INDICATORS FOR MUSCULOSKELETAL CONDITIONS PROJECT

The Bone and Joint Decade is collaborating with the University of Oslo, Norway, to identify and develop appropriate indicators to monitor musculoskeletal disorders in the population, focusing on the public health aspects. Funded by a grant from the European Union and carried out in close cooperation with the Bone and Joint Decade Monitor Group, the project aims to gather information from member countries on determinants, prevalence, trends and consequences on a national and community level. The project will recommend a set of indicators to be included in a permanent Community Health Monitoring System.

W.H.O. OSTEOPOOROSIS CONSENSUS CONFERENCE

Under the leadership of the German National Network, the Bone and Joint Decade is collaborating with the World Health Organisation (W.H.O.) and the German Ministry of Health to conduct a consensus conference on primary, secondary and tertiary prevention of osteoporosis. With generous support from the German Ministry of Health, the German Network of the Bone and Joint Decade will convene sixty osteoporosis experts in a 2002 meeting.

EUROPEAN UNION OSTEOPOOROSIS INTEREST GROUP

The Bone and Joint Decade is collaborating with the International Osteoporosis Foundation on a press conference at the European Parliament (EP) in Brussels, December 2001 to launch the EP osteoporosis interest group, whose purpose is to guide the implementation of the draft European Council Recommendations on Osteoporosis. Results of a newly published audit examine progress since the “1998 Report on Osteoporosis in the European Community”, a European Commission publication. Other press conference collaborators include the Business & Professional Women International, the European Institute of Women’s Health and the World Health Organization office at the European Union.

Left, BJD is supported by Hungarian President, Prof. Ferenc Mädl, Above, Former President of Hungary, Mr. Gőncz, and National Coordinator, Dr. Géza Bollt at the 2000 BJD opening ceremony in Budapest.

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PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS: PARTNERSHIPS

MUSCULOSKELETAL e-COOPERATIVE: AN INNOVATIVE PORTAL PROJECT

A Partnership with Pharmacia
The Bone and Joint Decade is partnering with Pharmacia to create a state-of-the-art portal technology project that provides Internet-based communications between orthopaedic and rheumatology societies and their physician members. Utilizing the innovative technology of IBM, the e-Cooperative will provide ease of web-based communications among societies and their members. Some of the features include ease of online continuing medical education, polls and surveys, and updates on professional information affecting members and their practice. Members will be able to create communities relevant to them, making it easier to share information on clinical trials, practice management issues and general medical news with their colleagues. Ultimately, members will be able to provide their patients with customized web sites featuring information about themselves and their practices. The patient web sites will provide details on treatment plans, recommended health information and a secure email option. Societies will have the ability to hold committee and other leadership meetings online using the latest online meeting technology. Launched in August 2001, information about the Bone and Joint Decade is being woven throughout the project.

MUSCULOSKELETAL EDUCATION IN MEDICAL SCHOOLS

A Partnership with Many Musculoskeletal Organisations
The Bone and Joint Decade is partnering with many musculoskeletal organisations to improve the quality of musculoskeletal training in undergraduate medical education. With the increasing prevalence and impact of musculoskeletal conditions, an aim of the Bone and Joint Decade is to ensure that undergraduate education reflects the burden of musculoskeletal conditions. The Bone and Joint Decade Education Task Force is gathering information about undergraduate curriculae of musculoskeletal conditions to develop guides and materials for learning objectives and teaching methodology. Results will include a proposal for implementation relative to who should teach, in what setting, and at what stage of the curriculum. Participants in this project include experts in medical education and curriculum design from rheumatology, orthopaedics, rehabilitation and the basic sciences.

"We are very excited to see the e-Cooperative come online, as it will help accelerate achievement of the Bone and Joint Decade's goals, which are to bring together the professions, as well as patient and interest groups, for increased awareness and social impact, in order to increase funding, expand research and improve education."

- PROF. DR. MED. WOLFWART PUEHLE, Coordinator, German National Action Network, Chairman, Department of Orthopaedics, Rehabilitationshaus, Ulm University Hospital, Ulm, Germany

Increasing musculoskeletal education in medical schools is a priority that involves many BJD partners.

