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ISPRM BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING 2009

We kindly inform that the ISPRM Board of Governors Meeting 2009 will be organized on

Saturday, June 13

Harbiye Cultural Center (located near ICEC Congress Centre)

09.00-11.00 President's Cabinet Meeting (on invitation only) - **Fevzi Cakmak Hall**

11.00-13.00 Executive Committee Meeting (on invitation only) - **Fevzi Cakmak Hall**

13.00-13.30 Light lunch

13.30-17.00 Board of Governors Meeting 1 - **Inonu Hall**

19.00 Official Opening of the Congress. - **ICEC Congress Center**

Tuesday, June 16

Harbiye Cultural Center (located near ICEC Congress Centre)

13.30-17.00 Board of Governors Meeting 2 - **Inonu Hall**

Please book your travel itinerary according to this meeting schedule.

FYI: the Hilton Hotel will be the central hotel for ISPRM Board members.

BOOK OF REPORTS – REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION OF REPORTS

To the occasion of the ISPRM Board Meetings, we always have the book of reports ready with reports submitted by the members of the President's Cabinet, the Executive Committee and the Chairmen of the different Committees.

We therefore kindly request the members of the above delegates to submit their reports by May 10 at the latest so that the book of reports can be made ready in time for distribution during the Board Meeting in Istanbul.

**Absolute FINAL Deadline for Report
Submission: May 29 !**

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FIVE JOURNALS JOINTLY RELEASE ARTICLE SHOWING THAT AFRICANS AND PENGUINS HAVE EQUAL ACCESS TO REHABILITATION MEDICINE PHYSICIANS.

Andy Haig

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Tens of thousands of physicians specializing in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation improve the lives of people with disabilities on other continents. With only 6 doctors for 780 million people, subSaharan Africa suffers a huge burden from untreated disability.

Ann Arbor, Mich. – Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation has had a significant and proven impact in the lives of people with disabilities and on the healthcare system as a whole. Everywhere but in Africa.

Around the world improvements in the care of people with problems ranging from stroke to spinal cord injuries, amputations, childhood disabilities, and back pain are led by physicians trained in the specialty of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

When an exhaustive review found only 6 Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation specialists in all of subSaharan Africa, with no training programs, professional standards or scientific publications, the authors wrote the results as an ironic parody of an earlier 'white paper' characterizing the specialty in Europe.

“The Practice of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in subSaharan Africa and Antarctica: A White Paper or a Black Mark?” draws parallels between rehabilitation medicine services for Antarctica’s 4000 affluent scientists and those for 750 million African men, women, and children. One graph comparing the number of specialists per 10 million persons on the two continents was completely blank. Another split figure showed two groups: African amputees who had no prosthetic limbs playing soccer and penguins with both legs intact, noting the statistically equal chance that either group would meet a rehabilitation specialist.

Shocked at the findings, editors of many of the largest journals in the field worked together in an effort to ‘surround Africa with the facts’. Most scientific journals will not consider work that has been accepted in another journal. In a radical break from this tradition, the editors agreed to simultaneously publish the work in journals representing the rest of the world. May and June editions of The Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine, Disability and Rehabilitation, The European Journal of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, PM&R, and the Chinese Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine will contain the article.

A more serious discussion section in the paper argued that the untreated disability suffered by an estimated 1 in 10 Africans is a huge unrecognized drain on the local economies. It concluded that ignorance, prejudice, and misguided international policy - not poverty alone - have led to the failure. Responsibility for change was placed on the African ministries of health. The political will to change, the authors claimed, will evolve as “pride, shame, or the will to do what is right” compels many leaders who hide their disability to speak out.

“It’s easier to count dead bodies than to measure the hundreds of ways living with an untreated disability ruins society”, says Andrew Haig, M.D., professor in the department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Michigan Medical School, and president of the International Rehabilitation Forum, the organization that commissioned the study. “So health policy people don’t understand what an important investment medical rehabilitation is. African governments typically hand responsibility for rehabilitation to local community organizers or social ministries, when everywhere else in the world the work is done on specialized hospital wards with teams of clinicians led by expert doctors.”

The publication is the work of a committee on rehabilitation in Africa convened by the International Rehabilitation Forum, a not-for-profit organization supported by over 25 major academic medical rehabilitation departments. Its mission is to use creative leadership to build sustainable medical rehabilitation around the world.



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Co-authors include premedical student Jonathan Im, Ghanaian physician Adodeji Adewole M.D., Africa rehabilitation expert and University of Michigan professor Virginia Nelson, and the only Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation specialist known to have practiced in Antarctica, Dr. Brian Krabak of the University of Washington.

The results of the study will be presented at the First World Conference on Medical Rehabilitation in Rural and Developing Regions, June 9-12, in Kaiseri, Turkey.

