



# INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF PHYSICAL AND REHABILITATION MEDICINE

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### NEW ISPRM DUES STRUCTURE FOR 2008

Werner Van Cleemputte, Executive Director of the ISPRM

We herewith have the honour to inform you about a number of very important decisions that have been taken by the Board of Governors of the ISPRM during its meetings to the occasion of the ISPRM World Congress in Seoul, June 2007.

#### Journal

The first decision is that from January 1<sup>st</sup> onwards, all *individual* members of the ISPRM will have **free access to the electronic version of the Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine (JRM)**.

The JRM is one of the two official journals of the ISPRM and has the highest impact factor of all PM&R journals published. The paper version of the journal is offered to our ISPRM individual members at a fee of 75 Euro per year.

This free offer of the JRM and special service to our *individual* members will start as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 onwards with a try out period of 1 calendar year. Of course this will be evaluated in 2008 and the intention of all parties is to continue with this offer (if financially sustainable for the ISPRM).

The second official journal of the ISPRM is "Disability and Rehabilitation" and the electronic version of this journal can be ordered at a rate of 100 UK Pounds for ISPRM individual members. This can be requested through Taylor and Francis.

#### ISPRM Membership

Due to the history of IRMA and the International Federation who founded the ISPRM, the society had two sorts of membership being INDIVIDUAL and NATIONAL SOCIETY membership. These memberships have always been separated.

National societies paid a yearly membership fee and apart from that also their members paid an individual membership fee (30€each) for ISPRM Individual Active Members and have **the** advantage of a reduced fee for the ISPRM World Congresses. **The differences between these 2 categories of membership are listed below:**

#### The benefits for the national society are:

- Entitled to nominate one representative to the Board with the right to vote.
- Members of each National Society are eligible to be elected to the Board
- To receive the monthly News & Views to the email address of the responsible appointed by the National Society.
- The advantage of belonging to the world society defending the rights of their specialty
- ISPRM as the sole spokesman towards the WHO
- Eligible to post articles in the N&V about the activities of their National Societies or Congresses
- Eligible to bid ISPRM World Congress according to the rules set-up by the ISPRM
- Reduced registration fee for World Congress NOT included



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Individuals need to pay additional individual membership fees (30 Euro/year or 50 Euro for 2 years) to have access of the following benefits:

### *The Benefits of Individual Active Members*

- Entitled to vote for representatives to the Board of Governors who will have the right to vote
- Eligible to be elected or appointed to any position of the Board and/or Executive Committee
- To receive the News & View on individual proper email address
- Eligible to reduced registration fees for ISPRM World Congress and endorsed conferences
- Membership card and membership wall paper provided
- Eligible to reduced subscription fee for official journal(s) of ISPRM
- Access to members-only of ISPRM website
- **NEW – Free access to electronic version of Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine (as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 onwards).**
- Eligible to post articles in the N&V on their activities or congresses
- Eligible for permanent support from the Central Office

Since the start of the ISPRM in 1999 and up to 2006, the ISPRM charged national societies a fee per member each national society had. As a lot of national societies were not fully satisfied with this way of calculation, the board of Governors of the ISPRM voted to change the calculation of its national society dues as of January 2007 in accordance with the WHO classification of countries. In order to make the change not dramatically, the in/decrease of these dues was spread over a period of 5 years in order to achieve the final dues calculation in 2011.

However, although the idea was to get it as fair and equal as possible for all countries (and indeed you always have winners and losers) some countries were focussing a large increase in membership dues that had to be paid sometimes by only a few members they had.

### **Important**

**As a result of the above and as the ISPRM is steadily growing and always looks after ways to improve its functioning, a new initiative has been approved by the ISPRM Board of Governors to offer national societies two options for future ISPRM membership.**

#### **Option 1: The dues structure agreed by the board in 2006 and made applicable since 2007 remains.**

So nothing basically changes. The dues that your society will have to pay for the upcoming years up to 2011 can be found in the attached grid.

#### **Option 2: the national society chooses for a combined national society/individual membership.**

By choosing this formula, the national society can offer the benefits of ISPRM national society membership and individual membership to all its own members.