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UNITED NATIONS MEETING ON GLOBAL ROAD TRAFFIC INJURIES

A Partnership with the United Nations
The Bone and Joint Decade is working with the United Nations to develop an international meeting on “The Global Road Traffic Injury Epidemic” at the UN building in New York City for 2002. For the first time, stakeholders from diverse groups will come together to develop global strategies to reduce the incidence and impact of road traffic injuries. These groups include international health organisations, auto manufacturing industry, ecumenical groups, road safety, insurance, police, advocacy and victims groups, and public health organisations. The Bone and Joint Decade serves as the coordinating body.

ROAD TRAFFIC INJURIES

• Road traffic crashes cause one million deaths worldwide and 25—35 million serious or disabling injuries annually
• Problem is worsening in developing countries (75% of deaths)
• W.H.O. predicts by 2020 road traffic injuries will move from 9th to 3rd in the list of 15 most disabling diseases
• World Bank reports annual global cost of road traffic injuries is US $500 billion

e-MOTION PICTURES: AN EXHIBIT OF ORTHOPAEDICS IN ART

A Partnership with the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
Premiered in February 2001 at the AAOS meeting in San Francisco in partnership with the Bone and Joint Decade, the juried art exhibit features artwork created by orthopaedic patients and surgeons, including well-known guest artists. The compelling works of art tell the story of the personal impact and burden of musculoskeletal disorders on patients and the physicians who treat them. More than 1,300 entries were received, representing 17 countries and 43 states. The artwork submitted by patients reflects an aspect of the artist’s feeling toward or relationship with his/her orthopaedic condition; for example: healing, rehabilitation, anger, self-image, mobility, frustration, strength, pain, weakness, movement, hope, wellness, freedom or independence. Physician artwork illustrates an aspect of the orthopaedic surgeon’s feeling about the patient/physician partnership or the specialty such as: making a difference in the lives of patients, why the artist became an orthopaedic surgeon, practicing the art of healing, frustration, outcomes, or compassion. The exhibit will be displayed at the United Nations in January 2002 and will travel through the US and Europe over the coming years.

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NATIONAL ACTION NETWORKS

Bone and Joint Decade National Action Networks (NANs) guide musculoskeletal collaborative activities within their national borders. As of September 2001, forty-nine National Coordinators have brought together the major national patient advocacy organisations and professional societies to work collaboratively. Each NAN develops strategic priorities and a national plan to advance understanding and treatment of musculoskeletal disorders through awareness, education, prevention and research. Each NAN may have different priorities within the Bone and Joint Decade mission depending upon national incidence and prevalence data, relationships and opportunities. To get involved with NAN activities, have your organisation contact the NAN Coordinator. For up-to-date information on NAN activities, visit www.boneandjointdecade.org.

“A rising tide lifts all ships. Only by working together can we in the musculoskeletal community make the kind of difference that will endure for the well-being of our patients and families.”

— PROF. MIKE HAES, MD

PhD

Coordination, Dutch National Action Network Chairman, Department of Rheumatology, University Hospital Rotterdam, The Netherlands

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PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS

