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ISPRM BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING 2009

We kindly inform that the ISPRM Board of Governors Meeting 2009 will be organized on Saturday, June 13 to the occasion of our ISPRM World Congress in Istanbul.

Exact location and agenda will follow soon.

SELECTION OF THE VENUE FOR THE ISPRM INTERIM BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING 2010

By **Jorge Lains, ISPRM Secretary** and **Werner Van Cleemputte, ISPRM Executive Director**

We would like to thank all ISPRM Board members for sending their votes for the selection of the venue for the ISPRM Interim Meeting 2010.

We are very pleased that, with your cooperation, everything happened nice and smoothly.

We received a total of **63** votes. Congratulations! It was an extraordinarily and particularly participated voting process.

The results are as follows:

Taipei – 17 votes;

Limassol - 33 votes;

Cartagena - 13 votes.

The 8th Mediterranean Congress of PRM, from Sept. 29 to Oct. 02, 2010, in **LIMASSOL-Cyprus**, organized by Cyprus Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation under the presidency of Prof. Nicolas Christodoulou, will host the ISPRM Interim Meeting 2010. Congratulations.

We also would like to thank and congratulate Taipei and Cartagena candidacies.

All candidates did an excellent job and were quite important for the success of this voting.

**WE KINDLY ENCOURAGE ALL
ISPRM MEMBERS TO RENEW
THEIR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2009
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ISPRM ACTIVITY AT AAPMR IN SAN DIEGO

By Andrew J. Haig, M.D., The University of Michigan

At the AAPMR in San Diego last November, we put together a booth for the ISPRM. It contained information and posters on ISPRM, the Istanbul and Puerto Rico Congresses, and the recently approved pre-course on Medical Rehabilitation in Rural and Developing Regions. Tom Haig, William Haig, and I were present at the booth almost all of the time.

Very many persons attended and discussed ISPRM with us. This included an impressive number of international expatriates who want to give back to their home countries and American physiatrists looking for ways to volunteer overseas. 23 persons signed up for more information on the pre-course and many others expressed interest. Many were interested in the world congress, as well. We only had two people sign up for ISPRM membership, but others picked up the information and intended to sign up. A number of persons thought they were members but were not. Others indicated that they had let their membership lapse simply because they were not given notice to renew.

International Special Interest Group (SIG) has been a big supporter of ISPRM membership among AAPMR members, however there has been almost no action with this SIG since my presidency ended last year. SIG's are being eliminated at AAPMR, however I will try to maintain the interest of SIG members through a newsletter from the International Rehabilitation Forum.

David Welch, director of the SIGs committee, Elizabeth Sandel as president of the Foundation for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and others seem interested in building some sort of force for international rehabilitation within the Academy. William Micheo, as President of AAPMR, will of course have a very important role in supporting us. I'll continue to pursue that.

The Association of Academic Physiatrists remains quite interested in ISPRM involvement and promotions, and again offers a free booth to us if we can use it.

It may be useful for the ISPRM membership to know that, under the guise of the International Rehabilitation Forum (www.rehabforum.org), I have convened a committee on Medical Rehabilitation in Sub-Saharan Africa. Journals from every continent (except Africa which has no Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Journal) have agreed to consider the findings of the committee for simultaneous publication in a unified effort to put pressure on policy makers to build Physiatry on that continent. Look for publication in your journals this spring.

The committee's paper is another example of how IRF can be a useful tool for ISPRM: We can move fast without consensus of 40+ board members. We can do things that may not look politically appropriate for a prestigious global organization such as ISPRM, but are strategically important for the field. We can raise tax-exempt funds in the US to support ISPRM and other efforts. We qualify for some funding sources within the United States. We can actually hire employees, buy resources, and take action 'on the ground' in regions where we need to provide a stimulus. I have encouraged the ISPRM board to discuss ways to develop a mutual supportive relationship with the IRF.



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SELECTION OF THE VENUE FOR THE 2015 ISPRM WORLD CONGRESS.