This means that all members of your national society will receive the following benefits

- Individual membership of the ISPRM for each member of your national society
- Monthly electronic version of the newsletter called News & Views with announcements on the society, its members, views and info on what is happening in the field of PM&R as well as a congress section. This News & Views is sent monthly by email to each of your members.
- Free electronic version of the Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine with access to all publications of the JRM as of 2001
- Reduced fee on the electronic version of Disability and Rehabilitation.
- Certification of membership through an official ISPRM membership card
- Certification of membership through a wall paper certificate
- Reduced registration fees at a large number of international congresses worldwide - all congresses that are endorsed by the ISPRM



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- Individual page for each ISPRM individual member on the ISPRM website
- Full access to the “members only” section of the ISPRM website with discussion forums, reporting etc.
- National society membership like paid before is waived for the society.
- Having the Central Office of the ISPRM as direct spokesperson towards the society and intermediate with all countries members of the ISPRM

The way this combined membership has been calculated might need some further explanation  
The following grid has been used

members in society	fee per member	min members charged	min amount charged	max amount charged
< 50	30,00 €	5	300,00 €	1.000,00 €
50 - 100	25,00 €	25	625,00 €	2.000,00 €
101 - 250	20,00 €	50	1.000,00 €	3.000,00 €
251 - 500	15,00 €	100	1.500,00 €	5.000,00 €
501 - 1000	12,50 €	250	3.125,00 €	7.500,00 €
1001-5000	10,00 €	500	5.000,00 €	10.000,00 €
> 5001	7,50 €	1000	7.500,00 €	15.000,00 €

According to the number of members your society has, you are classified in a specific dues structure

We keep into account that however your society can have a lot of members, you might only have a more limited number of members paying their dues or pay reduced membership fees. Therefore we have set a minimum of members that should be forwarded to the ISPRM Central Office in order to get the advantage of the waived national society dues.

So if your society has, **for example**, 280 members, category 251-500 is applicable for you.

In this case, ISPRM should, as a lower floor, at least receive 100 names (and full addresses as well as email **addresses**) in order to allow this combined membership dues structure.

In this category your national society is allowed to a fee of 15,00 € per member with a minimum number of 100 members. This means that your society will have to pay: 280 members x 15,00€ = 4.200 €

However in the case your society should have 480 members, there is also an upper floor on the amount to be paid and this amount has been fixed at 5.000,00 €

This means that actually the national society can increase its own membership fee towards its members with the amount that can be calculated according to the above grid and offer all the above **listed** advantages to its own society members.

As we have received a large number of extremely positive reactions from national society representatives during the Board of Governors meeting in Seoul, you may expect that even your national society membership can grow **through all the benefits that ISPRM offer to your members and also towards physicians that are not yet a member of your society.**

In the attached grid, you can also find what the costs would be for each national society according to the data we have available from the past. These data may meanwhile need to be updated but the grid offers you an idea of what the past situation was, the present situation is and what the advantage of the combined membership could be. It also offers an idea of what the cost per member for your society could be.



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### IMPORTANT

May we kindly ask you to bring this option 2 for evaluation within the board of your society as soon as possible? The ISPRM starts offering the Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine to its individual members from January 1<sup>st</sup> till December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 as a one-year trial.

**Therefore we should need to receive the confirmation from your society as well a payment in full for 2008 membership dues by **NOVEMBER 20, 2007** at the latest so that all your members can make profit of the whole calendar year 2008 subscription.**

**We will also need to receive your national society database as an excel file for implementation in the members only section of the ISPRM website and preparation of all membership documents. The exact structure this excel file will be forward after having received your approval.**

*With this new option offering combined individual and national society membership, ISPRM is aiming at enhancing the benefits to all your national society members.*

**May we therefore kindly request your feedback about this new model and whether your national society would like to join this model. Please do not hesitate to contact us for any queries about the Options of membership dues.**

### A MAJOR MOVE OF ISPRM IN ACADEMIC PHYSIATRY: AN INTERNATIONAL VIEW

**Marta Imamura MD PhD**, Chair, Education Committee

It is a great pleasure to inform you that the Academic Discussion meeting held in Seoul on June 12th, 2007 was a great success thanks to the combined efforts of Prof. John Whyte and Chang il Park. There were over 60 participants and the most brilliant minds in the field of Rehabilitation Medicine attended the meeting.

