American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R)
The American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation will be officially represented at the World Congress of ISPRM by Dr. William Micheo, President of the AAPM&R and Mr. Thomas Stautzenbach, Executive Director. The Editor-in-Chief of the Academy’s new Journal (PM&R), Dr. Stuart Weinstein, will be participating in the “Editors Summit” during the Congress. The next meeting of the AAPM&R will take place on October 22-25, 2009 in the city of Austin, Texas. The AAPM&R will offer discounted registration to members of ISPRM and of the Latin American Medical Rehabilitation Association. The meeting will feature an educational session in Spanish on the topic of Education in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in Latin America. An international poster session is also planned for the meeting. More information at: www.aapmr.org

Association of Academic Physiatrists (AAP)
The Association of Academic Physiatrists will be presenting a scientific session at the World Congress of ISPRM on the topic of “Innovations and Breakthroughs in Education, Research, and Leadership in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine” on Monday, June 15. The Editor-in-Chief of the American Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AJPM&R), Dr. Walter Frontera, will Chair the Editor’s Summit during the Congress. The American Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and the European Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation have exchanged commentaries on stroke rehabilitation as part of the Euro-American Focus. More information at www.physiatry.org

Canada- Canadian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R)
The CAPM&R represents and promotes the interests of the specialty of physiatry in Canada by providing and maintaining a national forum and network. It advances and increases awareness of the specialty through strategic alliances and partnerships, public policy and, most importantly, professional and practice development. 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 Banff, Alberta in 2009. The meeting was attended by over 150 full members and residents with a thematic focus on Collaborative Care. In addition to Special Interest Group Meetings representing the various sub-disciplines of physiatry, the participants attended symposia on a number of cutting edge areas including: neural plasticity following CNS injury, functional electrical stimulation and the concept of physician learning and change in clinical practice. Next year’s annual meeting will be held in Winnipeg Manitoba, May 26 – 29, 2010.

More information at: http://capmr.ca/
The ISPRM in Central & South America
Juan Manuel Guzman Gonzales

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in Latin America and Caribbean is becoming quite strong with outstanding support of the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Societies from the different countries.
The International Association who leads all the countries in rehabilitation field is AMLAR (Latin American Medical Association of Rehabilitation), and it is divided in three regions:
North Region: Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haití, Honduras, Nicaragua, México, República Dominicana.
Central Region: Colombia, Costa Rica, Guyana, Jamaica, Panamá, Puerto Rico, Trinidad y Tobago, y Venezuela.
South Region: Argentina, Bolivia, Brasil, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Perú & Uruguay.

The countries with National Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation are:

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Address Kloosterstraat 5 - B-9960, Assenede, Belgium - Phone +32 9 344 39 59 - Fax +32 9 344 40 10 - isprm@medicongress.com
We celebrate the Latin American Congress every two years in different countries of the Region, the last one was held at Punta del Este, Uruguay, 27-30, October 2008. The Congress was honored with the presence of distinguished physiatrists coming from around the world, leaded by Dr. Marta Imamura Vice-President of the ISPRM, Dr. Juan Manuel Guzman AMLAR past president, and Regional Vice President for Latin America of the ISPRM, as well as the presidents of the Latin American Societies, among other well known international speakers. The lectures and the workshops were terrific experience, and a large number of papers were giving, making the event in a big success.

The general assembly was held on October 29, presided by the former Board of AMLAR Directors:

Dr. Juan Manuel Guzmán González (México) - President
Dr. Hugo Núñez Bernadet (Uruguay) - Vice-President
Dr. Ignacio Devesa Gutiérrez (México) - Treasurer
Dra. Ma. Elva García Salazar (México) - General Secretary
Dr. Arturo Saviñon (Dominican Republic) - North Representing
Dr. Carlos Rangel (Colombia) - Central Representing
Dr. Gustavo W Bocca (Ecuador) - South Representing

The representatives of the Latin American Societies of PM&R participants were:

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In agreement to the current bylaws the candidatures of the countries that they requested to be the organizer for the Congress in 2012, were three: Bolivia, Chile and Dominican Republic. The elected country for secret voting was: Dominican Republic who will organize the Congress XXV AMLAR in Santo Domingo.

