HAIM RING, ISPRM HONORARY PRESIDENT PASSED AWAY

With deep sadness we have to inform that our Past President Haim Ring passed away on Tuesday September 16. We should remember him for the improvement of the care of the disabled as well as for his efforts of creating international harmony. He will always be with us and his spirit will live on for those of us fortunate enough to have known him. He was such a character and a real icon in, not just the world of PRM, but that of Medicine also. We herewith pass our sincere condolences to his family and, particularly, to Irene, his beloved wife.

CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL TO HOLD INTERIM BOARD MEETING 2010

As the venue for the Interim Board Meeting 2010 has not been decided in the Brugge meeting, most members of Executive Committee have agreed through emails to have a vote for an appropriate venue before end of this year, so that the host congress can have enough time to prepare appropriate facilities for the interim Board meeting. The Central Office of ISPRM would like to call for submission of proposals to host the Interim Board Meeting 2010. The interested party should

1. Follow the rules and regulation listed in the document for hosting Interim ISPRM Board meeting (please visit http://www.isprm.org/?CategoryID=231&ArticleID=130)
2. Submit your proposal on or before October 15, 2008 to the Central Office at Werner@medicongress.com. Late submission will not be entertained. Additional PowerPoint and videoclip (not more than 5 minutes) could also be submitted to be uploaded to the website for the Board members to review.

We sincerely invite interested parties from different parts of the world to submit proposals to host the Interim Board Meeting in 2010.

The schedule for the vote is as follows:
2. Board members to review the proposals and other information submitted: October 20 – November 15
3. Vote by Board members to be submitted: on or before November 30.
LECTURE INVITATION BY THE ISPRM JOURNAL CLUB
Marta Imamura MD PhD
Chair, ISPRM Education Committee

The ISPRM Education Committee was pleased to invite all ISPRM members by email for the Journal Club.
The following sessions took place.

"Don’t waste your precious time reading useless articles: tips on how to read the scientific literature"
Andrea D. Furlan, MD PhD
Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, Member of the Editorial Board of the Cochrane Back Review Group
September 2nd 2008 - GMT -3: 16h00 to 17h30 Sao Paulo time

"What makes a great paper? Tips to get your research published in high-impact journals"
Caren Solomon
Deputy Editor, New England Journal of Medicine
September 4th 2008 - GMT -3: 18h30 to 21h00 Sao Paulo time
Lecture will be delivered in English

“Carpal Tunnel Syndrome and other Focal Neuropathies”
Ralph Buschbacher, MD
Director of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation of the University of Indiana, USA
September 23rd 2008, GMT -3, 4:00pm-5pm
Lecture will be delivered in English

FREE live access was provided
For further information please send an e-mail to journalclub@fmusp.org.br

EAST EUROPEAN MEDICAL SOCIETY HOSTS DR WAFAA AL YAZEEDI AND DR. VENKATACHALAM LOGANTHAN FROM QATAR FOR THE IN-DEPTH TRAINING IN CONTEMPORARY PAIN INTERVENTION, TREATMENT AND PROTOCOLS
Elena Polukhin

In July 2008 East European Medical Society of MN (EEMS) in collaboration with University of MN and Mayo Clinic arranged for medical training and hosted Dr. Wafaa Al Yazeedi and Dr. Venkatachalam Loganthan, a distinguished Medical Officers from Qatar. Minnesota became home to Dr. Wafaa Al Yazeedi and Dr. Venkatachalam Loganthan, and they were warmly received during July 14-30, 2008.