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ACC Healthwise (New Zealand)
Academic Orthopaedic Society
ACROD - National Industry Association for Disability Services (Australia)
AFLAR (French Social League)
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
American Association for Hand Surgery
American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons
American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, Inc
American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
American Chiropractic Association
American College of Rheumatology
American Council of Rehabilitation Medicine
American Occupational Therapy Association
American Orthopaedic Association
American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society
American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine
American Physical Therapy Association
American Podiatric Medical Association
American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons
American Society for Bone Mineral Research
American Society for Surgery of the Hand
American Society for Temporomandibular Joint Surgeons
American Spinal Injury Association
Arthritis and Rheumatism Association of New Zealand
Association of the Rhematic Diseases
AO ASF Foundation
Applied Biomaterials
Arbeitsgemeinschaft Endoprosthesen
Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Kinder-und Jugendrheumatologie
Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Argentine Academy of Medicine
Argentine Arthroscopy Association
Argentine Association of Orthopaedics and Traumatology
Argentine Association of Osteology and Mineral Metabolism
Argentine Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Argentine Orthopaedic Oncology Association
Argentine Society of Orthotics and Prosthetics
Argentine Society of Osteology and Bone Metabolism
Argentine Society of Osteopatosis
Argentine Society of Rheumatology
Arthritis Care (UK)
Arthritis Care and Research Foundation of the Philippines
Arthritis Foundation (US)
Arthritis Foundation of Australia
Arthritis Foundation of New Zealand
Arthritis Research Campaign (UK)
Arthritis & Rheumatism International
Arthritis Society (Canada)
Arthroscopy Association of North America
Asia Pacific League of Associations for Rheumatology
Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association
Asia Pacific Society for Surgery of the Hand
Asian Musculoskeletal Society
Asociación Colombiana de Reumatología
Asociación Costarricense de Ortopedia y Traumatología
Asociación Costarricense de Reumatología
Asociación Guatemalteca de Ortopedia
Asociacion Guatemalteca de Rehabilitación
Asociación Mexicana de Ortopedia y Traumatología
Asociación Peruana de Reumatología
Asociación Salvadorana de Ortopedia y Traumatología
Association for the Rational Treatment of Fractures (US)
Association for the Study and Application of the Method of Ilizarov
Association of Academic Physiatrists (US)
Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons (US)
Association of Children's Prosthetic-Orthotic Clinics (US)
Association of Danish Prosthetists and Orthotists
Association of Disabled Persons in the Czech Republic
Association of Hungarian Physiotherapists
Association of Orthopaedic Patients (Netherlands)
Association of Research Circulation Osseous
Association of Rheumatologists of Russia
Association for the Study and Application of the Method of Ilizarov Internationale
Associazione Italiana Studio Osteointesesi
Associazione Nazionale Malati Reumatici
Associazione Nazionale Per Le Infezioni Oseo-Articolari
Associazione per lo Studio e l'Applicazione del Metodo Ilizarov
Assoziation für Orthopädische Rheumatologie
Atlantic-Euro-Mediterranean Academy of Medical Sciences
Australian and New Zealand Bone and Mineral Society
Australian and New Zealand Orthopaedic Research Society
Australian Orthopaedic Association
Australian Orthopaedic Nurses Association and Allied Health
Australian Rheumatology Association
Australian Association of Physiotherapists
Austrian Arthritis Association
Austrian Chronic Arthritis Association
Austrian League against Rheumatism
Austrian Orthopaedic Society
Austrian Society for Orthopaedics and Orthopedic Surgery

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Bangladesh Association of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
Bangladesh League against Musculoskeletal Disorders
Bangladesh Rheumatology Society
Barbados Council for the Disabled
Belgian Bone Club
Belgian Chiropractic Union
Belgische Vereniging voor Ortopede en Traumatologie
Berufsverband der Fachkräfte für Physikalische Medizin und Rehabilitation (Austria)
Berufsverband der Ärzte für Orthopädie
Bombay Orthopaedic Society
Bone
British Coalition of Heritable Disorders of Connective Tissue
British Health Professionals in Rheumatology
British Institute of Musculoskeletal Medicine
British League Against Rheumatism
British Orthopaedic Association
British Orthopaedic Research Society
British Pediatric Rheumatology Group
British Scoliosis Society
British Sjogren's Syndrome Association
British Society of Rehabilitation Medicine
British Society for Rheumatology
British Society for Surgery of the Hand
Bulgarian Acupuncture Association of Physical Therapists
Bulgarian Orthopaedic and Traumatological Association

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Bulgarian Osteoporosis League
Bulgarian Society for Endocrinology
Bulgarian Society for Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation
Bulgarian Society for Rheumatology
Bulgarian Spine Surgery Society
Bulgarian Union for Kinesitherapy
Bulgaria National Civic Forum (Bulgaria)
Bundessecretärshilfeverband für Osteoporose
Bureau du Groupe d'étude et de Recherche en Rhumatologie Congo

