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Call For Participation To All ISPRM Members

International Online consultation of the WHO Disabilty Action Plan

Dear ISPRM member,
The resolution of the World Health Assembly on Disability (WHA 66.9) calls for an action plan to improve the situation of persons experiencing disability worldwide. Now the Disability and Rehabilitation (DAR) group of the WHO has drafted the

World Health Organization Action Plan 2014 - 2021

entitled

"Better Health for Persons with Disabilities".

The WHO called for an online consultation about the draft. The ISPRM President's Cabinet together with the ISPRM-WHO-Liaison Officer have decided to involve all members of ISPRM in this consultation. We will prepare a comprehensive document with proposals to enhance the action plan mentioned above. The action plan will be of great importance both for persons with disabilities and for PRM as it will form the basis for actions of international and national organisations and stake holders in rehabilitation. The plan can also significantly strengthen the scientific and clinical care aspects of PRM.

The timeline to submit recommendations to the WHO is very short as the comments must be sent to WHO before October 11, 2013! We invite all members to read the draft action plan and to send their comments. You can send these directly to the WHO-DAR team. All comments sent will be considered for inclusion into the official ISPRM

Tenth World Congress on Brain Injury, March 19-22, 2014
International Brain Injury Association

Held biennially, IBIA World Congress is the largest gathering of international professionals working in the field of brain injury. Delegates are comprised of physicians, psychologists and neuropsychologists, therapists, social workers, nurses, case managers, legal professionals, advocates and all others working in the field of brain injury. Over 1400 multidisciplinary professionals attended our last Congress in Edinburgh, Scotland in 2012.

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American Academy of Physical Rehabilitation Medecine

Annual assembly: Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center, National Harbor, Maryland

October 3-6, 2013

The 2013 Annual Assembly brings the physiatric community together for an exciting educational and networking event. The Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center will conveniently house all education, special events, and guest rooms under one roof. This meeting site is just a 15-minute drive to our nation's capital with easy access to three major airports.

document. You will find the WHO call for consultation and the draft action plan by the following links:

Online consultation

Draft action plan

If you have any question pleas don't hesitate to ask the Chair of ISPRM-WHO-Liaison committee by addressing to the committee's Secretary Boya Nugraha (wholiaison@isprm.org).

With kind regards

Marta Imamura President of ISPRM
Walter Frontera Secretary of ISPRM
Christoph Gutenbrunner ISPRM-WHO-Liaison Officer

Call For Applications

ISPRM is announcing the following three open positions for **the term 2014 - 2016**:

- Vice President: candidates from America are preferred
- Secretary
- Treasurer: the current treasurer is eligible for a third term

Please send your applications to the ISPRM Office not later than **end of October 2013.**

ISPRM appreciates the submission of the following documents: CV, publication list, letter of support from the national society.

The nomination process follows the ISPRM Policy and Procedures.

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American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medecine

Accreditation Expands to Canada and Select International Locations

EDX Laboratory Accreditation

The AANEM Board of Directors recently approved the expansion of the Electrodiagnostic (EDX) Laboratory Accreditation Program to two new categories of applicants:

- Laboratories owned by the United States government but located abroad and
- Laboratories located in Canada.

Currently, there are 147 accredited laboratories found in 40 U.S. states. The accreditation process is voluntary and peer-reviewed. It strives to identify and acknowledge EDX laboratories that achieve and maintain the highest levels of quality, performance, and integrity based on professional standards. The AANEM EDX Laboratory Accreditation Program is the only accreditation entity specifically designed for EDX laboratories.

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

International Marilyn F. Kraus

Click here to read the article.

Rehabilitation Brain Injury Facts

Detailed information regarding the positions can be obtained from the chair of the Nominating Committee Prof. Gerold Stucki (gerold.stucki@paranet.ch).

Japanese Association of Rehabilitation Medecine: the 50th anniversary in 2013

A brief history

The concept of rehabilitation medicine in Japan dates back to 1920's. In this era, rehabilitation primarily focused on crippled children. In 1963, the JARM was established. A brief history and successive leaders of the JARM are shown in Tables 1 and 2, respectively. The JARM is accredited as one of the 95 member societies of the Japanese Association of Medical Sciences, being listed as one of the 19 societies that have a specialty board, and has been certified as a public interest incorporated association by the Japanese Government since 2012.

