



The Bone and Joint Decade 2000-2010

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Dear Bone and Joint Decade supporting organisation and friend,

On behalf of the BJD Steering Committee I am pleased to report to you of the latest achievements in regard to the initiative.

Lars Lidgren, Chairman of the Steering Committee



The Bone and Joint Decade 2009 Global Network Conference and Patient Advocacy Seminar Washington DC, USA

This year's Bone and Joint Decade Global Network Conference and Patient Advocacy Seminar are drawing near and the planning is in full progress. The seminar and conference will be held from 21 to 24 October, 2009, in Washington DC. The J W Marriott Hotel, located on Pennsylvania Avenue near the White House, is this year's conference venue. The United States Bone and Joint Decade (www.usbjd.org) will be hosting the conference.

The official invitation and necessary registration information have been sent to each National Action Network (NAN) for two delegates to attend – the coordinator or another NAN representative and a patient delegate. We are looking forward to seeing you all in Washington DC in October.

Reminder: The registration deadline was May 15, 2009 but there is still a possibility to send your forms to the BJD Secretariat bjd@med.lu.se If you are interested to attend, please do so urgently.

The programme consists of a two-day Patient Advocacy Seminar, (Wednesday and Thursday October 21-22), and the Global Network Conference, (Friday and Saturday October 23-24). The Network Conference is a two-day education and strategic planning meeting for health care providers, patient advocates, government officials and industry. The meeting will highlight the significant burden of disease posed by musculoskeletal conditions and demonstrate how raising awareness and engaging in advocacy can advance prevention and treatment. We will also set the roadmap of the future of the Decade after 2010.

On Thursday, October 22, we will focus on raising awareness of musculoskeletal conditions in two different, important venues: on Capitol Hill and the foreign embassies of international delegates. There will then be a unique Advocacy Day programme on Capitol Hill, and in the afternoon delegates will have the chance to meet with officials from their own

embassies. Participation to this day's programme is aimed at both our patient advocacy delegates and our NAN representatives. In the evening there will be a reception at the Canadian Embassy. Instructions how to request a meeting with their embassies on the afternoon of October 22 will be sent to the NANs from the BJD Secretariat.

Draft programmes for both segments of the meeting are now available on www.bjdonline.org. The final agenda will be sent closer to the time of the conference.

Mark the dates:

***BJD Patient Advocacy Seminar
Wednesday & Thursday, October 21-22***

***BJD Global Network Conference
Friday & Sunday, October 23-24***

***Venue: The JW Marriott Hotel,
1331 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Washington, DC 20004 USA
Phone: +1-202-393-2000***

***Plan your attendance now, and watch for
further announcements on
www.bjdonline.org***

Please contact the BJD Secretariat bjd@med.lu.se or tobyking@usbjd.org for any enquiries.

International Steering Committee meeting

The BJD International Steering Committee met in Berlin on April 17-19, 2009. The meeting focused on the further planning of the programme for the Washington meeting. The other main point on the agenda was to finalise the document on the ***BJD Constitution Beyond 2010***. The document will be signed at the meeting in

Washington. The host of the meeting was Dr Karsten Dreinhöfer at the new rehabilitation clinic, Medical Park, Berlin, where he is head of orthopaedics.

The Bone and Joint Decade at WHO

Dr Marcos Musafir, member of the BJD International Steering Committee, from Brazil has taken up a position at the WHO in Geneva, and has been working there since November 2008. Dr Musafir is part of the Violence and Injury Prevention Department (VIP) coordinated by Dr Etienne Krug and Dr Charles Mock. He is working with the WHO/BJD Trauma Care Project; creating trauma care guidelines, increase attention to trauma and musculoskeletal care, empowering NANs to build musculoskeletal and trauma care as one official health priority. Dr Musafir, who served as the 40th President of the Brazilian Orthopedic Association in 2007, was selected to take this position at WHO and work for the musculoskeletal and trauma project. The BJD is very proud of his contributions to the WHO.

The WHO Global Forum For Trauma Care. For the first time in the 61-year history of WHO, a ***Global Forum For Trauma Care*** will be held in Rio de Janeiro from ***October 28 - 30, 2009***. The Forum will emphasise goal-setting, creating tools and key messages for trauma surgeons to use to convince the health-decision makers about the social, human, economic and scientific importance of Trauma Care. The venue is the Windsor Barra Hotel.

