

An impact factor for Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine will according to present principles be published first in the year 2003. We hope and will work for a much read and cited journal so that the impact factor will further increase to levels above the present. The indexing of the Scandinavian Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine, as seen on the inner front page of the journal will be maintained also for the Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine.

We hope that the journal with its more than 30-year-long tradition will continue to be an international meeting

place for research in rehabilitation medicine and wish all our subscribers and readers welcome to the “old” journal with its new name, **Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine**.

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## **U.E.M.S. – EUROPEAN BOARD OF PHYSICAL AND REHABILITATION MEDICINE (P&RM)**

European medicine is “governed” by the Union of European Medical Specialists (UEMS), and each speciality has its own specialist section within it. There are 18 full member states in the UEMS which include the 15 European Union countries, Switzerland, Iceland, Norway, together with 6 associate member countries: Croatia, Cyprus, Hungary, Poland, Slovenia, and Turkey. P&RM is recognised as a full speciality in all of these countries whose population exceeds 500 million inhabitants. The speciality supports in excess of 11,000 P&RM specialists and 1,500 P&RM trainees.

Within each section of the UEMS there is a European Board that is responsible for Education and training, European examinations, CME and site visits to European Training centres.

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The European Board’s Training and Education Commission is responsible for developing and maintaining the curriculum, administering the

examinations, and awarding the Board’s diploma. This Education Commission functions by setting up sub-committees to address important issues, but all decisions are taken by the whole Education Commission.

The Board of P&RM has focused in the past 8 years in the following areas:

- Producing personalised logbooks, with the curriculum enclosed. This permits comparisons to be made by the Board of the training standards operating among all the European participants.
- Administering European specialist examinations.
- Conducting site visits for accreditation.

The objectives of the European Board of P&RM are:

- Harmonisation of training throughout Europe
- Management of continuing medical education
- Dissemination of information for training programme

The European Board of P&RM will intend space in the Official Journal for presenting CME material and preparing candidates to the Board’s examination.

P&RM is a well-developed medical speciality in Europe. It has a well-organised Board which has made significant progress in a comparatively short time. This progress has been achieved by committed participation of P&RM specialists from all the European countries represented on the Board.

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*The Executive Committee of the P&RM Board*