A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR
Prof. Nicolas Christodoulou.

Dear members of the I.S.P.R.M.,

Several changes within the ISPRM have taken place the last years with the aim to improve functioning and upgrading of the services offered to our members. These changes affected positively the publication of our electronic journal of News and Views and our website as well.

A lot of work has to be done to improve the communication between our members. For N&V we receive several reports for actions but very rarely texts with the views of our colleagues to be published and discussed. I would like to express some general views for the future of PRM and the World society:

The new generation PRM specialists (physiatrists), full of ambitions for the future, are fighting to promote their position between the older colleagues of our specialty but also among all the other specialties. The middle age colleagues do not have time for dreams and plans of long duration; we have to face the every-day problems and be successful to maintain our professional and social positions. The old-age colleagues live with the memories of their past and they offer us their wisdom during congresses and whenever we ask for it.

If we combine the ambitious fighting of the new generation with the successful and experienced action of the middle age, as well as the wisdom of the older colleagues, we can be more optimistic for the future of PRM and consequently, having an excellent electronic journal of our Society: “the PRM News and Views of the future”.

According to the decisions taken during several meetings of Board of Governors we will open discussions on selected topics by presenting articles of special interest, we will encourage the members of the Editorial Board and the Regional Vice-presidents to send us for publication news from countries of their region and of course we will continue giving pieces of information for all the scientific meetings globally.

I invite each member of the Society to contribute to our efforts for improving the N & V publications by sending any kind of co-operation: news of the professional life and views for our specialty’s future.
UPCOMING ISPRM BOARD MEETINGS – MARK YOUR AGENDA
ATTENTION CHANGES APPLY COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. See www.medcongress.prm10.org

Please book flights according to the agenda below:

**Tuesday, 28 September**
- **ISPRM Committee Meetings;** whole day. If you are a member of one of the ISPRM Committees, please check with the chair of your committee on the meeting schedule and book your flights according to the schedule of these meetings.
  - ISPRM Secretarial Meeting: 10.00 – 12.00 hrs: Onisillos Room
  - ISPRM Audit and Finance Committee: 14.00 – 15.30 hrs: Onisillos Room
  - ISPRM Congress Committee: 14.00 – 16.00 hrs: Tefkros Room
  - ISPRM Education Committee: 14.00 – 16.00 hrs: Evagoras Room
  - ISPRM Publications Committee: 15.30 – 17.00 hrs: Onisillos Room
  - ISPRM Sponsorship Committee: 17.30 hrs: Tefkros Room
  - ISPRM WHO Liaison Committee: 16.00 – 18.00 hrs: Evagoras Room
- **ISPRM President’s Cabinet Meeting and Dinner 19.00 hrs** (on invitation only): Onisillos Room

**Wednesday, 29 September**
- **ISPRM Executive Committee Meeting;**, 09.00-12.00 hrs - (on invitation only): Evagoras Room
- **ISPRM Board of Governors Meeting Part 1,** 14.00 – 17.30 hrs: Room A+B
- **Official Opening of the Congress:** 19.00 hrs at Ancient Amphitheatre of Kourion. Buses leaving from the congress venue (Grand Resort Hotel) at 18.30.

**Thursday 30 September**
- **ISPRM Committee Meetings**
  - ISPRM Audit and Finance Committee: 14.00 – 15.30 hrs: Onisillos Room
  - ISPRM WHO Liaison Committee: 09.00-12.00 hrs and 14-15.30 hrs: Tefkros Room
  - ISPRM Disaster Relief Sub-Committee 14.00 – 15.30 hrs: Evagoras Room
  - ISPRM WHO Liaison Committee 16.00 -18 hrs: Tefkros Room

**Friday 01 October**
- **ISPRM Committee Meetings**
  - ISPRM International Societies Task Force: 09 – 10.30 hrs Onisillos Room
  - ISPRM Membership Committee: 14.00 – 15.30 hrs: Onisillos Room
  - ISPRM WHO Liaison Committee: 14.00 – 15.30 hrs: Evagoras Room

**Saturday 02 October**
- **ISPRM Board of Governors Meeting Part 2;**, 13.30 – 17.30 hrs: Room A

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

We kindly invite the ISPRM Board members with specific tasks as well as the chairmen of the different Committees Task Forces and Liaisons to provide a report on their activities by August 15 at the latest.

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.

MESSAGE FROM PROF. CHANG-IL PARK

I would like to inform you that my post as the CEO & President of Yonsei University Health System (YUHS) has come to an end as of July 31, 2010. As you are well aware of, under the YUHS umbrella there are 2 Post Graduate Schools, College of Medicine, College of Nursing, and Dental School. Additionally, there are 5 Hospitals with a total of 3,200 beds.