Dr. Wafaa Al Yazeedi is a current Vice-Chair and Dr. Venkatachalam Loganthan is an attending physician at the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Hamad Medical Corporation in Doha, Qatar. Both were eager to come to Minnesota to see the newest procedures in pain management and rehabilitation, to learn newer treatments and protocols. During a non-stop 2 weeks visit, Dr. Wafaa Al Yazeedi and Dr. Venkatachalam Loganthan studied with renowned physicians at clinics which include: the Interventional & Integrative Pain Management (Dr. Elena Polukhin, Hennepin Faculty Association), MN Advanced Pain Specialists (Dr. David Schultz, MAPS), Mayo clinic (Drs Bruce Levy, Jay Smith and Jonathan Finoff), Institute for Athletic Medicine, Minnesota Center for Obesity and Pain Management (Dr. Michael Gonzalez-Campoy), Medtomics Headquarters (Thomas Morizio, Vice-President of International Affairs and Institute of Health and Healing (Dr. Gregory Plotnikoff).

Dr. Wafaa Al Yazeedi and Dr. Venkatachalam Loganthan visited the new Collaboration between the EEMS and attended Board meeting of the Slavic Community Center in Minneapolis that serves recent Russian-speaking religious refugees from former Soviet Union.
As a result of this whirlwind week, a new initiative has been launched between the East European Medical Society (EEMS) and the Qatar. The goals of this larger program between Minnesota/USA and Qatar is to bring more monitored training to Qatari physicians in the field of contemporary pain management, protocols, and rehabilitation. Qatar is experiencing challenges with a lack of qualified rehabilitation specialists, and, its continued transition to a market economy and to democratization. EEMS and its medical allies extend concern, expertise and world-class resources to the doctors of primary clinics and disabled people in Qatar.

The EEMS and Qatari physicians are planning to submit grants to the National Institute of Health to support the initiative. EEMS is also finalizing the curriculum for more doctors from Qatar to receive training in our collaborative facilities later on and to organize hands-on training in Qatar later this year.

EEMS previous experience in humanitarian work in developing states and training of health care professionals from South America, Middle East and former Soviet countries, proves that trainees benefit in acquiring new knowledge, and, thanks to the social part of the workshops, both American and visiting counterparts enrich themselves tremendously in understanding different cultures and creating networks. These networks serve as bridges between nations and promote peoples diplomacy.

EEMS is completely in debt to Mike Zolik and Scott Kulstad of the Institute for Athletic Medicine, Dr. Michael Gonzales-Compoy of the Minnesota Center for Obesity management, Dr. David and Margaret Schultz of the MAPS Interventional Pain Clinic, Prof Kevin Mayo, Dr. Ada Mayo and many others for providing hands-on experiences to Dr. Wafaa Al Yazeedi and Dr. Venkatachalam Loganthan. As well, we thank our partners in the Coalition for Coordinated Service, Gedaly Meerovich of the Slavic Community Center, Capt. Alexander Tolstov of the EEMS, Leonid Grichener of the Zerkalo Russian-language newspaper and EEMS Board of Directors. Of course, we extend our thanks to all of the countless people who helped Dr. Wafaa Al Yazeedi and Dr. Venkatachalam Loganthan feel welcomed. They returned to Qatar with enthusiasm, new skills, and a commitment to continue our Global Exchange Program. And finally, help poor, indigent disabled people to become pain free, happy and functional.

AAPM&R TO LAUNCH NEW JOURNAL

The American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R) is pleased to announce the launch of PM&R, a new peer-reviewed scientific journal, in January 2009. PM&R will emphasize principles of injury, function, and rehabilitation, and is designed to be relevant to practitioners and researchers in physiatry and a variety of other medical and surgical specialties and rehabilitation-related disciplines. AAPM&R has partnered with Elsevier, the premier publisher in scientific journals, and production is well underway.

PM&R will be the sole official scientific journal of the AAPM&R, and all members will automatically receive it as a benefit of membership. The AAPM&R’s popular Study Guides and Self Assessment Examination supplements will now reside with PM&R, and journal-based CME credit will be available in each issue. PM&R reflects AAPM&R’s commitment to the continued growth and maturation of the knowledge base of physical and rehabilitation medicine.