Werner Van Cleemputte, ISPRM Executive Director

One of the points on our agenda in the upcoming ISPRM Board of Governors Meeting on Saturday 13 June 2009 to the occasion of our ISPRM World Congress in Istanbul will be the selection for the venue of our 2015 ISPRM World Congress. We herewith officially announce the call for application to hold the 2015 ISPRM World Congress and invite all national societies in good standing to review the document below in order to make a possible bid for hosting the Congress. We wish all applicants a lot of success and if you should have any further questions, feel free to contact me at Werner@medicongress.com

Requirements for application to hold the ISPRM World Congress

1) GENERAL

- 1.1 The ISPRM World Congress will be held every 2 years.
The 2001 Congress took place in Amsterdam, 2003 was Prague, 2005 was São Paulo and 2007 was Seoul, The 2009 Congress will take place in Istanbul, Turkey, Puerto Rico in 2011 and Beijing in 2013
The venue for the 2015 ISPRM World Congress is now open for application.
- 1.2 Application to hold the ISPRM World Congress shall be made by any active member national society or any individual active member, if fully sponsored by a national society, to the Secretary of the ISPRM.
The application must be made with a minimum of 6 years prior to the projected date.
- 1.3 The National Society applying to host the ISPRM World Congress must have fulfilled its membership dues in full during the last **two** years before the application and remain in good standing until the congress takes place.
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- 1.4 The Local Organising Committee (LOC) will present a report about the congress on the occasion of the ISPRM Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors and will also forward updates on the congress situation following any request made by the President or the Central Office
- 1.5 The general lay-out of the Congress should preferably be equal for each ISPRM Congress. The basic framework of the Amsterdam and Prague Congresses can be followed or changed according to local conditions:
Saturday and/or Sunday: business meetings, courses and late afternoon Official Opening of the Congress
Monday to Thursday: Congress days
Exhibition: Monday till Thursday with lunch and evening time slot for satellite symposiums and workshops by industry not in competition with the official congress programme
- 1.6 The National Society should make a contract with a local PCO (Professional Congress Organiser) in order to arrange the organisation of the congress. This contract must be approved by the ISPRM before it is signed.

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2) ISPRM Scientific Structure of the Congress

2.1. Presidents and chairs

It is suggested that in addition to the **ISPRM president** and the **president of the congress** there will be a **chair of the scientific committee** and an **abstract chair** as well as a **chair of the organising committee**.

Within the organising committee, a number of chair persons for different committees (congress committee chairs) ranging from finances to exhibition, fundraising, public relations, publication, registration, social affairs, tour, transportation, etc can be defined by the chair of the organising committee.

2.2. Scientific committee and advisory boards:

It is conceivable that a reasonable size for a scientific committee will include between 10 and 30 members. It is also conceivable that the number of scientific committee members from the organising country should ideally not exceed 30%.

It is suggested that the local organisers will identify the names from the organising country and nominate a number of international scientists. Additional suggestions for scientific committee members may be made by the congress committee or the members of the president's cabinet.

Ultimately, it is envisioned that the president's cabinet will make the final decision regarding the selection of the scientific committee members and will officially appoint all scientific committee members both from the organising country and from the group of international scientists.

With regard to the duration of the appointment, it is suggested that the members of the scientific committee will be appointed for 1 or 2 congress periods. This will ensure on the one hand continuity and on the other hand dynamic. With few exceptions, the members of the local organising country would be appointed for one period.

It is envisioned that the scientific committee for the next congress meets the first time at the actual congress that is 2 years before the congress. A second meeting would hold place during the intermediate years meeting. Nominated candidates for the scientific committee would need to make a commitment regarding their presence at these meetings.

2.3. Advisory boards

It is suggested that there will be two advisory boards, one from the organising country and an international advisory board.

The national advisory board would be identified by the president of the congress in collaboration with the chair person of the organising committee and the presidents of the organising societies.

The members of the international advisory board would for example include all current and past holders of positions in the ISPRM executive committee, all members of the honorary presidents and additional members appointed by the president's cabinet upon suggestion by the local organisers or members of the board of governors.

3. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

3.1 A Welcome Reception should be organised in the congress centre immediately after the Opening Ceremony on Sunday. This reception will take place in the Congress Centre and must be open for all registered participants and registered partners (included in the fee) and representatives of all sponsoring companies.



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- 3.2 Reception, to be organised preferably on Tuesday evening in a historic or municipal location in the city. This reception is also included in the registration fee.
- 3.3 The Official Banquet of the Congress should preferably be organised in an adequate venue. Registration for the banquet is usually NOT included in the registration fee of the congress. A limited number of guests for the Banquet can be determined in collaboration with the ISPRM President and its office.