More information:

www.rehabforum.org

http://www2.med.umich.edu/healthcenters/provider_profile.cfm?individual_id=47041

<http://www.leeds.ac.uk/medicine/rehabmed/PDF%20papers/White%20book.pdf>

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DISABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT MODULE AT THE VU UNIVERSITY, AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

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The Athena Institute, Faculty of Earth and Life Sciences, VU University (Amsterdam), together with Enablement (Alphen aan den Rijn) and the Royal Tropical Institute (KIT, Amsterdam) are pleased to announce a 4-week module on Disability and Development to be held from November 23th to December 19th 2009 at the VU University. This course, a 4-week elective module, which is part of an academic Master degree programme, is open to external participants also. Students will learn in a highly participatory environment built around a problem-based learning approach. Lecturers have extensive international experience in disability and related fields. An overview of the course content can be found on the VU website:

<http://studiegids.vu.nl/> (type 'disability' as search term). The course was offered for the first time in 2008 and was very positively evaluated by the first batch of students.

The following topics will be covered in Module I:

Disability models and stereotypes, culture and disability, ICF conceptual framework, experience of having a disability, frequencies and distribution of disability, determinants of disability, including stigma and discrimination, poverty, gender and HIV/AIDS, rights of persons with disabilities, the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, measurement of disability, disability-relevant research methods, survey methods, examples of disability research and an introduction to community-based rehabilitation.

In 2010, a second elective module will be offered on the subject of Disability & Development. This module will have the same duration as Module I. Module II will cover the following additional topics:

Project planning and management, monitoring and evaluation of community-based rehabilitation (CBR) programmes, management information systems, CBR as a preferred strategy for rehabilitation, organisational and institutional development, Disabled People's Organisations, educational and economic empowerment of disabled people, the role of specific rehabilitation services, and sports and disability.

Interested candidates should apply well in advance and contact Huib Cornielje as soon as possible.

TARGET GROUP: rehabilitation professionals and professionals with an interest in disability and development.

REQUIREMENTS: good comprehension of the English language; bachelor degree or equivalent (in terms of experience and thinking capacity)

COURSE FEES: Euro 1,000 (excluding board & lodging); students who wish to gain official study credits (ETCS) will have to register as external students at the VU University. This will cost an additional €1,200 for 4 weeks, approximately.

DATES: November 23 to December 18, 2009

FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM: <http://studiegids.vu.nl/>

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Issue 5, April 2009 (Volume 41)

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

Updates on the use of non-invasive brain stimulation in physical and rehabilitation medicine

Julie A. Williams, Marta Imamura, Felipe Fregni

Transcutaneous electrical stimulation on acupuncture points improves muscle function in subjects after acute stroke: A randomized controlled trial

Tiebin Yan, Christina. W.Y. Hui-Chan

Muscle function of knee extensors and flexors after stroke is selectively impaired at shorter muscle lengths

Astrid Horstman, Karin Gerrits, Marijke Beltman, Thomas Janssen, Manin Konijnenbelt, Arnold de Haan

Long-term effect of comorbidity on the course of physical functioning in patients after stroke and with multiple sclerosis

Annet J. Dallmeijer, Heleen Beckerman, Vincent de Groot, Ingrid G. L. van de Port, Gustaaf J. Lankhorst, Joost Dekker

Evidence of a logarithmic relationship between motor capacity and actual performance in daily life of the paretic arm following stroke

Marian E. Michielsen, Mark de Niet, Gerard M. Ribbers, Henk J. Stam, Johannes B. Bussmann

Supervised aerobic exercise is more effective than home aerobic exercise in female chinese patients with rheumatoid arthritis

Lin-Fen Hsieh, Shih-Ching Chen, Chih-Cheng Chuang, Huei-Ming Chai, Wen-Shan Chen, Yang-Chien He

A six-week hand exercise programme improves strength and hand function in patients with rheumatoid arthritis

Sofia Brorsson, Marita Hilliges, Christer Sollerman, Anna Nilsson

How much change is true change? The minimum detectable change of the Berg Balance Scale in elderly people

Declan Donoghue, Physiotherapy Research and Older People (PROP) group, Emma K. Stokes

Personal characteristics influencing patients' adherence to home exercise during chronic pain: A qualitative study

Francesc Medina-Mirapeix, Pilar Escolar-Reina, Juan J. Gascón-Cánovas, Joaquina Montilla-Herrador, Sean M. Collins

Relationship between symptoms and psychological factors five years after whiplash injury

Britt-Marie Stålnacke

Functional status after intensive care: A challenge for rehabilitation professionals to improve outcome

Marike van der Schaaf, Anita Beelen, Dave A. Dongelmans, Margreeth B. Vroom, Frans Nollet

Motor impairments and activity limitations in children with spastic cerebral palsy: A Dutch population-based study

Marc Wichers, Sander Hilberink, Marij Roebroek, Onno van Nieuwenhuizen, Henk Stam