PM&R Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Stuart M. Weinstein, has sought global representation among both his Senior Editors (2 of 7 hailing from outside the US, Gerold Stucki, MD, MS and Jianan Li, MD) and Associate Editors (7 outside the US). “One of my main objectives as Editor-in-Chief is to foster cooperation and collaboration among the international community in the treatment of people with and at risk for disability. There is no question that throughout Europe and Asia there exists a wealth of scientific study that should be more readily shared with the entire world of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (and Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine)” said Dr. Weinstein.

PM&R will deliver peer-reviewed, clinically relevant, and evidence-based research and reviews on topics that relate to the daily practice of physiatrists. Potential topics include acute and chronic musculoskeletal disorders and pain, neurologic conditions involving the central and peripheral nervous systems, rehabilitation of impairments associated with disabilities in adults and children, and neurophysiology and electrodiagnosis.
Representatives from AAPM&R, including the PM&R Editor in Chief, valued the opportunity to attend and present at the European Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine meeting in Belgium in June 2008. It provided a unique opportunity to meet many physiatrists from around the world and discuss both regional and global issues facing individual practitioners and the specialty as a whole. It is AAPM&R’s hope and expectation that PM&R will provide a vehicle for the two-way exchange of important scientific communications with the international community. To this end, PM&R encourages international submissions. For more information, visit www.pmrjournal.org

NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS FOUNDATION REGIONAL MEETING SERIES

John Melvin, NOF liaison officer

The National Osteoporosis Foundation of Washington, DC plans a series of regional meetings during the fall of 2008. Their topic will be Osteoporosis: Improving Clinical Practice. The 1 ½ day meetings will be in Anaheim, CA October 3-4, 2008; Chicago, IL October 17-18, 2008 and Houston, TX November 14-15, 2008.

Osteoporosis is a public health threat for millions of individuals and costs economies billions of dollars per year. The US Surgeon General has reported that this disease is under diagnosed, under treated and under managed. These meetings have been developed to address these problems and provide the information needed by practitioners to effectively manage this disease. Interested individuals should visit the NOF website at www.NOF.org/professionals/meetings.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE ISPRM 2009 ON REGISTRATION FEES

Şansın Tüzün
Treasurer, 5th World Congress of the ISPRM

On behalf of the Organizing Committee and as the Treasurer of the ISPRM 2009, I am glad to share with you an action we have taken to raise the impact of our congress as well as supporting attendees which may not be able to participate in the forthcoming congress due to their financial inabilities. We evaluate it as our duty to support the networking among the PR&M professionals of the world and therefore created a special registration category for the countries with gross domestic product (GDP) at purchasing power parity (PPP) per capita below 3,000 USD indicated by the United Nations excluding the hosting country. The recent list can be found on http://unstats.un.org/UNSD/Demographic/products/socind/inc-eco.htm last updated on December 2007. The discounted registration fees are as follows:

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THE 24TH CONGRESS OF THE COLOMBIAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION
By Jorge E. Gutierrez, MD, MSc, Colombian ISPRM delegate

The Colombian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (ASCMF&R) organized the 24th edition of their biannual Congress last August 13-17, 2008 in Medellin, Colombia. The Colombian Association was honored with the presence of Dr. Marta Imamura Vice-President of the ISPRM, Dr. Juan Manuel Guzman, president of AMLAR and Regional Vice President for Latin America of the ISPRM, and Dr. Luis Parada president of the Venezuelan Society of PM&R, among other well known international speakers.