WHO, Bone and Joint Decade and EFORT build partnership for Improved Trauma Care

Project leaders with the European Federation of National Associations of Orthopaedics and Traumatology (EFORT) will join forces with representatives from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Bone and Joint Decade (BJD) to help improve trauma and emergency care worldwide.

On 3-6 June, the 10th EFORT Congress was held in Vienna, Austria. Participants in the Congress included the 82 presidents of EFORT's participating national societies, international associations and specialty groups. Dr Marcos Musafir of WHO Violence and Injury Prevention represented the Department at the congress. He discussed the forthcoming Global Forum on Trauma Care - supported by EFORT and the BJD, as well as many other partners. In his plenary presentation, Professor Karl-Göran Thorngren, president of EFORT, highlighted the importance for participants to be part of WHO's Trauma Care Network, and encouraged their participation of and support in the Forum. This call for support was endorsed by Professor Pierre Hoffmeyer, Chairman of EFORT's Scientific Committee and Professor Lars Lidgren, Chairman of the BJD.

For further information, please contact Dr Marcos Musafir, musafirm@who.int

First Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety November 19-20, 2009

The First Global Ministerial Conference on road safety will be held on November 19-20, 2009, hosted by the government of the Russian Federation. The conference will be held at the International Trade Centre in Moscow. Organisers expect to convene Ministers of Transport, Health, Foreign Affairs and Education along with representatives from UN agencies, nongovernmental organisations and the private sector. The objectives outlined for the conference include:

- Raise awareness of the global impact of road traffic injuries and fatalities and the disproportionate cost to low and middle income countries

- Review progress on implementation of the World report on road traffic injury prevention and the UN General Assembly resolutions
- Provide a high-level global multisectoral policy platform to share information and good practices on road safety
- Propose a series of next steps to include a discussion on resource requirements for implementation of recommended action

For additional information on the conference please visit the UN Road Safety Collaboration website www.globalroadsafety.org or contact Dr Wahid Al-Kharusi, responsible for road safety issues in the BJD International Steering Committee at wahidk@omantel.net.om

Commission for Global Road Safety Releases New Report '*Make Road Safe a Decade of Action for Road Safety*'

On May 5th, the Commission for Global Road Safety launched the new report "*Make Roads Safe – A Decade of Action for Road Safety*". The report outlines the Commission's recommendation which include urging UN member governments to attend the global ministerial in Moscow later this year and to support a "decade of action on road safety 2010 – 2020. To find the report please go to www.globalroadsafety.org

BJD eLecture Series Clinical Outcome Assessment in Trials and Cohort Studies by Prof Anthony Woolf

In this BJD eLecture Professor Anthony Woolf (Cornwall UK) presents at the WHO collaborating Centre for Evidence Based Healthcare in Musculoskeletal Disorders (Lund University Sweden) an overview of pain scales, disease progression scales, indices of activities etc. Prof Woolf clears

up the confusion of which health assessment tool is best suited to which situation, and concludes with a clear and easy-to-follow recommendation chart of suggested instruments. Please go to <http://www.bjdonline.org/default.aspx?contID=2052> to access the lecture

Principles of Health Care Economics by Prof Anthony Woolf

In this BJD eLecture Professor Anthony Woolf discusses why it is important to collect information on the cost of health care and how we can use this information to guide health priorities and improve cost-effectiveness. Prof Woolf explores the economical impact of illness on individuals and society and explains the most reliable methods of evaluation. Please go to <http://www.bjdonline.org/default.aspx?contid=2054> to access this eLecture.

Please forward the lectures within your network.

Launch of the Osteoporotic Fracture Line (OFL)

In answer to a rising need for osteoporosis expertise, the Osteoporotic Fracture Line (OFL) an international network organisation was launched on June 6, 2009 in Vienna during the European Federation of National Associations of Orthopaedics and Traumatology (EFORT) Congress. Prof Kristina Åkesson, Sweden, is newly elected President of the OFL. For the pressrelease, please visit www.bjd.online.org to read more or contact Kristina Åkesson on kristina.akesson@med.lu.se

The Bone and Joint Decade Video

We are pleased to present **The Bone and Joint Decade Video**: a short clip about the Decade's mission and how our Network works together to accomplish these goals. Please go to <http://www.bjdonline.org/default.aspx?contid=2048> to watch it.