Inactive lifestyle in adults with bilateral spastic cerebral palsy

Channah Nieuwenhuijsen, Wilma M.A. van der Slot, Anita Beelen, J. Hans Arendzen, Marij E. Roebroek, Henk J. Stam, Rita J.G. van den Berg-Emons, the Transition Research Group South West Netherlands

Investigation of bias due to loss of participants in a Dutch multicentre prospective spinal cord injury cohort study

Sonja de Groot, Janneke A. Haisma, Marcel W.M. Post, Floris W.A. van Asbeck, Lucas H.V. van der Woude

Trunk muscle activation in a person with clinically complete thoracic spinal cord injury

Anna Bjerkefors, Mark G. Carpenter, Andrew G. Cresswell, Alf Thorstensson

Communicating using the eyes without remembering it: Cognitive rehabilitation in a severely brain-injured patient with amnesia, tetraplegia and anarthria

Luigi Trojano, Pasquale Moretta, Anna Estraneo

Does physical exercise improve arterial structure and function in spinal cord-injured individuals? and Response to letter to the editor by Jan T. Groothuis et al.

Jan T. Groothuis, Maria T.E. Hopman, Dick H.J. Thijssen. Response by Sae Young Jae, Kevin S. Heffernan, Miyoung Lee, Bo Fernhall



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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND CONGRESSES

ISPRM World Congresses

- **5th Congress** June, 13 - 17, 2009 Istanbul, Turkey
- **6th Congress** June, 12 - 15, 2011 San Juan, Puerto Rico
- **7th Congress** June 2013 Beijing, China

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

2009

Principles and Practice of Clinical Research 2009 - Course will be offered by Scholars in Clinical Science Program and Department of Continuing Education, Harvard Medical School. The course will occur from March 19th to October 25th. For the 2009 edition, CME credits will be provided. – for details please contact Marta Imamura: martaimf@gmail.com

- **First World Conference on Medical Rehabilitation in Rural and Developing Regions**, 9-11 June, Istanbul Turkey: , Visit www.rehabforum.org or contact: Andrew J. Haig, andyhaig@umich.edu



- **World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, IAGG**, 5-9 July, Paris, France. Visit www.gerontologyparis2009.com
- **3rd Regional and 11th National Congress of the Venezuelan Society of PM&R** (in collaboration with the PMR societies of Panama, Peru, Columbia, Ecuador and Bolivia), 21-24 July Caracas, Venezuela. Visit www.svmfyr.com Contact: svmfyr@yahoo.com Congress language: Spanish
- **Midsummer Meeting, International Neuropsych Society**, 29 July – 1 August, Helsinki, Finland. Visit www.the-ins.org

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- **6th Satellite Symposium on Neuropsychological Rehabilitation**, 3-4 August, Tallin, Estonia. Visit www.koenigundmueller.de
- **5th Joint Meeting of European Tissue Repair Society and Wound Healing Society**, 25 – 29 August, Limoges, France. Visit www.objectif-congress.com/ETRS
- **1st International Congress on Clinical Neuroepidemiology**, 27-30 August. Visit www.neuro2009.com. Contact: info@neuro2009.com
- **10th Int. Congress EFRR**, 9-12 September, Riga, Latvia. Visit www.EFRR-Riga09.com
- **13th Congress of Euro Federation on Neurological Societies** 12-15 September, Florence, Italy. Visit www.kenes.com/efns2009
- **35th ASIA Annual Meeting**, 22-26 September, Dallas, Texas, USA. Visit www.asia-spinalinjury.org
- **24th Congress of the French Society on PM&R (SOFMER)**, 15-17 October, Lyon, France. Visit www.sofmer.com
- **Eurospine 2009**, 21-24 October, Warsaw, Poland. Visit www.eurospine2009.org
- **48th ISCoS Annual Meeting**, 21-24 October, Florence, Italy. Visit www.iscos2009.com

70th Annual Meeting of the AAPM&R, 22-25 October, Austin, Texas, USA. Visit www.aapmr.org



- **19th World Congress of Neurology**, 24-30 October, Bangkok, Thailand. Visit www.wcn2009bangkok.com
- **24th Annual Meeting of the North American Spine Society**, 10-14 November, San Francisco, USA. Visit www.spine.org
- **12th Asian Federation of Sports Medicine Congress**, 3-6 December, Amritsar, Punjab, India. Visit www.afsm2009.com

2010

- **Eight World Congress on Brain Injury (IBIA)**, 10-14 March, Washington DC, USA. Visit www.internationalbrain.org
- **World Congress of Internal Medicine**, 20-25 March, Melbourne, Australia. Info follows.
- **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
- **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



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XXIV Congress of the Latin American Medical Association of Rehabilitation – AMLAR 2010. 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**
- **71st Annual Meeting of the AAPM&R, 3-7 November, Seattle, Washington, USA. Visit www.apmr.org**

2011

- **72nd Annual Assembly 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.**
- **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 2013, Beijing, China

2015

8th ISPRM World Congress, June 2015, to be voted on in Istanbul June 2009