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Message from the President



Prof. Marta Imamura
President of ISPRM

Distinguished members of ISPRM,

In preparation for the ISPRM Meetings to be held during the 7th World Congress of the ISPRM, I would like to update all of you with recent and relevant resolution adopted by the nearly 2000 delegates representing the World Health Organization's (WHO) Member States. ISPRM has actively participated at the 66th World Health Assembly (WHA) in Geneva and has so much to celebrate!!!

Thanks to the United Nations (UN) Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disability - its ratification by several countries - and all that has been followed: World Report on Disability, WHO Rehabilitation Guidelines, Disability in the agenda of the World Health Assembly (WHA), UN High Level meeting dedicating one full day prior to the general assembly to address disability to be included in the post 2015 millennium development goals - today we live an historical moment of our specialty!! WHO officer, Kristen Pratt mentioned that it is the once of a lifetime opportunity!!

During the World Health Assembly afternoon meeting on May 22nd, Member States discussed the adopted resolution on Disability by the WHA Executive Board - several Member States including representatives from Spain, Philippines, USA, Canada, Thailand, Sweden, Chile, Ecuador, Brazil and Chinese Taipei; and also, several Member States from the Pan Arabic Region including Iraq, Morocco, Oman, Iran, Amman, Kuwait, Algeria, Senegal, Congo spoken strongly to support the resolution. Some of the comments included the need to prevent discrimination, stigma, ensuring independence of persons with disability as one of the main pillars on National Strategies, understanding management of disability as a multisectorial action, improve the quality of life of persons with disability, increase the opportunity of persons with disability to participate in Society, prevention of disability (improvement on premarital consultation, genetic diagnosis, improve new born screening programs), disability as a highly relevant strategy, management of disability in all health policies, global and multisectorial approach to meet the challenge, disability as a paramount problem that requires integrated approach, early detection. Provision of care for micronutrient deficiencies and accident

prevention are needed.

A survey conducted in Senegal in 2002 detected 1 out of 4 persons are disabled! World report states that over 1 billion people globally experience disability (1 in 7 people).

Key words are: address disability to guarantee sustainability and development of the Nations!

Disability Resolution was adopted by the 194 Members States on May 24th, at noon: "A resolution on disability urges Member States to implement as States Parties the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; develop national action plans and improve data collection. Member States are encouraged to ensure that all mainstream health services are inclusive of persons with disabilities; provide more support to informal caregivers, and ensure that people with disabilities have access to services that help them acquire or restore skills and functional abilities as early as possible.

The resolution also requests the Director-General to provide support to Member States in implementing the recommendations of the World Report on Disability; to mainstream the health needs of children and adults with disabilities in WHO's technical work; to ensure that WHO itself is inclusive of people with disabilities; to support the High-Level Meeting of the UN General Assembly in September 2013".

An action plan by the WHO will now be prepared with measurable outcomes. Input from the ISPRM and other NGOs are welcomed in its preparation.

The meeting of professional organizations for strengthening disability and rehabilitation activities organized by the Disability and Rehabilitation - DAR - team at the WHO was a success!! It was held on a motivated, enthusiastic and extremely collaborative atmosphere. The NGOs meeting gathered Presidents and representatives from ISPRM, ISPO, World Federation of Quiropractic, World Federation of Occupational Therapists, and World Confederation for Physical Therapy, Rehabilitation International, and WHO HQ technical officers.

There are several current possible areas of collaboration that I would very much like to share at the ISPRM Assembly of Delegates meeting to be held in Beijing on June 16th, for the collaboration with the ISPRM National Societies: International Classification of Health Interventions, International Perspectives on Spinal Cord Injury, Disaster Management, Guidelines on Rehabilitation, Prosthetics and Orthotics guidelines, wheelchair service training package (with a 9 million dollar grant from USAID to assist training in developing countries - you can all benefit for this grant), global initiative on assistive technology (GATE project), CBR online training package.