4) CEREMONIES

- 4.1 An Opening Ceremony is to be organised on the Sunday evening starting at approx. 17 or 18.00 hrs. This official opening of the congress includes (short) speeches of the President of the LOC, President of the National Society, ISPRM President, Invited Presidential lecturer, Local Politicians, Royalty etc. It is advised that speeches are mixed with classical or local music and culture. Integration of societies of disabled persons for these activities should be encouraged.
- 4.2 The Closing Ceremony will probably have less participants as the Opening Ceremony and will make a short description of the congress (number of participants, lectures) and introduce the new congress and its President.
- 4.3 The LOC agrees to hold a meeting with the organisers of the next ISPRM Congress in order to provide in a smooth transition of all experiences between the ISPRM congresses.

5) FINANCES

- 5.1 All moneys collected by the LOC for the purpose of the ISPRM Congress together with the registration fees paid in respect of this congress and any subsidy paid by the ISPRM shall be applied by the LOC for the purpose of the international congress and the accounts thereof submitted to the Executive Committee and Board of Governors for final approval.
- 5.2 Any final positive balance from an international congress shall be distributed as follows: 70% for the national organizing committee and/or national society and 30% for the ISPRM, unless alternative arrangements because of special circumstances are made with the approval of the Executive Committee. Negative balances from international congresses shall not be the responsibility of the ISPRM. A minimum amount of 30.000 Euro will be distributed to the ISPRM (also in case the congress should have less profit or even a loss).
- 5.2 A contract will be drawn up between ISPRM and the National Society. This contract should be signed not less than 4 years before the congress by the President, Treasurer and Executive Director of ISPRM on the one hand and by the Chairman of the LOC and the President of the local hosting National Society on the other hand.
- 5.3 The (LOC) shall be responsible to the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors for all the arrangements of the ISPRM Congress as well as for the provision of facilities for the meetings of the President's Cabinet, Executive Committee, Board of Governors and any ISPRM Committees. The LOC shall refer by way of the Secretary of the ISPRM and the Executive Director to the Executive Committee for advice and guidance.
- 5.4 Members of the Presidents Cabinet (approx 10 pax) and the Executive Director should have a free registration in the congress and the Official Banquet and will also be reimbursed for travel costs and hotel stay. If the congress budget permits, members of the Board of Governors of ISPRM should receive a free registration in the congress and the Official Banquet of the Congress.



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- 5.5 Congress Fees: The congress fee should be in relation to the fees charged for the previous ISPRM Congresses and in relation to the fees that are applicable for similar congresses in the region where the congress takes place. Reduced fees for students and trainees are to be provided. Funds are to be collected in order to offer free registrations to participants from third world countries and developing countries.
- 5.6 Costs for ISPRM-related activities by the Executive Director for the congress are to be borne by the congress budget.
- 5.7 Reduced Fees and ISPRM membership: Each non ISPRM Member registering for the congress will be charged a congress registration fee including a two year ISPRM membership (value 50 Euro in 2008). This will be charged automatically included in the registration fee. Will be checked by the Central Office.

6 VOTING PROCEDURE & VENUE SELECTION

- 6.1 Voting rights: All members of the Board of Governors have voting rights if they are in good standing. At this moment approx 100 persons do have voting rights (see www.isprm.org)
- 6.2 The city that will be selected needs to obtain the majority of the votes (51%). This may possibly only be obtained after different voting rounds. The city with the least votes in each round is being dropped. Voting will be secret and will be organised by the Executive Director and the ISPRM Secretary. The winning city/country will immediately be announced after the voting.
- 6.3 The selected city will be visited by at least one member of the Board and/or the Executive Director in order to check if the city, hotels and congress location meets the ISPRM requirements and if they are fully accessible for disabled persons. All costs related to this visit (flight, stay and remuneration of the Executive Director for the days he spends) are to be borne by the LOC.
- 6.4 The selection of the city is only final after a positive advice from the visiting committee. If not appropriate the organisation of the congress will be assigned to the country voted in second position (if positively evaluated after the site inspection).

7 PRESENTATION

- 7.1 The presentation of the city in the meeting of the Board of Governors will take approximately 10 minutes and another 5 minutes is provided for questions and answers. The presentation is to be made by a member of the National Society. The local congress office or tourist board is allowed to be present for the presentation and questions. However they can only be present in the room during the presentation of its own city.
- 7.2 The winning destination should immediately officially name the chairman of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) as the further contact person for the congress. This decision is to be made by the National Society.
- 7.3 The winning destination (pending final approval after the inspection tour takes place) will be announced in the Official Banquet and a short presentation by the LOC can be allowed.



