



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

**54 GOVERNMENTS ARE
NOW SUPPORTING
THE DECADE!**

GREAT NEWS FROM KENYA AND MALAYSIA!

KENYA



On August 3, 2004 the Hon. Minister of Health Mrs Charity Kaluki Ngilu signed the declaration of support. For more information please contact Dr Omondi Oyoo, BJD coordinator, e-mail: geomondi@hotmail.com

MALAYSIA



The Malaysian Minister of Health, Dato' Dr Chua Soi Lek, has endorsed the BJD declaration on September 2, 2004. This was announced on 6 September by Dato' Dr K S Sivananthan, President of the Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association (APOA) during the annual congress in Kuala

Lumpur, Malaysia. A BJD symposium took place with presentations given by Prof Lars Lidgren, Chair of the International Steering Committee, Prof KM Chan and Prof Shoichi Kokubun, members of the International Steering Committee. Prof Chan's title was *BJD 2004 Achievement Highlights* and Prof Kokubun presented *BJD – Japan as a Model*. Prof Lidgren spoke about *Musculoskeletal Research and its Impact on Future Care*. For more information please contact BJD Coordinator, Dr Azmillah Rosman, e-mail: azmillah@hotmail.com

2004 BJD Annual Network Conference

is drawing near and will take place on 23-25 September 2004 at Crowne Plaza Hotel, North Beijing, PR China. Prof KM Chan, member of the International Steering Committee, is hosting the meeting. The theme for the meeting is *BJD on the Move*.

Each NAN has been invited to participate with one NAN representative and one patient representative. The International Steering Committee has encouraged the networks to involve more patient representatives. An edited CD from the Conference in Beijing will be sent to the National Action Networks after the meeting. For more information please contact Prof Kai-Ming Chan, e-mail: kaimingchan@cuhk.edu.hk or the BJD Secretariat at bjd@ort.lu.se.

BJD Action Week 2004 in focus

We have received reports from a number of countries about planned activities during the Action Week. We encourage others to submit information to the BJD Secretariat to include the activities in the international BJD press release. To have your activity included in the BJD website, please send in photos and activity descriptions after the event.

ACT NOW!

***The BJD Action Week
October 12 – 20,
Every year***

The days are:

October 12 - *World Arthritis Day*
October 16 - *World Spine Day*
October 17 - *World Trauma Day*
October 20 - *World Osteoporosis Day*

BJD/MSeC Portal Update

New MSeC collaborations

The BJD has reach agreements with several new collaborators for portal content, including Joint and Bone.org to receive their excellent news feed, RheumaWire, via the MSeC portal; and the BMJ for full access to its ARD Online First web feature, which contains articles that have been peer reviewed and accepted for publication in *Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases* but have not yet appeared in the paper journal. In addition, all portal members have been given access to the excellent Orthopaedics Hyperguide, produced by Slack.

Conference coverage

The British Orthopaedic Association Annual Meeting in Manchester, Sept 17-19 will be covered for the MSeC portal, working in collaboration with a volunteer reporter from the BOA to produce the highlights of the meeting. Similarly, the SICOT Annual International Conference in Havana, Cuba, Sept 26-29, will be covered by two volunteers (junior society members). Highlights from both meetings

will be available on the MSeC portal early in October.

eLecture Series

In August Prof Galal Zaki Said, Egypt, First Vice President of SICOT, presented “Articular and Peri-Articular Mal-Union and Non-Union”. Up-coming in September we have a very interesting narration by Dr Geoffrey Walker, UK, entitled “The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly – highlights of 45 years teaching orthopaedics in the developing world”. Dr Walker works with SICOT and with World Orthopaedic Concern (WOC) and travels regularly to Bangladesh, Ethiopia and Kenya.

Once again during Action Week, we are proud to present the BJD “24 hr Global eLecture Series”, to be held on October 14. Please watch for further announcements about the round-the-clock lecture series and global discussion forums.

MSeC Development

Earlier this summer Pfizer conducted a survey of portal users to try to determine what types of content or online tools would encourage users to log on more regularly. Pfizer is now examining the response and will create a proposal for MSeC development, to be discussed at the Autumn MSeC Meeting scheduled for October 24-26 in New York City.

For more information or access to the portal, please contact Dr Göran Magyar, BJD MSeC Executive Director, at Goran.Magyar@ort.lu.se or Sara Martin, BJD Communications Manager, at smartin@skynet.be.

NATIONAL ACTION NETWORKS NEWS

Canada: The latest issue of the Canadian Bone and Joint Decade Newsletter, which focuses on paediatrics, is available on the Canadian BJD site: www.bjdcanda.org for more information please contact Hazel Wood, Project Coordinator, Eastern, e-mail: hwood@rehabresults.com

Croatia: The Croatian NAN has informed about an extensive program for October 2004 which could be found on www.boneandjointdecade.org /Croatia For more information please contact Prof Marko Pecina, NAN Coordinator, e-mail: ortopkl@revma.cz

Hungary: The Hungarian Ministry of Health committed the Hungarian NAN to work out cost effective methods for treating acute low back pain patients in general practises.