Representatives from most ISPRM regions presented a brief overview of the issues on academic Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine in the United States (John White), Europe (Alain Delarque), Asia (Leonard Li), their working plan and ideas for further discussion. Dr. Mark Young presented the work that has been developed by the ISPRM Exchange Committee since the World Congress in Prague in 2003, concerning a survey on Education programs, didactic resources and teaching strategies in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine. A copy of the survey was delivered to all participants for comments and possible improvements and should be completed and returned to Mark Young (chair of the ISPRM Exchange Committee) at MarkYoung123@gmail.com with cc to Bryan O'Young at boyoung777@aol.com

As an immediate fruitful result of this meeting, Prof. Alain Delarque presented at the Board of Governors meeting held in Seoul on June 14th, the working plan of the Education Committee for 2007 and 2009, as an expansion of the valuable work already to be developed at the European level. All Board of Governors members received a hard copy of the White Book on Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine in Europe (September 2006) which contains very important information on Standards in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine Education and Training. Prof. Jose Jimenez submitted the 1992 version of the document which was written by himself and Prof. John Melvin to the education committee.

Prof. Gutenbrunner also emphasized the need for the creation of undergraduate minimum curricula that could be used in an international level.

Participants of the meeting also received a copy of an opportunity of two research fellowships in 2007 offered by the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine of Erasmus MC, chaired by Prof. Henk J. Stam at the University Medical Center Rotterdam. All participants are encouraged to also submit training and fellowship opportunities offered by your Universities to the Education Committee at marta@imf.org.br



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Another immediate fruitful result from the academic discussion meeting was submitted by Prof. Gerold Stucki:

"Many statements during the academic session emphasized the need to develop research capacity. A recent special issue of the Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine is dedicated to the organization and development of human functioning and rehabilitation research. The editors of the issue, Gunnar Grimby, John Melvin and Gerold Stucki now ask the readers of the articles of the special issues to contribute to an international discussion by writing letters to the editor. All articles can be downloaded free of charge from the webpage of the Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine (<http://jrm.medicaljournals.se/issue/39/4>). Critical as well as encouraging, short as well as longer contributions are welcomed. Reference to ISPRM and the academic session or education committee is most welcomed. We would like to recall that the Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine is the official journal of ISPRM. Please feel free to contact Prof. Gerold Stucki at [gerold.stucki@med.uni-muenchen.de](mailto:gerold.stucki@med.uni-muenchen.de) for any further inquiry on the special issue. Attached please find a pdf with the foreword of the special issue by Gunnar Grimby, John Melvin and Gerold Stucki" Grimby\_et\_al\_Foreword\_J\_Rehabil\_Med\_2007 (Binary attachment)

### **World Action Plan on Initial Education in PRM (WAPIE.PRM)**

The "World Action Plan for Initial Education" (WAPIE.PRM) and the role of the Regional PRM structures in its development will be presented to the European delegates during the next meeting of the UEMS, PRM Section and Board in Bucharest, September 13-15, 2007 by Prof. Alain Delarque and at the 68th American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in Boston, September 27th, 2007 at the Hynes Convention Center, Room 110, 14:00 to 16:00. Both follow-up meetings will share similar agenda and continue the discussion started in Seoul.

The "World Action Plan for Initial Education" (WAPIE.PRM) has three main objectives:

1. to present handicap and the ICF to the medical trainees of all the medical schools during their undergraduate program,
2. to facilitate access to the best level of education in PRM for the PRM trainees during their postgraduate teaching and training programs,
3. to facilitate access to research and research activities to the PRM trainees.

Prof. Gunnar Grimby, Chief Editor of the "Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine" has agreed in Seoul to publish early an educational article, filling the gap between textbooks and scientific papers. The first one will be published in 2008. This opportunity was created by Prof. Alain Delarque, current President of the Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine Section (EUMS). The idea is to provide the benefit of a publication in our official journal as the result of writing the monographs to ISPRM. For the ISPRM members those publications will contribute to provide the best level of education in the various major topics of our specialty and make them widely available. We shall name the monographs as Clinical Updates in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine.

Another achievement will be the creation of the Special Interest Groups. Profs. Sae-il Chun and Haim Ring have requested the Oriental Medicine in Rehabilitation SIG to be created.

Our goal should be, as stated by Prof. Joel de Lisa, that all specialists are so know legible and well trained that they could be eligible to practice the field of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine in any country.

All the proposals submitted to the Education Committee within the past three months which required immediate action from the Education Committee were submitted to the Executive Committee for approval and all comments and suggestions are highly appreciated and welcomed.

### **THE FIRST PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF ASIAN OCEANIA SOCIETY OF PHYSICAL AND REHABILITATION WERE ELECTED**

**Prof. Tai Ryoan Han**

First of all, I have to say hello to all physiatrists in Asia and Oceania and thank for electing me as the 1st President of Asian Oceania Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (AOSPRM). It was so surprising occasion for me to be the President of AOSPRM, However, I'll do my best to make this Society a good place for the progress of Physical and Rehabilitation in Asia and Oceania region with the great support of physiatrists in this region.