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8 HOW TO PROCEED

- 8.1 An official letter or email should be sent to the ISPRM Central Office officially announcing the interest in bidding for the ISPRM World Congress. This letter or email should reach the Central Office 3 months prior to the date of selection. For the 2015 ISPRM World Congress, this means that the letter should be received by **March 13, 2009 at the latest.**
- 8.2 In order to support their candidature, cities are required to submit a bid book containing information about the airport, local transport, city, congress halls and exhibition area, hotels, social venues, VAT and tax regulations, visa requirements (free access to all nationalities), other congresses that took place in the city and all other points of interest for the Congress. This bid book must also contain a first budget including the **confirmed** costs of the congress venue and the **confirmed rates hotels will charge** for the period of the congress. This bid book needs to be sent in 2 copies to the ISPRM Central Office one month prior to the date of selection. This means that the bid book should be received by **May 15, 2009 at the latest**
- 8.2 The bid book should also be sent electronically to the Central Office. This for publication on the ISPRM website so that Members of the Board can have access to it at least **3 weeks** before the day the election meeting takes place.
- 8.3 Two printed copies are to be mailed to the ISPRM Central Office.

9 MANDATORY

Please focus in the bid book and the presentation on accessibility for disabled people in all venues that are selected for the congress.

**THE ISPRM CENTRAL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED AS
OF DECEMBER 20 TILL JANUARY 4 FOR THE
YEARLY NEW YEAR'S BREAK.**

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

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- **IAPMRCON 2009** – National Congress of the Indian Association on PM&R, 16 – 18 January at Kolkata, West Bengal, India.: Contact: rathinhaldar@yahoo.com
- **International Neurorehabilitation Symposium (INRS)** at the University of Zurich, 12 – 14 February, Contact jeannette.beer@hocoma.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 rn2009@neuro.ciren.cu. Visit www.ciren.ws
- **9th Int. Conference on Alzheimer and Parkinsons Disease**, 11-15 March, Prague, Czech Rep. Visit www.kenes.com/adpd
- **The First International Conference on Culture, Ethnicity, and Brain Injury Rehabilitation**, 12 - 13 March, Washington, D.C. area, U.S.A., Marriott Crystal City,. Contact: jcarangolasp@vcu.edu
- **Portuguese PRM Society Anual Congress (Sociedade Portuguesa de Medicina Física e de Reabilitação)** - 12-14 March, Hotel Montebelo - Viseu, Portugal. Contact spmfr@spmfr.org
- **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**, 18-21 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@dcconferences.com.au Website: www.apsoc.org.au

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- **Rehabilitation 2009 – 5th Congreso of the Sociedad Cubana de Medicina Fisica y Rehabilitación**, 6-10 April. Havana, Cuba - Contact: ventas10@avc.cyt.cu
- **43rd Comprehensive Review Course in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation** (81.75 CME credits) of Baylor College of Medicine / The University of Texas Medical School at Houston PM&R Alliance, April 18 – 26, 2009, Crowne Plaza River Oaks Hotel, Houston, Texas. Info: PMandR@bcm.edu.
- **The 21st Annual PM&R Review Course** at Kessler Medical Rehabilitation Research and Education Center, 23 April- 1st May, Info: gdejorio@kmrrec.org
- **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



- **World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, IAGG**, 5-9 July, Paris, France. Visit www.gerontologyparis2009.com
- **12th Asian Federation of Sports Medicine Congress**, 3-6 December, Amritsar, Punjab, India. Visit www.afsm2009.com

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- **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. Contact: alessandro.giustini@ntc.it



XXIV Congress of the Latin American Medical Association of Rehabilitation – AMLAR 2010. 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 E Gutierrez jegutier@gmail.com, Visit. <http://amlar2010.org>



8th Mediterranean Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, September 29 to October 02, Limassol, Cyprus. Hosting the ISPRM Interim Board of Governors meeting. Contact Congress president: Nicolas Christodoulou. chrisfam@logosnet.cy.net



- **13th World Congress on Pain, 29 August-3 September**, Montreal, Canada. Visit www.iasp-pain.org
- **6th ISPRM World Congress, June, 12 - 15, 2011, San Juan, Puerto Rico**
- **7th ISPRM World Congress, June 2013, Beijing, China**

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