In Memory of Prof Maurice E Müller

Professor Maurice E Müller passed away May 10, 2009 in Bernat the age of 91. He was born in Biel, Switzerland, and obtained his first clinical position in the Balgrist Hospital in Zürich in 1944.



He was an early supporter of the Bone and Joint Decade, being one of its first ambassadors.

An obituary and personal reflections on Prof Müller, written by Prof Lars Lidgren, can be found at <http://www.bjdonline.org/default.aspx?contid=2055>

NATIONAL ACTION NETWORK NEWS

Hungary: The Hungarian NAN has published an article in a leading Hungarian economic newspaper VILÁGGAZDASÁG (World Economy) about the economical burden of musculoskeletal diseases in the country and the increased cardiovascular and cancer morbidity and mortality caused by these diseases. According to Eurobarometer data published in 2007, the prevalence of musculoskeletal pain in Hungary is the highest in the European Union. The advantages of common prevention, the importance of early diagnosis and treatment of musculoskeletal and cardiovascular diseases were also emphasised, and the results of activities of the Hungarian NAN were summarised.

A similar article was published in the official periodical of the Hungarian Chamber of Physicians.

Ms Kati DÚL, rheumatoid arthritis patient, and Mr. Dr. Sandor MAJTÉNYI, ankylosing spondylitis patient, represented Hungary at the Alliance Against Arthritis conference on Work and Employment of Rheumatic Patients organised by PARE and the European Parliament in Bruxelles 2-4,

March 2009. The conference issued the Charter for Work for People with Rheumatic Diseases in Europe, calling for:

- awareness and recognition,
- policy makers to legislate for access to work,
- employers to create an inclusive and flexible work environment and support from healthcare providers.

REHA Hungary is an annual two-day rehabilitation exhibition and professional and NGO event with educational activities, health political discussions, cultural and sport events for people with or without disabilities, and is free of charge to the public. Several thousand people visited REHA this year, organised on the 15th and 16th of March in Budapest, also with the participation of the Hungarian Minister of Health.

It was concluded, that there are very few studies about how the outcome of acute musculoskeletal conditions, and the adequate treatment influences the late outcomes and the requirements for medical and social rehabilitation.

For more information please contact Dr Geza Bálint, NAN Coordinator at bjd@t-online.hu

New Zealand: Mr Kim Miles, Executive Director, NZ NAN and Mr Chris Bossley, NAN coordinator have been working on the collection of data of information to develop a Burden of Musculo-Skeletal Disease publication. Most of the information has been taken from the individual disease studies such as arthritis and osteoporosis, together with other data available from Government Departments, and other statistical references.

The main aim of the publication will be to try and influence Government to include musculo-skeletal conditions as a listed health priority under the Health Strategy.

The publication *Musculo-Skeletal Conditions in New Zealand "The Crippling Burden"* is now ready and will be launched soon. Kim Miles and Chris Bossley are prepared to announce it at the BJD Global Network Conference and BJD Patient Advocacy meeting in Washington in October 21-24, 2009. For more information please contact kim@nzoa.org.nz or bossley@xtra.co.nz

SLOVENIA: After attending the BJD conference in Pune, India the Slovenian Societies of trauma surgeons, orthopedics and physiatrists organised an international meeting on children's skeletal injuries, posttraumatic bone deformities and problems of medical rehabilitation in multiple injured children. The Slovenian NAN invited as guest lecturers some experts from Italy, Austria, Germany, Croatia and Serbia. The invited lectures were published in a monography with 270 pages. The Network introduced some news from abroad to south-east Europe.