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Asian Oceania region is home to more than half of the World populace and one of the most attractive regions in the world, owing to its rising economy and diversity of its culture and history, implying both challenges and opportunities to the region as a whole. In response to such a change and to better adapt to sustainable development and globalization of economy, cooperation between Asian and Oceania countries becomes increasingly important. These challenges and opportunities have led us to establish AOSPRM. I strongly believe that AOSPRM will be a forum of collaboration between Asian Oceania academies of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine.

The main goals of this society are, as indicated in the BY-LAWS of our society, to encourage and support the development of a comprehensive medical specialist in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine and to provide means to facilitate research activities and communication within Asian Oceania region. AOSPRM will be devoted to the promotion of scientific exchanges and cooperation among the member academies, and active participation in events of international scientific communities. Our first Conference will be held in Nanjing, China 12-16 May 2008. I'd like to emphasize the importance of success of the 1<sup>st</sup> Conference in terms of future of our society. The success of the 1st Conference will be a fruitful future of our society, so every members of our society should help the Organizing Committee of 1st AOSPRM Conference to be a really successful meeting.



The other important task, which our newly established AOSPRM is discussing with our counterpart in Europe, the European Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, is on how to facilitate academic exchange between the 2 continents in the coming future.

Together with the newly elected Council, I am honored to serve as the first President of AOSPRM and to take the duty of further accomplishing the mission of AOSPRM contribution to the people in Asia and Oceania region.



### JOURNAL “DISABILITY AND REHABILITATION” FOR ISPRM MEMBERS

ISPRM have teamed with publishers Informa Healthcare to offer members an exclusive online-only rate to the society's official journal; Disability and Rehabilitation. For only €100, ISPRM members will have full online access to the journal which is published 24 issues per year and, in addition, a further 6 issues in a separate volume of Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology.

To take advantage of this offer, email [j.davis@informa.com](mailto:j.davis@informa.com) quoting UB01801D



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### EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF RESEARCH IN REHABILITATION (EFRR)

**Haim Ring**

Just back from the 9th congress of the European Federation for Research in Rehabilitation in Budapest, I would like to inform you that I have been elected there unanimously by the newly elected Council - following the General Assembly elections - as President of this organization. Dr. Airvars Vetra, as convener of the next meeting in Riga (Latvia) in 2009 will be the Secretary. The EFRR is a inter-disciplinary organization of people from different European countries and different professions.

The other members of the Council are from Sweden, Finland, Hungary, Austria, Slovenia, Italy, Germany and, as said, Latvia. They are medical doctors -rehab and neurology - vocational rehab, OT, architect and a psychologist. Hope this will bring closer together this body with the ISPRM as their members are not fully involved with the ISPRM activities as yet. In the same opportunity the Editorial Board of the Int'l Journal Rehab Research, that is the EFRR organ changed (as from 1.1.08) and the next Editor will be Crt Marincek and myself, Lajos Kullmann and Juhani Wikstrom (past Editor!), the Associate Editors.

### IN MEMORY OF DR. HARRY VERSTAPPEN

**By William Peek, On behalf of the Dutch members of ISPRM,**

Regretfully we have to announce that our friend and colleague Dr. Harry Verstappen from The Netherlands died on August 28, 2007. He was 73 years old.

Harry Verstappen specialized in P&RM in 1970 and he was an active member of the Netherlands Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine. From 1979 till 1983 he was a member of the Board of Governors and he participated in the Foreign Affairs Committee of our Society for many years.

He always had the strong opinion that P&RM should be an obligatory specialty in a general hospital and that the rehabilitation medicine approach ought to start and, if possible, be completed there. He made it happen himself, practicing during his whole professional life in a general hospital.

Harry was a member of IRMA and ISPRM for more than twenty years and he was a regular participant of the World Congresses of IRMA as well as those of the International Federation of PM&R. For several years he was an IRMA councilor for The Netherlands and he acted several times as a spokesman for The Netherlands at meetings of the Board of the International Federation. From 1995 till 2001 he participated in the Organizing Committee of the First ISPRM World Congress in Amsterdam.