Click here to read the entire story.

International Federation of Clinical Neurophysiology

30th International Congress on Clinical Neurophysiology (ICCN) of the IFCN

58th Annual Meeting of the German Society for Clinical Neurophysiology and Functional Imaging (DGKN)

Click here to learn more (http://www.iccn2014.de/)

Of all types of injury, those to the brain are among the most likely to result in death or permanent disability.

Click here to read the article.

Pioneering Physiologist, Physiatrist, and Physical Rehabilitation Program Visionary

Dr. Frances A. Hellebrandt

Click here to read the article

28th Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine

Reims Congress Center, October 17-19, 2013

A large number of sessions have been put on the agenda to tackle various areas of expertise such as: pulmonary rehabilitation, vestibular and balance rehabilitation, brain computing interfaces, psychometrics and PM&R evaluations, physical therapies for Parkinson's disease, neuromuscular diseases, exercise and endurance training rehabilitation, arthritis, oncology and PM&R, war injuries and PM&R, scoliosis and dysexecutive syndrome in children.

Click here to learn more.

Teo Helou's Memorial

Participation Invitaton to submit recent publications to MediGrip

MediGrip is the official and free of charge smartphone application of ISPRM. Every day of the year a recent research paper with relevance for P&RM is uploaded with a short comment or summary and a link to PubMed and to the corresponding author. Research papers that are selected by the MediGrip editors will have an increased visibility and receive attention from clinicians that otherwise would not have read this paper. The editors of MediGrip invite authors who want to enlarge the readership of their research work to submit their publications to the editor in chief in order to be selected for publication as a MediGrip issue. These publications preferably are not older than 3 months and the content should be important for clinicians in P&RM. MediGrip can help you to draw more international attention to your important research papers.

Contribution may be sent to:
h.j.stam@erasmusmc.nl

Best regards,

Henk Stam.

Musculus International Course of Principle of Neurorehabilitation

November 11th to December 11th, 2013

The field of neurorehabilitation has had important

Teo Helou was a very dedicated PRM resident from Federal University in Rio de Janeiro, who passed away early this year due to disseminated cancer. He was a dedicated participant of the ISPRM educational activites and influenced many other PRMs to also be involve in the same activities. Please join ISPRM in the remembrance of the life of Teo Helou.

Memorial World-Musculus 2013 & Euro-Musculus-IV

Dear colleagues,

It our great pleasure to announce the first ISPRM endorsed musculoskeletal ultrasound course "WORLD-MUSCULUS 2013 & EURO-MUSCULUS-IV" which will be held in Antalya, Turkey (4-6 Dec 2013). We strongly believe that this course will be the initial step for the collaboration of WORLD-MUSCULUS, EURO-MUSCULUS and USPRM working groups on musculoskeletal ultrasound in physiatry.

We look forward to welcoming you in this 3-day course in Antalya. Let's start "sono-auscultating"…

Levent Özçakar
On behalf of WORLD-MUSCULUS, EURO-MUSCULUS and USPRM

and rapid advances over the last past decades, leading to novel discoveries in rehabilitation techniques and great improvements in patient care. The objective of this course is to provide physicians and researchers with the opportunity to review basic and advanced concepts of diagnostic and therapeutic tools for neurorehabilitation, and learn about the novel updates in this evolving field. The platform evironment is based on an online collaborative learning model, in which students are able to interact with their peers and strenghten their knowledge through discussion and debate. Online lectures will take place in different time points during the course, followed by the online discussion forum.

Click here to learn more

Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine

Discover the list of recently published articles of the "Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine"
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ISPRM World Congresses

8th ISPRM World Congress,
June, 1-5 2014, Cancun, Mexico
http://www.isprm2014.org/

9thISPRM World Congress,
June 21-25, 2015, Berlin, Germany
www.isprm2015.org

Congresses & Events in the PRM World

October 2013

American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation 2013 Annual Assembly
National Harbor, Maryland, USA
October 3-6, 2013
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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 Physiatrists Annual Meeting
Nashville, USA

February 25 - March 1, 2014

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10th World Congress on Brain Injury

San Francisco, USA

March 19-22, 2014

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