Dear ISPRM Colleagues,

The devastating earthquake in Haiti has caused immeasurable damage, death and destruction. The mortality and morbidity toll is quickly rising and the tragic impact of this cataclysmic event has sent ripple effects throughout the world.

As medical specialists in Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine, we feel a heartfelt obligation to offer our expertise and assistance to those affected by this horrific natural disaster. Undoubtedly, many will be left with disabilities and serious chronic conditions that will surely benefit from future rehabilitation intervention.

As you know, The ISPRM Exchange Committee (through “Operation Functional Recovery”) has previously played an important role in rehabilitation planning, education and service delivery following contemporary natural disasters including Hurricane Katrina (http://www.isprm-edu.org/human.html) and more recently the Sichuan Earthquakes (http://www.isprm.org/_Uploads/dbsAttachedFiles/October.pdf and http://www.nycpm.edu/newsEvents/china.pdf).

Our committee stands ready to once again rise to the challenge of humanitarian service.

Consistent with the committee’s aspiration of rendering rehabilitation humanitarian assistance during times of natural disaster, the ISPRM Exchange committee will once again dedicate energy to planning, organizing and orchestrating exchange opportunities for volunteers wishing to provide assistance.

As before, we welcome the team collaborative input from our ISPRM & colleagues and look forward to working together closely with any other organizations seeking to join forces in this important humanitarian endeavor.

Thank You.

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(On behalf of the membership of the ISPRM Exchange Committee)
HAITI REHABILITATION RELIEF - MESSAGE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL REHABILITATION FORUM

Dear colleagues,

Those of us who care about disability and rehabilitation know that the Haiti earthquake will leave hundreds if not thousands of persons with spinal cord injuries, amputations, and brain injuries. What can we do?

1. Make sure friends, colleagues, and media understand that rehabilitation is an emergency, not an afterthought. These injuries require immediate specialized rehabilitation programs.
2. Mobilize people to raise funds, and be prepared to consider donations of supplies, equipment and volunteer time to our partners in Haiti.
3. Consider donating to a special fund for Haiti established by the International Rehabilitation Forum. Click on www.rehabforum.org and use PayPal or mail a tax-deductable check to Haiti Rehabilitation Program, The International Rehabilitation Forum, 3316 The Glade, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Details below.
4. Don’t forget Haiti! This is not the first or last natural disaster. Advocate for aid agencies to include safe evacuation training for community rescuers, urgent building of makeshift rehabilitation hospitals, and investment in long-term rehabilitation for survivors.

Details: The IRF is a 501-c-3 tax exempt organization formed and supported by most of the major academic Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation programs in the United States and many others around the world. Ironically in May 2009 we pulled together the experts on post-earthquake rehabilitation from the Chinese and Pakistan earthquakes, along with the rehabilitation experts on Haiti at our first World Congress on Medical Rehabilitation in Rural and Developing Regions. Co-sponsored by the International Society for Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (www.isprm.org ) we commissioned this group to write guidelines for acute rehabilitation after natural disaster. Now we’re working to disseminate that information to leaders of the Haiti rescue mission.

You know that rehabilitation is a long-term process and the money to make it happen in Haiti is not there. Donations to this special fund will go to help our longstanding friends and expert colleagues at Healing Hands for Haiti in Port au Prince, and Pazapa children’s rehabilitation center www.siloe.org in Jacmel, as well as other key programs that evolve in the country. Keep an eye on our website and sign up for our newsletter to stay abreast of opportunities to volunteer, to find resources and supplies, and to promote the needs of our Haitian friends.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Haig, M.D.
President, The International Rehabilitation Forum Professor, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation The University of Michigan

If you want to contact Andy on this matter, his email address is: andyhaig@med.umich.edu
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
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 8th Mediterranean 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

All meetings will take place at the congress venue, being the Grand Resort Hotel

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.
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.
European Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, three years after the White Book
Alain Delarque, Franco Franchignoni, Alessandro Giustini, Gustaaf Lankhorst

Interdisciplinary team working in physical and rehabilitation medicine
Vera Neumann, Christoph Gutenbrunner, Veronika Fialka-Moser, Nicolas Christodoulou, Enrique Varela, Alessandro Giustini, Alain Delarque, the Professional Practice Committee

Does repetitive task training improve functional activity after stroke? A Cochrane systematic review and meta-analysis
Beverley French, Lois Thomas, Michael Leathley, Christopher Sutton, Joanna McAdam, Anne Forster, Peter Langhorne, Christopher Price, Andrew Walker, Caroline Watkins