Moreover he was active during several years in the European Board of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine. This organization was set up in 1991 as an initiative of the *Section Monospécialisée de Médecine Physique et de Réadaptation* of the *Union Européenne de Médecins Spécialistes* (UEMS). The main activities of this organization are: harmonization of P&RM training in Europe, European certification of P&RM specialists and P&RM trainers, and the certification of the training sites in European countries. Harry Verstappen was one of the founders of the European Board and the treasurer of the Board for several years. He took an active part in designing and establishing the requirements of the European examination and certification on P&RM.

We wish to express our sincere feelings of compassion to his family and especially to his wife, Vera, who so frequently accompanied Harry to the congresses of IRMA and International Federation all over the world.



### 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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### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND CONGRESSES

#### ISPRM World Congresses

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

#### Congresses on:

- **Stroke**    [www.internationalstroke.org/s\\_content.php?id=fb2002-03-04-1020](http://www.internationalstroke.org/s_content.php?id=fb2002-03-04-1020)
- **Neurology**    [www.eurostroke.org/esc\\_main%20links.htm](http://www.eurostroke.org/esc_main%20links.htm)
- **Neurorehab**    [www.wfnr.co.uk/docs/events.htm](http://www.wfnr.co.uk/docs/events.htm)
- **Spine**    [www.spine.org/calendar/nass\\_future\\_events.cfm](http://www.spine.org/calendar/nass_future_events.cfm)
- **Brain Injury**    [www.internationalbrain.org/content.php?pages=congress](http://www.internationalbrain.org/content.php?pages=congress)
- **Osteoporosis**    [www.iofbonehealth.org/meetings-events.html](http://www.iofbonehealth.org/meetings-events.html)

#### 2007

- **69<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the AAPMR**, 27-30 September, Boston, USA – visit [www.aapmr.org](http://www.aapmr.org)

**EuroSpine 2007, 2-5 October 2007, Brussels, Belgium**  
**Heizel Congress Center – visit: [www.medicongress.com](http://www.medicongress.com)**

- **American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Meeting**, October 3-7, Washington, DC. visit: [www.acrm.org](http://www.acrm.org)
- **FASCIA 2007** First International Congress on Fascia Research: Basic Science and Implications for Conventional and Complementary Medicine, October 4-5, Boston MA. - visit [www.fascia2007.com](http://www.fascia2007.com)
- **Annual Congress SOFMER (French Society on PM&R)**, 4-6 October, Rennes, St Malo, France - Contact [gdekorvin@cpa-sante.com](mailto:gdekorvin@cpa-sante.com) – visit [www.sofmer.com](http://www.sofmer.com)
- **2<sup>nd</sup> European Workshop on Immune-Mediated Inflammatory Diseases (IMID)**, 10-12 October, Nürnberg, Germany. visit [www.medicongress.com](http://www.medicongress.com)
- **Waves of Change in Pain and Suffering**, 12-14 October, Sheraton, God Coast, Australia. visit: [www.fpm.anzca.edu.au](http://www.fpm.anzca.edu.au)
- **5th International Course on the Hand**. 21-25 October, Bodrum, Turkey. visit: [www.vitalmedbodrum.com](http://www.vitalmedbodrum.com)
- **First Arab-African Conference on Disability**, October 24-26, Djerba, Tunisia, visit: [www.agim.org.tn](http://www.agim.org.tn)

**6th Interdisciplinary World Congress on Low Back Pain, 7-10 November 2006,**  
**Barcelona, Spain. Visit [www.worldcongresslbp.com](http://www.worldcongresslbp.com)**





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- **Winter Meeting of the British Society of Rehabilitation Medicine**, 7-9 November, Newcastle - Info [admin@bsrm.co.uk](mailto:admin@bsrm.co.uk)
- **The Best of Both Worlds: Partnerships in Rehabilitation 2007**, hosted by Epworth Hospital and Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre, 14-16 November, Melbourne, Australia. Visit [www.rehab2007.com](http://www.rehab2007.com)
- **29th Annual Congress of Indian Association of Sports Medicine**, November 22-25, Ranchi, India – Visit [www.iasm.co.in](http://www.iasm.co.in)
- **Swedish Physicians Yearly Congress**, November. 28 - 30, 2007, Stockholm. Contact Carl [carl.molander@akademiska.se](mailto:carl.molander@akademiska.se)

## 2008

- **18th Annual Convention of the Philippine Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine**, February 20-22, Lipa City, Batangas, Philippines. Contact: Ms. Lianavida Asuque-Talvo at [parm\\_ph@yahoo.com](mailto:parm_ph@yahoo.com)
- **IBIA meeting**, 9-12 April 2008, Lisbon Portugal: contact: [nzasler@cccv-ltd.com](mailto:nzasler@cccv-ltd.com)
- **European Congress on Clinical and Economic Aspects of Osteoporosis and Osteoarthritis**, 9-12 April, Istanbul, Turkey, visit [www.eccceo8.org](http://www.eccceo8.org)

