

## Editorial

# 20º Congresso Europeu de Medicina Física e de Reabilitação – Estoril 2016

## 20<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine – Estoril 2016

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*The 20th European Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine that SPMFR co-organized with ESPRM in April 2016 was by all accounts a very successful and productive congress. We had a total of 1813 registrations from 74 countries!*

*We had very distinguished lecturers from around the world and many different languages were spoken. Friendships were made and ideas were discussed to the benefit of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine. I am confident that this event has had a major contribution in our personal and professional lives.*

*The Congress had 10 Workshops and, for the first time, special sessions of the 3 PRM Schools: Euro Mediterranean Haim Ring Summer School, the European School Marseille and the International Teaching Programme, all a big success, with more than 250 participants.*

*We also hosted the Public conference on the inclusion of the students with disabilities in the universities, the Lab's sessions and the MRT 180 Sessions. The ESPRM Congress hosted 2 Euro-Musculus courses, with more than 60 registrations each, a highly appreciated initiative.*

*We had more than 20 Oral presentation sessions, meaning 175 Lectures and 298 oral presentations in total, and 50 Poster presentation sessions, where more than 250 posters were discussed. 5 days of intense work, reaching excellent scientific standards!*

*So, on behalf of SPMFR and ESPRM, I want to express our deepest gratitude to the scientific committee, the local committees, the abstract reviewers, the ESPRM Board, our speakers, workshops and school organizers, chairs and presenters. Your contribution made this*

*event a success and certainly made Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine in Europe and Portugal move a step forward. A very special thanks to the Portuguese and European Residents and their Groups of Interest.*

*I would also like to thank all the sponsors that helped us make this congress a reality. Ipsen, Merz, Bial, Allergan, Angelini, Azevedos, Bauerfeind, BTL, Carf, Ekso, Gloreha, Grunenthal, Heel, Hocoma, Indego, Keep walking, Kinestica, Konica-Minolta, Medi, Medtronic, Motek- force, Neofect, Orthos21, Parker, Pfizer, Pontmed, Rehabrobotics, Servier, Storz, Sword, Tecnifar, Technogym, Thera, Thuasne, Wisepress, Yourehab, Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine, Siemens, Enraf, Samsung and Speculum.*

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*The ESPRM and SPMFR will have revenue that will help to fulfill their scientific, educational and political roles, serving the development of Rehabilitation Medicine and those that we assist.*

*Returning to our respective countries, our hope is that you will take some of Portugal in your heart, and that you keep pushing for a bright future of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine in Europe.*

*We will for sure all meet again at the 21th European Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Congress that will take place in May 2018 in Vilnius, Lithuania! We are available and eager to collaborate. I am certain that Vilnius 2018 will be the best ever PRM European Congress!*

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