ISPRM Historian Report 2013—14

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The last Historian Report was delivered at the ISPRM meeting held in Beijing, China June 2013. It was not included in the 2013 Book of Reports, but reflected the history of the organization from the meeting in 2012 to 2013. Since my appointment as Historian in 2009, I have not been privy to the working of the organization except from afar.

The minutes of the Executive Committee and Assembly of Delegates held in Beijing, as well as the Book of Reports 2013, are available from the ISPRM website and the Central Office. These will give some insight into the workings and accomplishments of the organization in 2013. There was a Presidential Retreat, held after the World Congress of ISPRM in Changdu, China.

Some significant events which occurred in 2013-14 are:

1) World Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine held in Beijing China, June 2013. Held in conjunction with a President Cabinet Meeting, Assembly of Delegates, Assembly of Individual members and Executive Committee (minutes are available from the Central Office).
2) President’s Retreat, Changdu China, June 2013
3) World Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine to be held in Cancun, Mexico June 2014. World Congress site was selected for 2017 and bids will be held for 2018 in Cancun, Mexico.
4) Louise Gorringe replaced Sandrine Bobinet as Executive Director while she was on maternity leave.
5) ISPRM continues to be very active and involved in WHO
6) ISPRM was registered as NGO in Switzerland. Financial management and accounting continues to be managed by Kenes and ISPRM opened a new independent bank account with UBS in Switzerland.

For minutes of meetings, committee reports, see Book of Reports 2012 and 2013.