Some highlights of the congress are listed:
- We had 17 international speakers and 63 national speakers.
- More than 600 people attended the Congress.
- The congress had no registration charges for the ISPRM/Colombian society members.
- Almost 90% of the practicing Colombian physiatrist attended the congress.
- Fellowships were granted to all Colombian PM&R residents to attend the congress.
- A community forum about how to improve access to Rehabilitation services was held the first day.
- The number of active members of the Association increased in 26%. They will enjoy the ISPRM benefits starting 2009.
- The Colombian association members declared to be very satisfied with the benefits of the combined national society/individual ISPRM membership.
- The ASCMF&R edited a new volume of the Colombian Journal of PM&R.
- Lifetime Achievement Award was granted to Dr. Jaime Villaquirán Sarasti from the Universidad del Valle.
- Research Merit Award was granted to Dr. Jorge E. Gutierrez from the Universidad del Valle.
- The best paper award was won by Dr. David Miranda et al. from the Universidad de Antioquia for the manuscript titled “Validation of the Michigan hand outcomes questionnaire in the Colombian population”.
- The Young Speaker Award was granted to Dr. Carlos Reyes from the Universidad de Antioquia.
- Dr. Jorge E. Gutierrez, was elected as new president of the ASCMF&R.
- The congress organizers received a positive feedback from the attendees and from the ISPRM officers for the high scientific level.
- The 2009 ISPRM Congress in Istanbul, Turkey was widely promoted during the Congress. Special mention was made to the planned pre-conference on Rehabilitation Medicine in Developing Regions.
- The Colombian Association will host in 2010 the XXIV Meeting of the Latin American Association of Rehabilitation Medicine (AMLAR), a conference endorsed by the ISPRM. Information available soon in the website http://amlar2010.org
In the Picture from left to right:
Dr. Marta Imamura ISPRM vice-President,
Dr. Mathilde Sposito AMLAR/ISPRM Liaison officer,
Dr. Luz Helena Lugo president of the ASCMF&R Dr. Jorge E Gutierrez elected president of the ASCMF&R.

In the Picture:
Dr. Juan Manuel Guzman ISPRM Latin America regional vice-president and Dr. Marta Imamura ISPRM vice-President.

In the picture: Dr. Jaime Villaquiran (center) Lifetime Achievement Award winner and some of the physiatrist that he formed at the Universidad del Valle in Cali, Colombia.
THE FOLLOWING CONFERENCES HAVE HAD POINTS ALLOCATED BY THE CPD COMMITTEE.

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**NEWS & VIEWS EDITORIAL BOARD 2007-2008**

During the board meeting related to the ISPRM World Congress in Seoul in June 2007, the ISPRM Board of Governors has appointed the following Editorial Board for the ISPRM News & Views:

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Please feel free to submit articles for the News & Views and to take part in our Editorial Board.

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  Gunnar Grimby

- **Obituary**: Hannu Alaranta
  Gunnar Grimby

- **The experience of living with stroke: a qualitative meta-synthesis**
  Katherine Salter, Chelsea Hellings, Norine Foley, Robert Teasell

- **Limited fine hand use after stroke and its association with other disabilities**
  Anna-Karin Welmer, Lotta Widén Holmqvist, Disa K. Sommerfeld

- **The effect of very early mobilisation after stroke on psychological well-being**
  Toby B Cumming, Janice Collier, Amanda G Thrift, Julie Bernhardt

- **The minimal detectable change of the simplified stroke rehabilitation assessment of movement measure**
  Wen-Shian Lu, Chun-Hou Wang, Jiao-Hong Lin, Ching-Fan Sheu, Ching-Lin Hsieh

- **Development and validation of IMPACT-S, an ICF-based questionnaire to measure activities and participation**
  Marcel W.M. Post, Luc P de Witte, Enid Reichrath, Manon M Verdonschot, Gert Jan Wijlhuizen, Rom JM Perenboom

- **Systematic co-operation between employer, occupational health service and social insurance office: A 6-year follow-up of vocational rehabilitation for people on sick-leave, including economic benefits**
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- **Rehabilitation outcome of upper extremity skilled performance in persons with cervical spinal cord injuries**

- **Effect of treatment with low-intensity and extremely low-frequency electrostatic fields (Deep Oscillation®) on breast tissue and pain in patients with secondary breast lymphoedema**
  Silke Jahr, Birgit Schoppe and Anett Reisshauer

- **Impact of lymphoedema on arm function and health-related quality of life in women following breast cancer surgery**
  Diana J. Dawes, Sarkis Meterissian, Mark Goldberg, Nancy E. Mayo