Out of several proposals, only four technical briefings were accepted to be presented at the 66th World Health Assembly. The one on disability was approved: Preparing for the High-Level meeting on disability and development: the health sector's contribution - Margaret Chan, Etienne Krug, the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Australia provided the opening remarks that was followed by a panel discussion - Prof. Gutenbrunner (ISPRM *liason* for the WHO) provided a speech on behalf of the ISPRM to highlight the importance of education of the medical community and research.

During the WHA parallel session on the global alliance for the care of the injured, we had the privilege to meet the representatives from the International Federation of Medical Students Associations. This NGO, also in official relations to the WHO, holds over 1.3 million associates and collaboration has been already established.

Under a proposal from Prof. Stucki, Isabel Mortara from Kenes Associations Worldwide organized a successful brainstorm symposium entitled "Disability Today and Tomorrow". The lunch symposium was held on May 23rd in a very nice restaurant by the entrance of the Palais des Nations - ISPRM shared its mission and all developments

for the rights of persons with disability with CEOs and representatives from Pfizer, Eli Lilly, Hocom, EMS, and Invacare. All companies are committed to partner with the ISPRM to move the agenda forward! Some joint actions came out of the meeting, such as promotion of studies on cost assessment and savings after efficient rehabilitation interventions - rehabilitation interventions as investments now for savings in the future, change in model of normality to create opportunities for persons with disability, replace "disability" to "bringing back abilities" and value of each gained ability, proper rehabilitation increases value to Society, joint educational programs, create awareness not only to the public, but most importantly for the medical and rehabilitation allied health professional community, medical students ...

I would like to extend the toast to all countries as our shared vision with WHO and World Bank's driving vision is shaping into reality: "an inclusive World in which all are able to live a life of health, comfort and dignity". Universal Health Coverage is now an adopted reality and includes persons with disability: one in seven people Worldwide!

The strong voice from several countries was raised by governmental representatives in a way that truly moved me! Let us also play our role in this marvelous process!

I would like to encourage all of you to attend the 7th World Congress of the ISPRM, in Beijing, on June 16-20th. Amidst the historical and cultural heritage of Chinese wisdom and close to one of World's seven wonders, you will have the privilege to experience how different National Societies are adopting the recommendations from the World Report on Disability and already provide highest quality of care for persons with disability!

It is not a dream or challenge! It is an implemented reality in some areas of the World!!

See you in Beijing,

Sincerely,

Marta Imamura MD PhD
President of ISPRM

ISPRM Press Briefing: ISPRM Joins 66th World Health Assembly to Address Disability

ISPRM participated in the 66th World Health Assembly (WHA) of the World Health Organization (WHO), endorsing the WHO disability resolution which was adopted by Ministers of Health from WHO's 194 member states.

During the plenary session, ISPRM-WHO Liaison Officer, Prof. Christoph Gutenbrunner, made a statement highlighting rehabilitation as health strategy to overcome disability and optimise functioning stressing as well the need for research

History of PRM Worldwide From The European Federation of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation to the European Society of PRM

Prof. Xanthi Michail, President of ESPRM

In Europe, while most of the other medical specialties have existed for a long time under the same names in the different countries (Cardiology, Neurology, Radiology, etc...), it is of interest to observe that Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (PRM) began to be organised during the years of laborious birth of the great political European organizations, Council of Europe in 1949, and then

in rehabilitation. Other ISPRM representatives in Geneva included Prof. Marta Imamura (Brazil), Jorge Lains (Portugal), Alessandro Giustini (Italy) and Juan Manual Guzman (Mexico).

[Click here](#) to read the ISPRM Press Briefing.

Association of Academic Physiatrists "A prosthetic arm that 'feels'"

Todd Kuiken

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Bone and Joint Initiative USA Lancet Issues New Global Burden of Disease Data Showing 45% Increase for Musculoskeletal Conditions / Key Facts /

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"Rehabilitation ... A Key Word in Medicine": The Legacy of Dr. Frank H. Krusen

Carolyn L. Kinney and Robert DePompolo

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European Community (Treaty of Rome) in 1957. The specialty of PRM, in Europe, has therefore found its strength and spirit in the foundations of the European mind.