California Orthopaedic Association
Canadian Academy of Sport Medicine
Canadian Arthritis Society
Canadian Arthritis Network
Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists
Canadian Association of Physical Therapists
Canadian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Canadian Medical Association
Canadian Osteoarthritis Research Society
Canadian Orthopaedic Association
Canadian Orthopedic Foundation
Canadian Orthopedic Nurses Association
Canadian Orthopedic Research Society
Canadian Physiotherapy Association
Canadian Rheumatology Association
Canadian Society of Orthopaedic Technologists
Cervical Spine Research Society (US)
Cervical Spine Research Society-European Section
Chinese Association of Rehabilitation Medicine
Chinese Medical Association Orthopaedic Society
Chinese Rheumatology Association
Classified Tissue International
Clinic for Orthopaedic Surgery-Clinical Centre Skopje
Clinical Orthopaedic Society (US)
Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research
College and Society of Physiotherapists (New Zealand)
Collegio Rumanolughi (Osposdiers)
CORS
Council of Musculoskeletal Specialty Societies (US)
Crippled Children's Rehabilitation Effort - CCURE
Croatian Orthopaedic Society
Croatian Society for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Cuban Society of Orthopedics and Traumatology
Cuban Society of Rheumatology
Cyprian Society for Rheumatology
Czech Association of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology
Czech Medical Society J.E. Purkyně Prague
Czech Myoskeletal Society
Czech Paediatric Society
Czech Republic Rheumatology
Czech Society for Connective tissue Research and Application
Czech Society of Musculoskeletal Medicine
Czech Society of Rehabilitation and Physical Medicine
Czech Society of Rheumatology
Czech Society of Skeletal Metabolic Diseases

Danish Muscular Dystrophy Association
Danish Nurses’ Organization
Danish Organisation of Polio- and Traffic Accident Patients
Danish Osteoporosis Society
Danish Physiotherapy Association
Danish Psoriasis Association
Dansk Interntarmedicinsk Selskab
Danske Reumatoskopiske Selskab
Dansk Selskab for Musculoskeletal Medicin
Danish Society of Clinical Biomechanics and Chiropractics
Danish Society of Rheumatology
Deutsche Akademie der osteologischen und rheumatologischen Wissenschaften
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Orthopädie und Traumatologie
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Osteologie
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Physische Medizin und Rehabilitation
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Rheumatologie
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sozialmedizin
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sportmedizin und Rehabilitation
Deutsche Gesellschaft zum Studium des Schmerzes
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Unfallchirurgie
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Wirbelsäulenchirurgie
Deutsche Rheumaliga
Deutsches Grünes Kreuz
Dutch Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation
Dutch Health Research and Development Council
Dutch League against Rheumatism
Dutch League of Associations of Patients with Rheumatic Diseases
Dutch Osteoporosis Foundation
Dutch Orthopaedic Association
Dutch Society for Rheumatology

Education Programme of Indonesian Rheumatic Center
Egyptian Orthopaedic Association
Egyptian Society for Muscle and Locomotor Disorders
Egyptian Society for Rheumatology
Estonian Society for Rheumatology
European Bone and Joint Infection Society
European Federation of Associations for Orthopaedics and Traumatology
European Federation of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
European Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand
European Foundation for Osteoporosis
European League Against Rheumatism
European Orthopaedic Research Society
European Rheumatoid Arthritis Surgical Society
European Society for Biomatериалs
European Society of Biomechanics
European Society of Sports Traumatology, Knee Surgery & Arthroscopy
European Spinal Deformity Society
European Spine Society

Fédération Internationale de Chimiothérapie Sportive
Finland Association of Physiotherapy
Finnish Institute of Occupational Health
Finnish League Against Musculoskeletal Disorders
Finnish Orthopaedic Association
Finnish Rheumatism Association
Finnish Society for Rheumatology
Finnish Society of Occupational Medicine
Fondazione Lotta contro Artrite e Osteoporosi
Fondazione Ricerca Lesioni Mediali Spinali
Foundation for Development of Hungarian Rheumatology

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"The BJD will be a landmark to promote understanding, knowledge and future research for musculoskeletal disorders, injuries and costs. Research coming out of this effort will promote well-being and increase quality of life for individuals and societies in all cultures. It reinforces the necessity to collaborate for the prevention and reduction of disability and related cost. The goal is set high; it should be because collaboration is critical and possible. We must work together to find solutions."