- **Perceived participation in life situations in persons with late effects of polio**
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- **Reliability and validity of the Medical Research Council (MRC) scale and a modified scale for testing muscle strength in patients with radial palsy**
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- **The combination of a smoking cessation programme with rehabilitation increases stop-smoking rate**
  Gregorino Paone, Manuela Serpilli, Enrico Girardi, Vittoria Conti, Rosastella Principe, Giovanni Puglisi, Laura De Marchis, and Giovanni Schmid

- **Survey of patients’ preference for the location of rehabilitation ward rounds**
  Peter W. New

- **Memory self-efficacy and psychosocial factors in stroke**
  Laurien Aben, Jan JV Busschbach, Rudolf WHM Ponds, Gerard M. Ribbers

- **Myasthenia gravis with superimposed spinal cord injury: a case report**
  Che-Sheng Lin, Juei-Hsiang Wang, Yen-Ho Wang, Shin-Liang Pan
UPCOMING MEETINGS AND CONGRESSES

ISPRM World Congresses

- 5th Congress  June, 13 - 17, 2009  Istanbul, Turkey
- 6th Congress  June, 12 - 15, 2011  San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 7th Congress  June 2013  Beijing, China

Congresses 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/hass_future_events.cfm
- Brain Injury  www.internationalbrain.org/content.php?pages=congress
- Osteoporosis  www.iofbonehealth.org/meetings-events.html

2008

Association Medica Latinoamericana de Rehabilitación - AMLAR 2008 - including the meeting of the Latin-American Society of Paraplegia.
27-30 October, Hilton Conrad Hotel and Convention Center, Punta del Este, Uruguay
Contact Hugo Nunez Bernadet anhunez@adinet.com.uy – Visit: www.amlar2008.org.uy

- 23rd Annual Congress of The French Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, 23-25 October + additional meetings on 22 October, Mulhouse, France. Visit http://www.sofmer.com
- World Congress on Osteoporosis, 3-7 December, Bangkok, Thailand, visit www.iofbonehealth.org

2009

- IAPMRC ON 2009  – National Congress of the Indian Association on PM&R, 16 – 18 January at Kolkata, West Bengal, India.: Contact: rathinhaldar@yahoo.com
- 3rd International Cerebral Palsy Conference. 18-21 February, Sydney, Australia. Website: www.cp2009.com.au
- 20th Anniversary of the International Center of Neurological Restoration (CIREN), 9-13 March, Palacio de las Convenciones, La Habana, Cuba. Contact rm2009@neuro.ciren.cu. Visit www.ciren.ws
- The First International Conference on Culture, Ethnicity, and Brain Injury Rehabilitation, March 12 and 13, Washington, D.C. area, U.S.A., Marriott Crystal City,. Contact: jcarangolasp@vcu.edu
• First World Congress on Spina Bifida Research and Care Location: Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort Orlando, Florida Date: 15-18 March. Info: raustin@sbaa.org

• 9th European Congress on Clinical and Economic Aspects of Osteoporosis and Osteoarthritis, 19-21 March, Athens, Greece, visit www.ecceo9.org

• The Australian Pain Society 29th Annual Scientific Meeting, 5-8 April, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. Email: aps@dconferences.com.au Website: www.apsoc.org.au

• Rehabilitation 2009 – 5th Conreso of the Sociedad Cubana de Medicina Física y Rehabilitación, 6-10 April. Havana, Cuba - Contact: ventas10@avc.cyt.cu

• 19th EWMA Conference (European Wound Management Association), 20 – 22 May, Helsinki, Finland. Info follows

• 18th European Stroke Conference, 26-29 May, Stockholm, Sweden. Info follows


2010

• World Congress on Osteoporosis, 5-8 May, Venice, Italy, visit www.iofbonehealth.org

• 17th European Congress on Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, 23 - 27 May 2010, Venice, Italy

• 13th World Congress on Pain, 29 August-3 September, Montreal, Canada. Visit www.iasp-pain.org

2011 - 2013

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

• 7th ISPRM World Congress, June 2013, Beijing, China

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