Based on the European and Hungarian Back Pain guidelines the NAN recommended effective analgesic treatment, patient-education and quick mobilisation for acute low back patients with or without radicular syndrome. For more information please contact Prof Géza Bálint, NAN coordinator, e-mail: bjd@axelero.hu

New Zealand: At least 300 million people worldwide are living with one of the most under-rated incurable diseases in the world. In New Zealand alone, one in three people over 45 have some form of arthritis. That's just the tip of the iceberg. Many countries have not been able to assess the number of people living with arthritis, or the effects of their health on the economy. The pain and disability associated with the disease has far-reaching consequences for families, employers, governments and society in general. Arthritis alone is the single greatest cause of disability in New

Zealand. Joined actions for World Arthritis Day is planned. For more information visit www.arthritis.org.nz

United Kingdom: The UK National Action Network (ARMA) has some important developments in the musculoskeletal field.

Standards of Care for people with musculoskeletal conditions ARMA's project to determine user-centred standards of care for people with musculoskeletal conditions has made important progress. A huge number of individuals and institutions have taken part in this project, from people with arthritis to government officials, from small groups to academic departments.

The first 3 sets of Standards, for Osteoarthritis, Inflammatory Arthritis and Back Pain, are due to be launched in October, around the time of the Bone & Joint Decade Action Week. An implementation programme is in development, which will involve clinicians, allied health professionals and service users to promote the Standards and begin work on how to put them into practice.

Work will shortly begin on the second set of Standards, for Bone Disease, Connective Tissue Disorders and Soft Tissue Rheumatism.

Increasing the work with policy makers ARMA has seen increasing interest in musculoskeletal conditions at a national level. The National Assembly in Wales' strategy is progressing well. ARMA's network in Wales, ARMA Cymru, is feeding into this project directly.

More recently, as a result of the Standards of Care project, ARMA has been invited to work with the Department of Health in England on developing a strategic approach to musculoskeletal services. Both are very exciting initiatives, and ARMA is hopeful they may result in real change in

musculoskeletal services. For more information please contact Dr David L. Scott, e-mail: david.l.scott@kcl.ac.uk

USBJD: The U.S. Bone and Joint Decade on July 15 sponsored the first of several planned luncheons on Capitol Hill to raise awareness of musculoskeletal diseases and conditions in the United States. More than 50 congressional staff attended the luncheon, as well as Allan Nonan, MD, special advisor to the office of the U.S. Surgeon General. Regis O'Keefe, MD, PhD, president of the USBJD, chaired the session. For more information visit www.boneandjointdecade.org/usa or contact Dr Regis O'Keefe, e-mail: Regis_okeefe@urmc.rochester.edu

Venezuela: The Venezuelan Society of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology is holding a conjoined Meeting with the Latin American Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, on 18 – 23 October 2004, in Margarita Island, Venezuela. This important event will meet all the Latin Americans Orthopaedic Surgeons with some North Americans and Europeans. During the meeting there will be information and activities organized by the NAN, including conferences on Osteoporosis, Courses on Treatment of Arthritis by several methods and joint replacement, symposium on musculoskeletal pathologies on elder women, post traumatic injuries after road traffic, sports and laboral accidents. For more information please contact Dr Rafael Paiva, NAN coordinator, e-mail: rpaiva@telcel.net.ve

For more information on activities in the different counties please go to www.boneandjointdecade.org

Change of NAN coordinator in India

Prof. S Babhulkar is the new NAN coordinator in India for the period 2004-2006. He is a senior orthopedic surgeon at the Sushrut Hospital, Research Centre and

Post Graduate Institute of Orthopedics, Nagpur. He has replaced Prof Dinesh Mohan.

We welcome Prof Babhulkar e-mail: sushrut_ngp@sancharnet.in and at the same time we extend our thanks to Prof Mohan for his excellent work in the NAN India.

Our current status:
94 BJD National Coordinators
56 National Action Networks
54 Supporting Governments

BJD Ambassador from India on the move in Bangladesh

Prof. T.K. Shanmugasundaram, International BJD Ambassador, India encouraged and motivated Prof Amjad Hossain, Professor & Head of Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery, Dhaka Medical College, Bangladesh to form a BJD Bangladesh NAN. A CME Programme on "Musculoskeletal Disorders" was held on 25-29 July 2004 with presentation of 24 papers from allied specialists. About 300 doctors and medical students attended the CME. The BJD Bangladesh Chapter was inaugurated at a colorful function on July 26, 2004.

For more information please contact Prof M Amjad Hossain, Chairman of the Bangladesh Chapter, e-mail: amjad@bol-online.com or Dr Iqbal Quavi, NAN coordinator.

Prof Shanmugasundaram will continue his efforts in other countries of South Asia who have not yet joined the BJD movement. We extend our thanks to him for his actions as BJD Ambassador.

The Bone and Joint Decade Secretariat

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

The BJD website

Please send information and photos (fine quality) on activities and events to the BJD Secretariat, bjd@ort.lu.se and we will put it on the web. Please send us information about action in your country, which we can include on <http://www.boneandjointdecade.org>

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