After the congratulations for all the attendants to the winner for such nomination, the Board of AMLAR was elected, and the current one is integrated by:

- Dr. Hugo Núñez Bernadet (Uruguay) – President
- Dr. Salomón Abuchaibe (Colombia)- Vice-President
- Dra. Raquel Lateulade (Uruguay)-General Secretary
- Dra. Verónica Franco (Uruguay)- Treasurer
- Dra. Elva García Salazar (México)- North Representing
- Dra. Joyce Bolaños (Venezuela)- Central Representing
- Dr. Carlo Paolinelli (Chile)- South Representing

The General Assembly conclusions were:

1. To develop an Information System for the Rehabilitation Hospitals and Services.
2. To standardize the rehabilitation approach for people with disability with guidelines (Evidence Based Medicine).
3. To design the profile of the Physiatrist, according our current needs.
4. To integrate a confidential mailing list by Country.
5. To develop the Board Certification System in every country.
6. To continue to promote the ICF, around Latin American Countries
7. To design the kind of model we want to have for the future.

During the closing ceremony it was organized a honoring post-mortem to outstanding Physiatrists: Haim Ring from Uruguay, and Florencio Saez Jr, from Puerto Rico.

**ACTIVITIES IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES:**

**Colombia:**
*The Colombian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (ASCMF&R) organized the 24th edition of their biannual Congress last August 13-17, 2008 in Medellin, Colombia. The president was Dra. Luz Helena Lugo. The Congress was honored with the presence of Dr. Marta Imamura Vice-President of the ISPRM, Dr. Juan Manuel Guzman, past president of AMLAR and Regional Vice President for Latin America of the ISPRM, and Dr. Luis Parada president of the Venezuelan Society of PM&R, among other well known international speakers. Dr. Jorge E. Gutierrez, was elected as new president of the ASCMF&R for the 2008-2010 term. A delegation of Colombian physiatrists attended the pre-conference on Rehabilitation Medicine in Developing Regions in Turkey. Colombian PM&R residents from the Universidad del Valle participated as presenters in previous versions of the ISPRM Journal Club.*
The Colombian Association of PM&R participates actively in the bid for the 2010 board of governor’s interim meeting of the ISPRM.

The Electrodiagnostic Chapter of the Colombian Association of PM&R organized the 11th edition of their annual meeting last May 1-3, 2009 in Cali, Colombia.

The meeting was honored with the presence of Dr. Jun Kimura from Japan and Dr Joao Nobrega From Brasil, among other national speakers.

The Colombian Association of PM&R will host in 2010 the XXIV Meeting of the Latin American Association of Rehabilitation Medicine (AMLAR), a conference endorsed by the ISPRM. Information available soon in the website http://amlar2010.org

Honduras:
Sociedad Hondureña de Medicina Física y Rehabilitación
Physiatrists from Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Sula, are preparing the first Central American Rehabilitation Congress, with international speakers, which will be held at Hotel Copantl, San Pedro, Sula, Honduras. 29 July -1 August, 2009.

México:

In order to increase the collaboration in between EUA and Latin American and Caribbean countries, Dr. Alberto Ezquenazi, William Micheo and Juan Manuel Guzmán G., organize a very interesting symposium about the different rehabilitation training programs throughout Latin America, which will be held at the Annual Assembly of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation - Course # F330 (Duration: 60 minutes)

Date and time Friday Oct 23, 2009 at 2:30 PM - Austin Convention Center
This course will compare the different rehabilitation training programs throughout Latin America.

Educational Objectives:
1. Describe some of the rehabilitation training programs available in Latin America.
2. Compare and contrast the educational training programs in Latin America.
3. Determine the pros/cons of the different educational models available throughout Latin America.

Audience: Physiatrists and residents from Spanish speaking countries
Course level: basic to intermediate
Language: Spanish

Faculty:
Dr. Ignacio Devesa (México) email: idevesa@yahoo.com
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Moderators: Dr. Alberto Esquenazi (USA) aesquena@einstein.edu
Dr. Juan Manuel Guzmán González (México) imguzman@avantel.net

Program:
2:30-2:35 min Introduction Esquenazi
2:35-2:45 Dr. Ignacio Devesa (México)
2:45-2:55 Dr. Jorge Gutiérrez (Colombia)
2:55-3:05 Dr. Joyce Bolaños (Venezuela)
3:05-3:15 Dr. Verónica Rodríguez (Puerto Rico)
3:15-3:25 Panel discussion including Dr. Micheo and Guzman Gonzalez
3:25-3:30 Q&A and close of program
Venezuela:
Dr. Luis Parada, current President of the Venezuelan Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, organized the first week of May, 2009, a successful Sport and Rehabilitation Meeting in Caracas, with international guest speakers from Mexico and Puerto Rico.
They are well prepared to receive physiatrist from Latin American Countries for:
III Congreso Regional y Andino de Medicina Física y Rehabilitación
XI Congreso de la Sociedad Venezolana de Medicina Física y Rehabilitación

ICF Promoting - Latin American and Caribbean Network for the promotion of the ICF.
WHO Collaborating Centre for the FIC in Mexico (CEMECE)
After launching ICF in May 2001, several Latin American countries started to work in order to accomplish the resolution 54.21
Initial efforts were focused on the development of training materials, on the development of a “training of trainers” strategy and
on the searching and analyses of International experiences related to the ICF implementation.