I have been working very hard in developing and stimulating the research activities and managing YUHS. As of now, I will be working as a Professor in the rehabilitation Hospital of Yonsei University.

Thank you for your sincere support during my term.

Sincerely yours,
Chang-il Park, M.D., Ph.D. Past president of ISPRM
ACTIVITIES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN FORUM OF PRM
by Prof. Nicolas Christodoulou, President.

We would like to inform on the following activities of our Society called “Mediterranean Forum of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine” (MFPRM):

A. Last Meeting of the MFPRM Board: The majority of the Board members met in Limassol on the 26.09.2009 for inspection of the congress venue and for discussion of other issues of the Forum. The relations of our Society with other PRM European Bodies and the ISPRM were discussed and it was decided that the Board members should have a common voice, aiming in protecting the independency of the MFPRM in our Area and expressing our wish to co-operate with all these Bodies on equal basis. This message is for all our members as well. Also, the Board has decided to suggest to the next General Assembly in Limassol (01.10.2010) the following statute changes:

   a. In order to give the possibility to every country to organize the Mediterranean Congress, the applications from members of countries not having yet organized a Mediterranean Congress to be preferred.
   b. In every Mediterranean PRM Congress an award will be given to the best oral presentation of young PRM doctor, under the title “Haim Ring Mediterranean PRM Award”. The Congress Scientific committee will act as a jury for this award.
   c. The Council members will vote at least three candidates for the Board as a minimum number of votes during the G.A. elections for Board members.

B. The 2010 (8th) Mediterranean PRM Congress is going to be held in Limassol of Cyprus from Sept. 29 to Oct. 02. Prof. Nicolas Christodoulou, as president of the congress, has promised to organize a wonderful congress both for the scientific and the social events. Cyprus is a beautiful and exotic country, promising very interesting visits to several unique places besides its Mediterranean coasts. All the necessary information can be found at the congress website: www.medcongress.prm10.org . The members of the MFPRM, the individual members of ISPRM and the UEMS PRM Board certified colleagues will have a special discount for the registration fees. Also, there are reduced fees for participants from countries with GDP less than $3000 (according to the current UN list). The members of the Congress Mediterranean Scientific Committee have already reviewed all the submitted abstracts and the authors were informed. A special award (Haim Ring Mediterranean PRM Award) will be given to the best oral presentation of a PRM trainee or a young PRM doctor. During the congress, the ISPRM Interim Board of Governors meetings will take place on the Sept. 29 and Oct. 02. This upgrades even more the congress, since distinguished colleagues from all parts of the world will come and will give lectures on subjects of their interests and research. Also, the UEMS PRM Section and Board have been invited to hold a Session concerning European Affairs on Education, Quality of Care and our Field of Competence. It will be a unique opportunity for the Mediterranean colleagues to attend this congress with World dimensions.

C. 5th and 6th Euro-Mediterranean PRM Haim Ring Schools: In 2009 the 5th School was organized from the 19 to 23 of October. The main topic of the School was on Spinal Diseases. About 40 young colleagues, members of the Forum, from Italy, Croatia Tunisia Serbia, Slovenia, Portugal, Bosnia, Spain, Montenegro, Greece, Egypt, and Turkey met in the centre of the Mediterranean, in Syracuse of Sicily, for a week and were trained both theoretically and practically. They paid only their flying ticket and the rest of the expenses were covered by the local authorities. The general director of the School Dr. Franco Cirillo made all the possible preparations for the best function of the School. According to the questionnaires filled at the end by the attendants, the School was very successful and all the participants benefit a lot. Besides the scientific benefit, a friendship between the colleagues from the Mediterranean countries started, which will help for better understanding of different cultural approaches in the Area (South Europe-North Africa-Middle East). The scientific and Didactic Committee of the School consisted of the president of the MFPRM Nicolas Christodoulou, the past president of the Italian Society of PRM (SIMFER) Raffaele Gimigliano, of Alessandro Giustini, of Marco Franchescini and of Roberto Casale. The 6th School is going to take place in Syracuse of Sicily as well, from Oct. 25 to 29.2010. The main topic this year is on “STROKE: Ato Z”. All the PRM Societies of the Mediterranean countries have been informed to suggest young colleagues from their countries to participate.
D. MFPRM WEB-SITE: The web-site of the Society (www.mfprm.org) has been updated and they can be found several useful pieces of information. Any suggestions are welcome. The committees, according to the Action Plan, will have their special pages for inserting their documents.

E. MFPRM ACTION PLAN: The several activities of the Society according to the MFPRM action plan 2008-2010 are gradually organized. Most of the activities are followed. For the guidelines of the several PRM acts, it was decided that we must cooperate with the other European PRM Bodies with the aim to reach common guidelines.

