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 Mediterranen Congress on PM&R, Wednesday, 29 September - Saturday 02 October 2010 in Limassol, Cyprus. See www.medcongress.prm10.org

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 a the congress venue, being the Grand Resort Hotel.
IST BALTIC & NORTH SEA CONFERENCE ON PHYSICAL AND REHABILITATION MEDICINE, STOCKHOLM, APRIL 14-16, 2010
Professor Kristian Borg and Professor Christoph Gutenbrunner

The 1st Baltic & North Sea Conference on Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine will be held in Stockholm, April 14-16, 2010.

This conference will be of outstanding importance as it will be the starting point for a more continuous and focussed scientific communication within this large region. We are very happy that many distinguished experts will give presentations about their field and we could achieve a program of high scientific quality. As you can see of the pre-programme attached to this letter main topics are:

• Vocational Rehabilitation
• Neuroplasticity
• Pain Chronification, and
• Education in Rehabilitation.

A specific session is dedicated to a comparison of rehabilitation systems in the countries at the Baltic and North Sea coasts.

Additionally we will have three symposia with topics of current interest, especially for young doctors and trainees:

• Postpolio – the Northern European perspective
• Research strategies in rehabilitation medicine
• New technologies in rehabilitation

Grants: Participants from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Russia may apply for grants. Fill out the application upon registration online on our website, BNCPRM2010.org.

Additional information can be found on the congress website: www.bncprm2010.org. Here you can also find some more information about the Baltic and North Sea Forum on Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (BNF-PRM). For any further information: bncprm2010@congrex.com.

ATTEND THE WORLD CONGRESS ON OSTEOPOROSIS 2010 IN FLORENCE, ITALY

The International Osteoporosis Foundation together with the European Society for Clinical and Economic Aspects of Osteoporosis and Osteoarthritis will be holding their joint congress (IOF WCO-ECCEO10) in Florence, Italy from May 5-8, 2010. It is expected to be the year’s most important event in the bone field, featuring 850 abstracts and some 5000 expected participants.

IOF and ESCEO cordially invite ISPRM members to attend, and register at the special low rates offered to allied health professionals (regardless of professional title). This is an ideal opportunity to meet the bone field’s leading opinion leaders, and to gain cutting-edge knowledge about osteoporosis, fracture prevention and management, fall prevention and other clinically related issues. In addition to 12 plenary lectures by renowned speakers and oral presentations on the latest research, the core scientific programme consists of 19 different Meet-the-Expert sessions and 8 special symposia on issues of clinical importance, including: post-fracture management, vertebro/kyphoplasty, muscle and bone interaction, gait and falls…and much more. We also encourage you to attend the scheduled poster sessions, 12 industry sponsored satellite symposia and to visit the large commercial exhibition. Participants are eligible for 18 CME credits.

Join us for this enriching scientific event in the center of magnificent Florence, Italy – within easy reach of the city’s world famous cultural treasures.

Complete programme information and online registration is available at http://www.iofwco-ecceo10.org
ART SHOW FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO BE HELD AT MOSSREHAB.
“ALL ABOUT ART TRIUMPHS” AT MOSSREHAB.
Alberto Esquenazi

“All About Art triumphs”, an international, juried exhibition for professional artists with physical disabilities will be organized at MossRehab from April 8 - June 1. If you happened to be in Philadelphia I am sure you would enjoy visiting.

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.
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. 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 JOURNAL OF THE ISPRM

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 Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine, ISPRM members will also have free access to the electronic version of the JRM. For further details, please contact the Central Office.

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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 2015 Berlin, Germany

Congress on:
- Stroke [www.internationalstroke.org](http://www.internationalstroke.org)
- Neurology [www.eurostroke.org](http://www.eurostroke.org)
- Neurorehab [www.wfnr.co.uk](http://www.wfnr.co.uk)
- Spine [www.spine.org](http://www.spine.org)
- Brain Injury [www.internationalbrain.org](http://www.internationalbrain.org)
- Osteoporosis [www.iofbonehealth.org](http://www.iofbonehealth.org)

= congresses offering reduced registration fees for ISPRM members

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- 3rd Int. Congress on Gait & Mental Health (GAIT 2010), 26-28 February, Washington DC, USA, Visit [www.kenes.com](http://www.kenes.com)
- 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
- **II Simposio Int. em Neuromodulacao**, 19-20 March, Sao Paolo, Brazil. Contact: Marta Imamura martaimf@gmail.com
- 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

2nd Asia-Pacific Conference on Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, April 29 - 2 May, Taipei, Taiwn, Visit: www.isprm.org. Contact: isprm2010@isprm.org

- World Congress on Osteoporosis, 5-8 May, Venice, Italy, Visit www.iofbonehealth.org
- XXXI Sports Medicine World Congress. 19-22 May, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Visit www.fimspr.org

17th European Congress on Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, 23 - 27 May 2010, Venice, Italy. Contact: alessandro.giustini@ntc.it

- 20th Meeting of the European Neurological Society, 19-23 June, Berlin, Germany. Visit www.ensinfo.org
- Int. Conference on Alzheimer’s Disease, 10-15 July, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. Visit www.alz.org

XXIV Congress of the Latin American Medical Association of Rehabilitation – AMLAR. 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 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.worldpdconference.org

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Integrative Course on Spasticity Management, Organised by Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands, 10-12 October, Bodrum, Turkey. Visit: www.vitalmedbodrum.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

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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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