Supported by the National Institute of Mental Health, Pan American Health Organization and the national Ministry of Health,
in February 2003 Mexico was the venue for the annual meeting of the ICF Iberoamerican Network. In this meeting, advances
on the implementation of ICF were presented and discussed. Additionally, a Program of Work, focused on training, diffusion,
research and application was established.

One year after, in November 2004, another meeting was held in Washington to do follow-up of the advances on the planned
activities, to share national experiences and to strengthen the communication between the stakeholders and to keep the network
alive.

• Several centers and national networks have been created to be responsible for spreading, training and exchanging
  experiences among different countries.
• Material for training and to apply the ICF was developed.
• ICF has been included in the program of training for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation physicians and in other
  programs of medical specialization of some Latin American universities.

Where has ICF been applied?
2. Disability people certification: Argentina, Nicaragua and Panamá
3. Disability people register: Colombia and México
4. Clinical settings: Venezuela and Cuba
5. Occupational health: Colombia, Uruguay and México

In April 2008, Mexico was the venue for the meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for the promotion of the
ICF. The main activities in this meeting were the presentation of national reports about ICF implementation, the analyses and
discussion of a paper about disability in the region, a presentation of a model for training and a review of the emergent
demands in the field of ICF implementation.
The terms of reference for the organization, functioning and work of the network are currently being reviewed.

Training:
• Basic courses in the use of the ICF for personnel of different disciplines and of the main institutions of the federal
government in the country (Mexico)
• Basic course for the handling of the ICF to the personnel of the National Council for people with disability
  (CONADIS). (Mexico)
• Basic course to personnel of the Ministry of Health of Guatemala in 2005
• Basic and advanced courses to personnel of the Ministry of Health of Argentina in 2005 and 2007.
• Basic course to the team of the ministry of Health and the Bank of Social Benefits in Uruguay in 2007.
• Courses advanced in the use of the ICF for doctors, and another personnel in Cuba, Ministry of Health and CITED.
  (Centre for elderly people) (2006, 2007 and 2008)
Course advanced in the use of the ICF for statistic and rehabilitation personnel of the Ministry of Health of Panama in 2007 and 2008

Countries of the Network
- Argentina
- Brasil (WHO Collaborating Centre for the FIC in Portuguese)
- Colombia
- Cuba
- Chile
- México
- Venezuela

With the invaluable support of Pan American Health Organization

To attain a higher involvement of the countries with the network, a 2009 meeting in Brasil, has been planned. The objectives of this meeting are to learn of the successful experiences in the region, to review the collaborative strategies between countries and to identify the needs for training and coaching.

The development of international courses for ICF trainers is being discussed. There is a chance of start with this course in 2009 in Mexico.

Future Activities
- To continue with the ICF Dissemination and Training Programmes in the countries of the region that have already begun with the implementation of ICF
- To start the development of diffusion and training programmes in the countries of the region that have not still begun with the implementation of ICF
- To obtain the license for printing ICF books and for reproducing cds. To increase the resources for distributing books and cds in the region
- To continue with the development of instruments for different applications of ICF
- To strength the “Training of Trainers” strategy

Conclusions:
- It is necessary to learn from successful experiences from other countries
- It is important to attain closer links between national efforts and international initiatives
- It is necessary to maintain an active network of collaboration between countries

The CEMECE confirms its commitment to offer training and coaching related to the utilization of international health classifications in the region and to encourage the activities of the network to obtain more and better evidences to apply the ICF.

Dra. Patricia Nilda Soliz cif@salud.gob.mx is the physician in charge of this training program.