Prediction of good functional recovery after stroke based on combined motor and somatosensory evoked potential findings
Sang Yoon Lee, Jong Youb Lim, Eun Young Kang, Moon-Ku Han, Hee-Joon Bae, Nam-Jong Paik

Physical findings and sonography of hemiplegic shoulder in patients after acute stroke during rehabilitation
Yu-Chi Huang, Pei-Jung Liang, Ya-Ping Pong, Chau-Peng Leong, Cheng-Hao Tseng

Characteristics and correlates of rehabilitation charges during inpatient traumatic brain injury rehabilitation in Singapore
Karen Sui-Geok Chua, Arul Earnest, Yii Chiong, Keng-He Kong

Reduced head steadiness in whiplash compared with non-traumatic neck pain
Astrid Woodhouse, Pål Liljebäck, Ottar Vasseljen

Predictors of partial weight-bearing performance after total hip arthroplasty
Henri L. Hurkmans, Johannes B. Bussmann, Eric Benda, Janneke A. Haisma, Jan A. Verhaar, Henk J. Stam

The International Classification of Functioning Disability and Health, version for children and youth as a roadmap for projecting and programming rehabilitation in a neuropaediatric hospital unit
Andrea Martinazzi, Annamaria Salghetti, Silvana Betto, Emanuela Russo, Matilde Leonardi, Alberto Raggi, Carlo Francescotti

Is cognitive functioning associated with subjective quality of life in young adults with spina bifida and hydrocephalus?
Hans A. Barf, Marcel W.M. Post, Marjolein Verhoef, Rob H.J.M. Gooskens, Arie J.H. Prevo

Employment status of patients with neuromuscular diseases in relation to personal factors, fatigue and health status: A secondary analysis
Marie-Antoinette H. Minis, Joke S. Kalkman, Reinier P. Akkermans, Josephine A. Engels, Peter A. Huijbregts, Gijs Bleijenberg, Rob A.B. Oostendorp, Baziel G.M. van Engelen
Factors associated with recovery expectations following vehicle collision: A population-based study
Dejan Ozegovic, Linda J. Carroll, J. David Cassidy

Linking Crohn's disease health status measurements with International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health and vocational rehabilitation outcomes
Christoph Reichel, Jürgen Streit, Steffen Wunsch

Goal attainment scaling in the evaluation of treatment of upper limb spasticity with botulinum toxin: A secondary analysis from a double-blind placebo-controlled randomized clinical trial
Lynne Turner-Stokes, Ian J. Baguley, Stephen De Graaff, Pesi Katrak, Leo Davies, Paul McCrory, Andrew Hughes

Validation of the activity inventory of the Chedoke-McMaster stroke assessment and the clinical outcome variables scale to evaluate mobility in geriatric clients
Lauren Sacks, Kristen Yee, Maria Huijbregts, Patricia A. Miller, Tanya Aggett, Nancy M. Salbach

Comments on”Efficacy of neck stabilization exercises for neck pain” and Response to Letter to the Editor by van Es et al.
Pauline van Es, Jurgen Damen, Jos Runhaar and Funda Atamaz
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

Conferences on:

- **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)
- **Brain Injury** [www.internationalbrain.org/content.php?pages=congress](http://www.internationalbrain.org/content.php?pages=congress)
- **Osteoporosis** [www.iofbonehealth.org/meetings-events.html](http://www.iofbonehealth.org/meetings-events.html)

= congresses offering reduced registration fees for ISPRM members

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- **Eight World Congress on Brain Injury (IBIA)**, 10-14 March, Washington DC, USA. Visit [www.internationalbrain.org](http://www.internationalbrain.org)
- **Clinical Osteoporosis 2010**: An ISCD-NOF Symposium, 10-13 March, San Antonio, Texas, USA Visit [www.clinicalosteoporosis.org](http://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](http://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
- **XIX International Congress on Sport rehabilitation and Traumatology** - 10-11 April, Bologna, Italy. Visit [www.isokinetic.com](http://www.isokinetic.com)
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- 44th Comprehensive Review Course in PM&R of Baylor College Of Medicine. 17-24 April, Houston, TX. Contact asamuels@bcm.tmc.edu


- 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


- Int. Conference on Alzheimer’s Disease, 10-15 July, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. Visit www.alz.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. christfam@logosnet.cy.net - visit http://www.medcongress.prm10.org

- 2nd World Parkinson Congress, 28 September – October 1, Glasgow, Scotland. Visit www.worldpdcongress.org


- 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

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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

2013

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

2015

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