ISPRM PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
Joel DeLisa, ISPRM President 2008-2010

I had the pleasure of attending the 2nd Asia Oceana PRM Conference in Taipei, Taiwan, April 30th to May 2nd, 2010. This was a very well attended international conference with excellent workshops, plenary lectures, platform and poster presentations. This was enhanced by the fact that it was held in a very modern conference center and had significant pharmaceutical, device and publishers sponsorship.

AOCPRM and the Taiwanese PM&R Society funded an ISPRM Retreat following the Conference. Eighteen ISPRM leaders (President’s Cabinet and multiple Committee Chairs) attended this two day session.

Some of the highlights accomplished from this strategic planning retreat were the formation of a Research Task with Marco Franceshini as Chair; the establishment of a Relief Disaster Subcommittee of the WHO Committee with Jianan Li as Chair.

Recommendations that will be submitted for discussion and approval/rejection to the Executive Committee and Assembly in Cyprus are:

1. To hold a yearly World Congress
2. Application for a World Congress will be made four (4) years prior to the projected date (it was previously six (6))
3. Possible call for a 2014 Congress
4. Rotating World Congresses between these areas
   a. Asia-Oceania
   b. Americas
   c. Africa, Eastern Mediterranean, Europe
5. Finalization of a 2010 management agreement with Werner Van Cleemputte
6. Finalizing a draft contract between ISPRM and the Chinese Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation under the Chinese Medical Association and the Chinese Association of Rehabilitation Medicine for the 2013 Beijing World Congress. This will be presented to the Chinese government authorities for approval.
7. Support for a Congress structure and topic list (blueprint)
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. 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 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 President’s Cabinet 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

Friday 01 October
- ISPRM Committee Meetings
  - ISPRM Membership Committee: 14.00 – 15.30 hrs: Onisillos 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](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](mailto: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.

THE WORLD CONGRESS ON LOW BACK AND PELVIC PAIN
Andry Vleeming

**Invitation**
As a non-commercial organization, the World Congress Series on Low Back and Pelvic Pain was initiated to promote and facilitate interdisciplinary knowledge and consensus on prevention, diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic lumbopelvic pain.

We would like to invite you to join us in November 2010 in Los Angeles, California for the 7th Interdisciplinary World Congress on Low Back & Pelvic Pain. Held every three years and attracting many participants, it is the only truly multidisciplinary conference on lumbopelvic pain.

**Registration and Program Information**
The organizers are happy to inform you that the preliminary program for the upcoming World Congress on Lumbopelvic Pain 9th -12th November in Los Angeles, is now available on the website: [www.worldcongresslbp.com](http://www.worldcongresslbp.com)

**Early Bird Rate Available Through June 1, 2010.**

**Contact**
If there is anything you further wish to know, please do not hesitate to contact at...Registration: ocme@ucsd.edu - Program: info@worldcongresslbp.com
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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:
• 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

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2010
• 20th Meeting of the European Neurological Society, 19-23 June, Berlin, Germany. Visit www.ensinfo.org
• ICAD 10 - 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. chrisfam@logosnet.cy.net - visit http://www.medcongress.prm10.org
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- **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)
- **71st Annual Meeting of the AAPM&R**, 3-7 November, Seattle, Washington, USA. Visit [www.aapmr.org](http://www.aapmr.org)
- **XX CONGRESO ARGENTINO DE MEDICINA FÍSICA Y REHABILITACIÓN (SAMFYR)**, 4-6 November, Mar Del Plato, Argentina. Info: [goevent@fibertel.com.ar](mailto:goevent@fibertel.com.ar) – Visit [www.samfyr.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:h.cornielje@enablement.nl)
- **Second International Congress of Pan Arab Regional Group for Military Medicine**, 4-9 December, Jeddah, Saudi-Arabia. Visit: [http://www.panarab2rcmm.org.sa/english/interconf/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.panarab2rcmm.org.sa/english/interconf/Pages/default.aspx). Contact: Maher Jadid: [msjadid@yahoo.com](mailto:msjadid@yahoo.com)
- **1st IOF Asia-Pacific Meeting on Osteoporosis**, 10-13 Dec, Singapore. Contact: [nakhmisse@iofbonehealth.org](mailto:nakhmisse@iofbonehealth.org) Visit [www.iofbonehealth.org/singapore-2010.html](http://www.iofbonehealth.org/singapore-2010.html)

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

- **European Conference on Post Polio Syndrome**, 31 August-2 September, Copenhagen, Denmark. Visit [www.poliocentre.com](http://www.poliocentre.com)
- **26th Annual Meeting of the North American Spine Society**, 1-5 November, Chicago, USA. Website: [www.spine.org](http://www.spine.org)
- **72nd Annual Assembly of the AAPM&R**, 17-20 November, Orlando, Florida, USA. Website: [www.aapmr.org](http://www.aapmr.org)
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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, 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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