Website: http://cemece.salud.gob.mx/index.html

BOOKS PUBLISHED:
- It is quite interesting to state that the scientific community in Latin America, is publishing the experiences in books of recognized quality, in this report we present three of them.
  1. Medicina de Rehabilitación - Author: Dr. Sergio Lianza, Brasil. - Language: Portugués - 2nd Edition 2001, Editorial: Guanabara Koogan -E-mail: sergiol@uol.com.br
MECHANISMS AND MANAGEMENT OF PAIN FOR THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST.
New book by the International Association for the Study of Pain Book

About IASP. Founded in 1973, the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP) is a nonprofit organization that brings together scientists, clinicians, health care providers, and policy makers to stimulate and support the study of pain and to translate that knowledge into improved pain relief worldwide. IASP Press, the organization’s publishing arm, publishes timely, high-quality, reasonably priced books on a variety of topics related to pain research and treatment. IASP currently has nearly 7,000 members from 123 countries and in 82 chapters. Website: www.iasp-pain.org

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IASP Press announces the release of a new book: Mechanisms and Management of Pain for the Physical Therapist. The book explores the fundamentals of pain neurobiology and reviews the latest evidence regarding physical therapy treatment techniques and their clinical effectiveness in treating specific pain syndromes. Developed by noted pain expert Kathleen A. Sluka, PT, PhD, the book expands on the normal education physical therapists receive on pain mechanisms by describing the neurotransmitters and receptors involved in the transmission of pain.

“In addition,” Dr. Sluka explains, “we describe the neuroplastic changes that occur in the peripheral and central nervous systems as a result of tissue damage, termed peripheral and central sensitization. We further emphasize how these basic science mechanisms underlie clinical pain manifestations, such as referred pain, hyperalgesia and allodynia.”

The primary goal of physical therapy is to help patients—including those with chronic pain—improve their quality of life. The management of chronic pain, however, is difficult for all clinicians. This book provides the evidence that physical therapists and other providers need to make more informed treatment choices. “The book also supports a multidisciplinary approach to the management of chronic pain,” Dr. Sluka adds, “that can be delivered in collaboration with a team that includes physicians, nurses, and psychologists. This team approach addresses the multidisciplinary nature of pain to reduce the sensory as well as the affective dimension of pain.”

A 411-page softbound book, Mechanisms and Management was developed as a resource for practicing physical therapists who actively treat people with acute and chronic pain, and for professionals in other areas of rehabilitation, such as physiatrists, osteopaths, and occupational therapists. It was also designed as a comprehensive textbook for physical therapy students in a professional degree program. Further details about the book are available at: www.iasp-pain.org/PainPT

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- **6th Congress** June 12 - 15, 2011 San Juan, Puerto Rico
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- **8th Congress** June 2015 Berlin, Germany

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- 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)
- Osteoporosis [www.iofbonehealth.org/meetings-events.html](http://www.iofbonehealth.org/meetings-events.html)

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**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 Inamura: martaimf@gmail.com

- **35th ASIA Annual Meeting**, 22-26 September, Dallas, Texas, USA. Visit [www.asia-spinalinjury.org](http://www.asia-spinalinjury.org)
- **6th European course on rehabilitation of the hand**, 11 to 15 October, Bodrum, Turkey. Contact: [h.j.stam@erasmusmc.nl](mailto:h.j.stam@erasmusmc.nl)
- **Advanced Course for PRM Trainees - SOFMER 2009**, 14 October, Lyon, France. Visit: [www.sofmer.com](http://www.sofmer.com)
- **24th Congress of the French Society on PM&R (SOFMER)**, 15-17 October, Lyon, France. Visit [www.sofmer.com](http://www.sofmer.com)
- **5th MRSS "PRM Haim Ring School"** 19-23 October, Siracusa, Italy. Visit: [www.prmschool.com](http://www.prmschool.com)
- **70th Annual Meeting of the AAPM&R**, 22-25 October, Austin, Texas, USA. Visit [www.aapmr.org](http://www.aapmr.org)
• 4th Pan Arab congress of PMR, 29-31 October, Damascus, Syria. Contact hitenbak@scs.net.org
• 24th Annual Meeting of the North American Spine Society, 10-14 November, San Francisco, USA. Visit www.spine.org
• 5th ASEAN Rehabilitation Medicine Association Congress, 10-12 December, Bangkok, Thailand. Visit www.arma2009.org

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• 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
• 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
• 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 Taipe, Taiwon, Visit: www.aocprm2010.com. Contact: asprcm2010@knaintl.com.tw
• 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


• 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
- 71st Annual Meeting of the AAPM&R, 3-7 November, Seattle, Washington, USA. Visit www.apmr.org

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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

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- 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

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7th ISPRM World Congress, June 16 – 20, 2013, Beijing, China

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