

# Editorial

## Change of Name and Increase in Volume!

This will be the last issue of the journal under the name of *Scandinavian Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine*. As from 2001 the journal will be retitled *Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine* and will be published with six issues per volume, the first one in January. There will be no change of Editorial Office or publisher. In the first issue of 2001, an enlarged Editorial Board will appear. The aim of the "old" journal to be a broad forum for different areas of research in the field of rehabilitation medicine will be maintained, including papers on methodology in physical medicine and rehabilitation, functional assessment and outcome measurements, clinical studies in various patient groups, and reports on vocational and socio-medical aspects of rehabilitation. There is a great need for evidence-based information based on clinical controlled studies.

The *Scandinavian Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine* which was founded in 1969 initially as a forum for Scandinavian research in rehabilitation medicine, has since then developed into a truly international journal with both articles and subscribers from all parts of the world. In recent years, somewhat more than half of the papers have come from outside Scandinavia, both from other European countries and from the USA, Japan, Australia etc.

The change of name to *Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine* is also a consequence of the fact that the journal has been elected official journal of the UEMS

European Board of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (EBPRM). UEMS is the organisation of specialist physicians and surgeons who have reached the level of skills required by the EU. The EBPRM is the responsible body within EU – including the EU candidate countries – for the guidance and co-ordination of quality development of the speciality Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine and supports national associations in this respect. This is done for instance by giving support for the development of better quality in the specialist training by means of site visits and accreditation of training centres for specialist training at EU level, by exchanges, and by organising EU specialist examinations. Specialists are continuously supported by a programme for Continuing Medical Education (CME) and guidelines for accreditation of practice. In addition, the journal will publish CME material from the European Board, as well as questions and answers with regard to specialist examinations. For the CME the official journal of EBPRM will have special responsibility by offering subscription at a reduced rate for EBPRM-certified specialists and European Board-recognised trainees.

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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Gunnar Grimby  
Editor-in-Chief

## INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR

Date	Place	Congress name	Information
<b>2001</b>			
April 1-5	Madrid, Spain	7th European Congress of Research in Rehabilitation.	Medicine Faculty Campus Universitario Ctra. Madrid-Barcelona km33,600, ES-28871 Alcala de Henares, Madrid, Spain. Tel/Fax: +31-91 885 4884. <a href="mailto:Alberto.hidalgo@alcala.es">Alberto.hidalgo@alcala.es</a> .
June 17-22	London, UK	XVII World Congress on Neurology.	WCN 2001, Concorde Services Ltd, 42 Canham Road, London W3 7SR, UK. Tel: +44-181 743 3106, Fax: +44 181 743 1010. <a href="mailto:Wcn@concorde-uk.com">Wcn@concorde-uk.com</a> . <a href="http://www.concorde-uk.com/wcn-2001">www.concorde-uk.com/wcn-2001</a> .
July 7-13	Amsterdam, The Netherlands	1st World Congress of the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine.	1st ISPRM Congress, C/o Eurocongres, Conference Management, Jan van Goyenkade 11, NL-1075 HP Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Tel: +31-20 679 3411, Fax: +31-20 673 7306.
<b>2002</b>			
April 3-6	Venice, Austria	Third World Congress in Neurological Rehabilitation.	
July 7-12	Vancouver, Canada	Xth International Congress on Neuromuscular Diseases.	Congress Secretariat, Venue West Conference Services Ltd., Suite 645, 375 Water Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6B 5C6. Tel: +1-604 581 5226, Fax: +1-604-681 2503. <a href="mailto:Congress@venuewest.co">Congress@venuewest.co</a> .