Model of Collaboration between ISPRM and WHO – Benefit for National PRM-Societies

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The International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ISPRM) has status of a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) in special relations with the World Health Organization (WHO). Besides regular consultations, such collaboration requires collaboration work plans leading to deliverables contributing to the goals of both associations. For the years 2014 to 2017 it was agreed to work on three projects related to the WHO Global Disability Action Plan 2014-2021. These are:

1. Learning Health Systems for Spinal Cord Injury (an initiative including International spinal cord injury survey, in co-leadership with ISCoS)
2. Fast Response Teams on strategies and plans of rehabilitation and related services
3. ICF based routine data collection in national health information systems

Member societies of ISPRM can profit from these projects by participation in the projects in terms of analysing their national rehabilitation systems using an international benchmark, developing perspective of developing their system and services as well as implementing the ICF in health and rehabilitation.