F. The official journal of MFPRM: “EUROPA MEDICOPHYSICA” was indexed since 2005 with the support of MFPRM. From 01/01/2008 it has changed its name to “European Journal of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine”, but it keeps as a sub-title the: “Mediterranean Journal of PRM”. The support to this journal is continuing and EJPRM is the official journal of MFPRM. The Forum encourages all its members to be subscribers with a special low annual subscription fee and to send their works for publication to the journal, according to the “notice to authors” and other information that can be found at the website www.minervamedica.it.

The Mediterranean Forum of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine and the Cyprus Society of PRM, invite you to the 8th Mediterranean Congress of PRM. The Congress will take place in Limassol – Cyprus, from the 29th September to 2nd October, 2010.

At the same time the 2010 Interim meetings of the International Society of PRM (ISPRM) will be host. This has already encouraged colleagues from all over the world to participate and interchange their knowledge and experiences. Also, an extraordinary General Assembly of the European Society of PRM will take place.

The registration fees include coffee breaks, lunches, the Opening Ceremony and Cocktail Reception at the ancient theatre of Kourion, as well as the Cyprus-Mediterranean Night.

For detailed information and the final comprehensive scientific program you can consult the official congress website www.medcongress.prm10.org

Be assured that the 8th Mediterranean Congress of PRM will be of a high scientific standard with the participation of colleagues from all over the world. You will be able to combine memorable holidays in our exotic island and enjoy the Mediterranean environment and spirit of our people.
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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 06 - 11, 2015  Berlin, Germany

Congress 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)

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- **13th World Congress on Pain,** 29 August-3 September, Montreal, Canada. Visit  [www.iasp-pain.org](http://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](http://www.medcongress.prm10.org)

- **2nd World Parkinson Congress,** 28 September – October 1, Glasgow, Scotland. Visit  [www.worldpdcongress.org](http://www.worldpdcongress.org)


- **Integrative Course on Spasticity Management,** Organised by Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands, 10-12 October, Bodrum, Turkey. Visit:  [www.vitalmedbodrum.com](http://www.vitalmedbodrum.com)
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NEWS & VIEWS – JULY/AUGUST 2010

• National Congress of the French PM&R Society - SOFMER, 13-16 October, Marseille. Visit: www.sofmer.com
• 2010 ACRM-ASNR Joint Educational Conference, 20-23 October, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Visit: www.acrm.org/annual_conference/index.cfm
• 71st Annual Meeting of the AAPM&R, 3-7 November, Seattle, Washington, USA. Visit www.aapmr.org
• XX CONGRESO ARGENTINO DE MEDICINA FÍSICA Y REHABILITACIÓN (SAMFYR), 4-6 November, Mar Del Plato, Argentina. Info: eoevent@fibertel.com.ar – Visit www.samfyr.org
• 6th National Convention and Scientific Conference of the Bangladesh Association of PMR 2010, Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 6-7 November. Visit: www.bapmrbd.org Contact: taslim@bdcom.com
• 7th Interdisciplinary World Congress on Low Back & Pelvic Pain, 9-12 November, Hyatt Regency Century Hotel, Los Angeles, USA, Visit www.worldcongresslbp.com
• Introduction Disability and Development (course code 470588), Coordinator Wim H. van Brakel, 29 Nov-23 Dec, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Contact h.cornielje@enablement.nl
• Second International Congress of Pan Arab Regional Group for Military Medicine, 4-9 December, Jeddah, Saudi-Arabia. Visit: http://www.paranarabrcmm.org.sa/english/interconf/Pages/default.aspx. Contact: Maher Jadid: msjadid@yahoo.com
• 1st IOF Asia-Pacific Meeting on Osteoporosis, 10-13 Dec, Singapore. Contact: nakhmisse@iofbonehealth.org Visit www.iofbonehealth.org/singapore-2010.html

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6th ISPRM World Congress, June, 12 - 15, 2011, San Juan, Puerto Rico

• 6th World Physical Therapy Congress, 20-22 June, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Website: www.wcpt.org/congress
• European Conference on Post Polio Syndrome, 31 August-2 September, Copenhagen, Denmark. Visit www.policonference.com
• 26th Annual Meeting of the North American Spine Society, 1-5 November, Chicago, USA. Website: www.spine.org
• 72nd Annual Assembly of the AAPM&R, 17-20 November, Orlando, Florida, USA. Website: www.aapmr.org

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• Ninth World Congress on Brain Injury, 22-25 March, Edinburgh, Scotland, Visit: www.internationalbrain.org/
• World Congress for Neurorehabilitation, 15 -19 May, Melbourne, Australia. Info follows.
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- 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, 27 May - 1 June, 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 06 – 11, 2015, Berlin, Germany
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