)

Lucia F. Lucca, Enrico Castelli and Walter G. Sannita

Foreword

Lucia F. Lucca, Enrico Castelli, Walter G. Sannita

Robotics in neuro-rehabilitation

Loris Pignolo

Bilateral robot therapy based on haptics and reinforcement learning: Feasibility study of a new concept for treatment of patients after stroke

Valentina Squeri, Maura Casadio, Elena Vergaro, Psiche Giannoni, Pietro Morasso, Vittorio Sanguineti

Robot-based rehabilitation of the upper limbs in multiple sclerosis: Feasibility and preliminary results

Ilaria Carpinella, Davide Cattaneo, Suha Abuarqub, Maurizio Ferrarin

Robot therapy for functional recovery of the upper limbs: A pilot study on patients after stroke

Federica Bovolenta, Milena Goldoni, Pierina Clerici, Maurizio Agosti, Marco Franceschini

Robot-mediated therapy for paretic upper limb of chronic patients following neurological injury

Federico Posteraro, Stefano Mazzoleni, Sara Aliboni, Benedetta Cesqui, Alessandro Battaglia, Paolo Dario, Silvestro Micera

Upper limb rehabilitation robotics after stroke: A perspective from the University of Padua, Italy

Stefano Masiero, Elena Carraro, Claudio Ferraro, Paolo Gallina, Aldo Rossi, Giulio Rosati

Kinematic and neurophysiological models: Future applications in neurorehabilitation

Michelangelo Bartolo, Romildo Don, Alberto Ranavolo, Mariano Serrao, Giorgio Sandrini

Robot-mediated and clinical scales evaluation after upper limb botulinum toxin type A injection in children with hemiplegia

Flaminia Frascarelli, Lorenzo Masia, Giuseppe Di Rosa, Maurizio Petrarca, Paolo Cappa, Enrico Castelli

Reach-to-grasp interjoint coordination for moving object in children with hemiplegia

Maurizio Petrarca, Giulia Zanelli, Fabrizio Patanè, Flaminia Frascarelli, Paolo Cappa, Enrico Castelli

Virtual reality and motor rehabilitation of the upper limb after stroke: A generation of progress?

Lucia Francesca Lucca

Robot-assisted rehabilitation of the paretic upper limb: Rationale of the ARAMIS project

Giuliano Dolce, Lucia Francesca Lucca, Loris Pignolo

The ARAMIS project: A concept robot and technical design

Lucio Colizzi, Antonio Lidonnici, Loris Pignolo

Exercises for paretic upper limb after stroke: A combined virtual-reality and telemedicine approach

Lamberto Piron, Andrea Turolla, Michela Agostini, Carla Zucconi, Feliciano Cortese, Mauro Zampolini, Mara Zannini, Mauro Dam, Laura Ventura, Michela Battauz, Paolo Tonin



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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

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
- **Clinical Osteoporosis 2010: An ISCD-NOF Symposium**, 10-13 March, San Antonio, Texas, USA Visit www.clinicalosteoporosis.org - Contact info@clinicalosteoporosis.org
- **Portuguese PRM Society Annual Congress** (Sociedade Portuguesa de Medicina Física e de Reabilitação), 11-13 March. Hotel Porto Palácio - Porto, Portugal. Visit: www.spmfr2010.org – Contact: spmfr@spmfr.org
- **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@knaimed.com.tw



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- **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

- **Int. Conference on Alzheimer's Disease,** 10-15 July, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. Visit www.alz.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>



- **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
- **National Congress of the French PM&R Society - SOFMER,** 13-16 October, Marseille. Visit: www.sofmer.com
- **71st Annual Meeting of the AAPM&R,** 3-7 November, Seattle, Washington, USA. Visit www.apmr.org
- **7th Interdisciplinary World Congress on Low Back & Pelvic Pain,** 9-12 November, Hyatt Regency Century Hotel, Los Angeles, USA, Visit www.worldcongresslbp.com



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- 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

2015

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