The Slovenian NAN was invited to join foundation for the care after the wars in south-east Europe and for late medical rehabilitation of victims of land mines. Some countries in SE Europe do not have the means for treatment of people needing orthopedic and reconstructive surgery and prosthetic replacement. With the cooperation of the Slovenian national institute for medical rehabilitation some NGOs and some humanitarian organisations (such as Rotary and Lions) we will try to raise additional funds for the patients from these new countries in the SE Europe. In the annual report 2009 the Slovenian NAN will publish the results. For more information contact Prof. Radko Komadina, MD, PhD, Councillor, sbcrdi@guest.arnes.si

PORTUGAL: The Portuguese NAN coordinator remains for now Prof Jaime Branco. The Network has also four ambassadors (the four past presidents of the NAN):

- Dr Aroso Dias (Rheumatology)
- Prof Luís de Almeida (Orthopaedics)
- Dr Pedro Cantista (Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine)
- Dr Domingos Araújo (Rheumatology)

For more information please contact Dr Pedro Cantista, pedrocantista@nedcabo.pt

Change of NAN coordinators – Norway and the Philippines

NORWAY: The Network is reorganised and Mr Jack Skrolsvik has stepped down as NAN Coordinator. The new NAN coordinator is Mr Leif Agnar Ellevset (leif@ellevset.no)

We welcome Mr Ellevset and at the same time we extend our thanks to Mr Skrolsvik for his excellent work in the Network.

The PHILIPPINES: The Philippine Council for the Bone and Joint Decade is composed of 4 subspecialties and each is given one year to lead the BJD programs. These subspecialties include:

- The Philippine Orthopaedic Association (POA)
- The Philippine Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine (PARM)
- The Philippine Rheumatology Association (PRA)
- Osteoporosis Society of the Philippine Foundation, Inc. (OSPFI)

For this year, PRA is the lead agency and usually the president becomes the coordinator.

Dr Annabelle Dytan (pra_office@yahoo.com) is the one in charge for the BJD.

We welcome Dr Dytan as the new NAN coordinator.

New BJD Coordinator in Bosnia & Herzegovina

Dr Sekib Sokolovic (sekib@yahoo.com) is appointed new BJD Coordinator in Bosnia and Herzegovina 2009. Dr Hajrija Seleskovic has stepped down and she is now Honorary President of Rheumatology Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina. We welcome Dr Sokolovic and extend our thanks to Dr Seleskovic.

Our current status:

***97 BJD National Coordinators
63 Supporting Governments
62 National Action Networks***

New Patient brochure on OA

We're pleased to present the new *Patient Brochure "In Spite of Arthritis"* discussing disease progression, current trends in joint replacement surgery, artificial joint materials, affect on lifestyle, etc. In this brochure patients will find answers to common questions regarding arthritis, state-of-the-art implant surgery explained in real terms, as well as tips and information about the time period after the surgery.

We welcome you to download it [here](#).

ACT NOW!

2009 Call for Nominations; BJD International Awards

The International Steering Committee has announced the call for nominations for two international programs. The 9th Annual Bone and Joint Decade International Awards will be presented at an awards dinner during the upcoming 2009 BJD Global Network Conference, taking place in Washington DC, USA. The second is a call for nominations for Bone and Joint Decade Ambassadors.

Please send the nomination form to the BJD Secretariat, bjd@med.lu.se by September 15, 2009.

Bone and Joint Decade 2009 International Video Award

We are pleased to announce the 3rd Annual Bone and Joint Decade International Video Award. This BJD honorary prize was created to recognise the most innovative and creative video presentations produced in member countries aimed at delivering messages to the public about musculoskeletal health. All BJD National Action Networks are invited to submit videos up to five minutes long which they have produced by the Network or by the national health department or other charity for public service and information

During the **2009 Annual World Network Conference** in Washington all the videos will be featured in a special screening for conference delegates, who will then act as the jury and cast their vote for the five best. Winners will receive an honorary prize, at the end of the conference.

Video messages will be accepted until September 30, 2009 and should be submitted as hard copies (on CD or DVD) to the Bone and Joint Decade Secretariat, attention: Prof Lars Lidgren, Department of Orthopedics, SE-221 85 Lund, Sweden. For more information please go to <http://www.bjdonline.org/default.aspx?contId=1806>

The BJD Action Week October 12 – 20, Every year

***Start planning for the Action Week 2009
Already today!***

The days are:

October 12 - ***World Arthritis Day***

October 16 - ***World Spine Day***

October 17 - ***World Trauma Day***

October 20 - ***World Osteoporosis Day***

The Bone and Joint Decade Secretariat

If you have any questions or need any assistance please feel free to contact Agneta Jönsson, bjd@med.lu.se

Next Infoletter

Will be sent on August 31. For information to be included, please submit before August 20.

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