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Foundation Women without Osteoporosis (Bulgaria)
Fundación Hispaña de Osteoporosis y Enfermedades Metabólicas Oseas

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GEM-Group-Inst Français de Chirurgie de la Main
Georgian Society for Rheumatology
Geföreningen (Denmark)
Global Road Safety Partnership
Greater Glasgow Health Board
Gruppo Italiano Studio Terapia Infezioni Osteoarticolari
Guatemalan Association for Rheumatology
Gulf Co-operation Council

H
Haemophilia Foundation of New Zealand
Hand Surgery
Handicaps and welfare organisation and Singapore Sporens
Council for the Disabled
Health Volunteers Overseas
Hellenic Association of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology
Hellenic Society for Disabled Children
Hellenic Scientific Society of Physical Therapy
Hellenic Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Hellenic Society for Rheumatology
Hilary Commission for Sport, Fitness and Leisure (New Zealand)
Hip Society (US)
Hong Kong Association of Rehabilitation Medicine
Hong Kong College of Community Medicine
Hong Kong College of Family Physicians
Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association
Hong Kong Physiotherapy Association
Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation
Hong Kong Society for Rheumatology
Hungarian Association of Orthopaedic Surgery
Hungarian Association of Rheumatologists
Hungarian Rheumatological Society
Hungarian Orthopaedic Association
Hungarian Osteoporosis and Osteoarthritis Society
Hungarian Osteoporosis Patient Association
Hungarian Society for Traumatology (Magyar Traumatológus Társaság)

I
Icelandic League Against Rheumatism
Icelandic Orthopaedic Society
Icelandic Society for Rheumatology
Indian Association for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Indian Orthopaedic Association
Indian Rheumatism Association
Indian Hand Center
Indonesian Orthopaedic Association
Indonesian Rheumatism Association
Innovete Osteoarthritis Veterinary Association
Institute for General Practice Erasmus University Rotterdam
International Cartilage Repair Society
International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand
International Hip Society
International League of Associations for Rheumatology
International Musculoskeletal Laser Society
International Osteoporosis Foundation
International Red Cross
International Research Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology
International Society for Clinical Densitometry
International Society for Minimal Intervention in Spinal Surgery
International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics
International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine
International Society of Arthroscopy Knee Surgery and Orthopaedic Sports Medicine
International Society of Biomechanics
International Society of Bone Morphometry
International Society of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology
International Society of Orthopaedic and Traumatological Research
Iranian Orthopaedic Association
Irish Rheumatism Association
Irish Orthopaedic Association
Irish Society for Rheumatology
Israel Orthopaedic Association
Israel Society for Rheumatology
Israel Association of Tissue Banking
Italian Orthopaedic Association

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J. Robert Gladden Orthopaedic Society
Jamaican Orthopaedic Association
Japanese Rheumatism Association
Japanese Orthopaedic Association
Japanese Orthopaedic Research Society
Japanese Society for Surgery of the Hand
Japanese Spine Society
Knee Society (US)
Kommission Rehabilitationsmedizin der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Rheumatologie
Korean Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine
Korean Orthopaedic Association
Korean Rheumatism Association
Kuwait League Against Rheumatism and Autoimmunity

L-M
Lady Hoare Trust for Physically Disabled Children (UK)
Latvian Association of Rheumatologists
Lebanese Rheumatism Association
Lebanese Rheumatology Association
Lega Italiana Malattie Reumatologiche
Lega Italiana Osteoporosi/Lithuanian Society of Osteologists
Lithuanian Fund of Osteoporosis
Long Island Joint Replacement Association
Lupus UK
Lupus Patient Association (Portugal)
Macedonian Association for Rheumatology
Macedonian Society for Rheumatology
Malaysian Orthopaedic Association
Malaysian Society of Rheumatology
Manu Canada
Marfan Foundation Switzerland
Maurice E. Mueller Center for Continuing Education and Documentation in Orthopaedic Surgery (Switzerland)
Medical Devices Canada
Metabolic Bone Disease Subspecialty of Thai Orthopaedic Association
Mid-America Orthopaedic Association
Moldovan League Against Rheumatological Diseases
Morbus Bechterew Society (Austria)
Moroccan Orthopaedic Society
MRC Health Services (UK)
Musculoskeletal Society of the World Federation of Hemophilia
Musculoskeletal Tumor Society (US)

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