

International Society for Adult and Paediatric Neuromuscular Rehabilitation



Proposal for the establishment of a
society for the promotion of rehabilitation in
neuromuscular disorders

Topics, place and dates for the next
meeting

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History

- In 1998 first challenge from Marion Main
 - To organise an International Meeting in Neuromuscular Rehabilitation
 - Aim: joining people working in this area
 - to meet and get to know each other
 - to change ideas and experiences
 - to know other Institutions working with NM Diseases



History

2000: 1st International Meeting in Coimbra (Portugal)

2002: 2nd International Meeting in London (England)

2004: 3rd International Meeting in Coimbra (Portugal)

2006: 4th International Meeting in Bredsten (Denmark)

2008: 5th International Meeting in ?????? Surprise!!!



International Society

2006

the time has come to launch the basis for an
International Society in Adult and Paediatric
Neuromuscular Rehabilitation



International Society

Main objectives to start with:

To collect data of

- Professionals working in this area
- Hospitals and specialized Centres
- Family or Parent's Associations
- Enterprises specialised in technical aids and other products



International Society

Other objectives:

- Exchange ideas and information
- Collaborate on research
- Understand different ways of working
in other countries



International Society

And some other objectives:

- To assume the continuity of the International Meetings
- Creation of a website
- Creation of a logo



International Society

How to begin?

By creating a formal structure:

- the Administration Board
- the General Assembly
- the Financial Board

all of them having: - one President
- two Secretaries



International Society

- the Administration Board
 - Who should belong to?
 - One country during a two years period ? or
 - Persons from different countries working through e-mail
 - How and where to meet?
- the General Assembly
 - Should meet once a year
 - Every two years during the International Meeting
 - Elections for Directive Boards every two / four years
- the Financial Board



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Who may register as a member?

- Health Professionals
- Parents and neuromuscular patients
- Parent's Associations and others
- Enterprises

Paying an annual member fee



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Why to be a member of this Society?

- To increase knowledge
- To share knowledge
- To create greater understanding between countries, professionals and persons affected by NMDs



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More reasons to be a member of this Society:

- To have a reference in the website data basis
- To receive on time information on Meetings, Congresses and other events in NMDs
- To benefit from special registration prices in all events sponsored by the Society



International Society - the future

- To join as a member or a subgroup of other Societies such as World Muscle Society, and others (??)
- To support and encourage scientific investigation
- To launch a biennial prize for the best scientific investigation
- To launch a prize for the best free-paper or poster presentation at the Meeting



Next Meeting

2008

Where will we meet ?

FRANCE

FRANCE 2008

**More information will be available,
as soon as possible,
in AFM website**

www.afm-france.org

and also

www.neuromuscularrehab.org