



INTRODUCTION

“REHABILITATION 2030: A CALL FOR ACTION”
BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO)Introduction to the Special Section “Rehabilitation 2030:
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The World Health Organization (WHO) proposes “Rehabilitation 2030: a call for action”. This has been started with a Meeting held in Genève on February 6-7 2017 in the Executive Board Room of its headquarters. The European Journal of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (EJPRM) decided to propose a Special Section in the first possible issue to focus on this Meeting, which could be the starting point of a world effort of paramount importance for Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (PRM) and its future. The EJPRM was officially invited as a stakeholder to the Meeting through its Chief-Editor, Stefano Negrini, that also represented the new-born Cochrane Rehabilitation.

This Special Section includes:

- a reprint of an Editorial written for the WHO Bulletin,¹ by Etienne Krug and Alarcos Cieza, from the Department for the Management of Noncommunicable Diseases, Disability, Violence and Injury Prevention, WHO; they organized and chaired the Meeting;
- a complete and focused report² by Francesca Gimigliano (who participated at the Meeting as the General Secretary of ISPRM, together with its President Jorge Lains) and Stefano Negrini;
- a commentary³ by the EJPRM Chief-Editor, Stefano Negrini, to start a discussion on the topic.

Knowing about this Meeting, even if its contents were not yet known, a focused campaign has been started by the EJPRM already in the first issue of this year, with the papers by Gutenbrunner,⁴ and the Special Section by Stucki *et al.*⁵⁻⁷

We are planning to produce more papers on the topic in the next future, involving all the most important actors, so to help pushing forward the action called by WHO: in fact, we think that this action is really required by the clinical rehabilitation world.

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