
European Journal of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine: a new clinical rehabilitation journal, an update of our 44 year old Latin name (Europa Medicophysica)

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The *European Journal of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine* (*Eur J Phys Rehabil Med* for Medline, *EJPRM* here) has existed for many years. The name was originally *Europa Medicophysica*, as chosen 44 years ago by our founders. At that time, the founders were split between French and English, and they decided to use the Latin language, where the common roots of Europe were found. This led to the name *Europa Medicophysica* with subtitles in French, English, and Italian. Italy is the country that first suggested hosting such a journal under the European auspices of a board composed of 19 countries. *Europa Medicophysica* has been considered since the beginning the Official Journal of the European Federation of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (EFPMR), which has now evolved into the European Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ESPRM).

Nevertheless, the *EJPRM* is a new journal as defined by Medline and the international rules, although we will maintain our long history through the numbering of volumes. *Europa Medicophysica* is our mother, and thus *Europa Medicophysica* will be the subtitle. The founders and previous Chief Editors will be honoured on the Editorial Board as well. We will continue in exactly the same way as before: looking at Europe, the ESPRM, the Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes, Section of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (UEMS-PRM), and the other European Bodies; retaining the name *Mediterranean Journal of PRM* and strengthening the collaboration with the Mediterranean Forum of PRM (MFPRM); and continuing the already established collaboration with the National Societies of the single European countries.

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The *EJPRM* is a clinical journal of PRM. Our aim, as stated in the past, is to be useful, and our concept of usefulness is a clinical concept. We do not want to be helpful only to researchers, but we want to drive them to the clinical world, by hosting as many works as possible that can be useful in the everyday PRM world. Moreover, we want to present research to clinicians and close the gap between these two worlds that should constantly interact, even if they sometimes seem to be too far apart. All of us here at the *EJPRM* are clinicians working most of the day with patients, so we understand clinical needs. We are also researchers, and we know how helpful research is for the patients, as well as for ourselves. Finally, we are editors, and that gives us a big responsibility. We have only one answer: to do the best for our readers, our patients, our work, and our clinical world.

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hard and deserve recognition, and I wish to acknowledge all of them.

The *EJPRM* also thanks all of its readers because they are the real strength of the journal, and they are our real editors. I dare say that we do not care too much about Medline or the Impact Factor (IF) *per se* (but to be honest, we will care even less when we have it!). Readers are what we care most about, and our aim is to create an interesting journal for them. If we can do this well, Medline and IF will be the only natural consequences. Finally, thank you to all our patients: a clinical journal like the *EJPRM* is conceived for the patients, as our best readers are those who care for their patients and want to cure and help them, and we are here for that. And now, let's start again: a new story begins, and it will require hard work. Long live the *European Journal of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine*.