**7th World Congress on Brain Injury, April 9-12, Pestana Palace Hotel, Lisbon, Portugal – visit [www.internationalbrain.org](http://www.internationalbrain.org)**

- **People at work, managing complexity** - combined Conference of the Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine and the Australasian Faculty of Occupational & Environmental Medicine. 6-11 May, Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, Australia. Visit [www.dconferences.com.au/afirmafoem](http://www.dconferences.com.au/afirmafoem)
- **XVII European Stroke Conference**, 13-16 May, Nice, France – info to follow

**First Asia and Oceania Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (AOCPRM), May 15-19, 2008, Nanjing, China. Info: [www.aocprm2008.com](http://www.aocprm2008.com)**

- **International conference on Ambulatory Monitoring of Physical Activity and Movement**, 21-24 May, World Trade Centre, Rotterdam, The Netherlands – Visit [www.icampam.org](http://www.icampam.org)

**European Congress on Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, 3 - 6 June 2008, Brugge, Belgium - visit [www.medicongress.com](http://www.medicongress.com)**

- **7<sup>th</sup> Combined Congress of the Spine and Paediatric Orthopaedic Sections (APAO)**, 4-7 June, Jeju Island, Korea. Visit [www.spapoa2008.net](http://www.spapoa2008.net)
- **3rd Course on Knee Arthroplasty (Lyon Course)**, 13-15 June, Brugge, Belgium – visit [www.medicongress.com](http://www.medicongress.com)
- **1st World Congress on Pain**, 17-22 August, Glasgow, Scotland – visit [www.iasp-pain.org](http://www.iasp-pain.org)
- **47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of ISCos**, 29 August-3 September, Durban, South-Africa. Visit [www.iscos.org.uk](http://www.iscos.org.uk)



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- **17th Annual Meeting of European Society of Movement Analysis for Adults and Children (ESMAC)** 8-13 September, Antalya Turkey. Contact: Gunes Yavuzer. Visit: [www.esmac2008turkey.org](http://www.esmac2008turkey.org)
- **7th Mediterranean Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine**, 18 - 21 September 2008, Potorose, Slovenia - Contact: Prof. Crt Marincek [marincek.crt@mail.ir-rs.si](mailto:marincek.crt@mail.ir-rs.si) – visit: <http://medcongress.prm08.org/home/>
- **European Congress on Surgery of the Elbow and the Shoulder– SECEC 2008**, 18-20 September 2008, Brugge, Belgium – visit [www.medicongress.com](http://www.medicongress.com)
- **5th Regional Central European Conference of the Int Soc for Prosthetics & Orthotics**, 19-21 September 2008, Pontrose, Slovenia – visit [www.ce-ispo2008.org](http://www.ce-ispo2008.org)
- **5th World Congress on Neurorehabilitation (WFNR)**. 24-27 September, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, contact [traceymole@wfnr.co.uk](mailto:traceymole@wfnr.co.uk)
- **6th World Stroke Congress**, 24-27 September, Vienna, Austria, Visit: [www.kenes.com/stroke2008](http://www.kenes.com/stroke2008)

**AMLAR 2008 27-30 October - including the meeting of the Latinoamerican Society of Paraplegia, Hilton Conrad Hotel and Convention Center, Punta del Este, Uruguay – Contact Hugo Nunez Bernadet [anhunez@adinet.com.uy](mailto:anhunez@adinet.com.uy) – Visit: [www.amlar2008.org.uy](http://www.amlar2008.org.uy)**

- **70th Annual Assembly of the AAPMR**, 20-23 November 2008, San Diego, USA – [www.aapmr.org](http://www.aapmr.org)
- **World Congress on Osteoporosis**, 3-7 December, Bangkok, Thailand, visit [www.iofbonehealth.org](http://www.iofbonehealth.org)

## 2009

- **9th European Congress on Clinical and Economic Aspects of Osteoporosis and Osteoarthritis**, 19-21 March, Athens, Greece, visit [www.ecceo9.org](http://www.ecceo9.org)

## 2010

- **World Congress on Osteoporosis**, 5-8 May, Venice, Italy, visit [www.iofbonehealth.org](http://www.iofbonehealth.org)

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

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