From the 1950s to the 1970s, some doctors, from different European countries, linked by the same mind and spirit and the same will to go ahead, got to work in order to individualize, to make autonomous, and to develop the new speciality which was neither known nor named at that time...

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"Dr. George Deaver: The Grandfather of Rehabilitation Medicine"

[Click here](#) to read the article "Dr. George Deaver: The Grandfather of Rehabilitation Medicine" in *PM&R*, which is part of a series on the history of PRM.

"The Clinical Utility of the S100B Protein during Traumatic Brain Injury Management"

Juan Jose Egea-Guerrero, MD, PhD; Francisco Murillo-Cabezas, MD, PhD; José León-Carrión, PhD

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"The Role of Oculomotor Function in the Assessment of Traumatic Brain Injury"

Marilyn F. Kraus

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ISPRM World Congresses



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

www.isprm2013.org

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8th ISPRM World Congress,
June, 2014, Cancun, Mexico



9th ISPRM World Congress,
June 21-25, 2015, Berlin,
Germany

www.isprm2015.org

AAP CALL FOR PAPERS & POSTERS 2014 AAP Annual Meeting February 25 - March 1, 2014 Nashville, Tennessee

Please plan to submit your abstracts for Poster Board Presentations and oral Scientific Paper Presentations online via the AAP website www.physiatry.org.

Congresses & Events in the PRM World

May 2013

Mexican Association of
Pediatric Intensive Therapy
2nd Symposium
"INSUFICIENCIA HEPÁTICA
AGUDA, SOPORTE INTENSIVO
Y TRASPLANTE"

Benito Juarez, Mexico
May 29, 2013

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September 2013

VIth International
Conference: Modern
Aspects of Rehabilitation in
Medicine

Yerevan-Dilijan, Republic of
Armenia
September 10-12, 2013

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12th Congress of European
Forum for Research in
Rehabilitation
Istanbul, Turkey
September 11-14, 2013

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October 2013

American Academy of
Physical Medicine and
Rehabilitation 2013 Annual
Assembly

National Harbor, Maryland,
USA

October 3-6, 2013

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New Board Member	Position	Past Board Member
Dr. Sandra Corletto	President	Dr. María Elena Herrera
Dr. Bessy Gómez	Secretary	Dr. Xiomara Castro
Dr. Esther Hidalgo	Treasurer	Dr. Karla Ortiz
Dr. Claudia Martínez	Public Prosecutor	Dr. Ramsés Sierra
Dr. María Elena Rodríguez	Board Member	Dr. Sonia Flores

The deadline to submit is Monday, September 9, 2013.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

The intent of these oral presentations is to convey the nature of high quality research practice to the meeting participants. These paper presentations will allow researchers to present their theoretical perspectives, the process by which they developed their research questions, the methodology and statistical analysis in detail, and to allow audience members to participate in interactive discussion. Papers for this session should be experimental in nature, and will be chosen not only for their intrinsic scientific merit, but also for their educational value in illustrating the research process.

DISPLAY POSTERS

Each poster will be presented on a poster board in the exhibit area. The poster presentation is an exhibit providing a forum for a one-to-one, in-depth discussion using narrative and visual material to display and communicate the objectives, methods, results and conclusions of a specific study. Use of visual material such as photographs, charts, and diagrams is very important. The Presenting Author, as the resource person or consultant, should be present at specified times on the days of presentation

November 2013

ACRM 90th Annual Conference
Lake Buena Vista, USA
November 12-16, 2013
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February - March 2014

2014 Association of Academic Psychiatrists Annual Meeting
Nashville, USA
February 25 - March 1, 2014
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San Francisco, USA
March 19-22, 2014
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