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## The Professional and the Healer

Issues for the Next Millennium – Dr Richard Cruess

**D**r Cruess has spent his academic career at McGill University and the Royal Victoria Hospital in Canada. From 1981 to 1995, he was the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine computers, sport, leisure, art and travel.

Dr Epinette urged all delegates to subscribe to the site, arguing that it provides a direct communication link for orthopaedic surgeons around the world, by-passing the standard communications via large centres such as the USA. AGORA is maintained by an international committee headed by Professor

Professional medical associations are perceived to be pulling in the opposite direction in trying to maintain the status quo. At the level of the individual healer, most practitioners understand the duties of orthopaedic journals. *Read Nature and Science only,* he challenged. "If you want to keep up with current practice techniques and opinion, attend annual review courses."

"Join the Internet Society of Orthopaedic Surgery and Trauma (ISOST). Use OrthoSearch, and spend six hours a week on the internet." ■

## Paraplegia overcome

**S**urgeons in Italy have found a way to reinnervate the main muscles of the hip allowing patients with paraplegia to regain a degree of mobility.

Professor Georgio Brunelli and Dr Giovanni Brunelli from Ome (Brescia), Italy elevated the ulnar nerve from the upper limb while preserving its origin at the brachial plexus and its vascular supply above the elbow. Its branches to flexor carpi ulnaris, to hypothenar and interossei, and to adductor pollicis were connected to the nerves of gluteus maximus, gluteus medius and quadriceps.



Professor Georgio Brunelli

Once Wallerian degeneration of the distal nerve was resolved, the first patient walked by voluntarily activating the muscles of the hip. Walking is elementary and the patient still needs the assistance of light orthotic devices but the technique shows significant promise. ■

## Shock waves beat Epicondylitis

**L**ateral humeral epicondylitis which has proved resistant to conservative treatment can be suppressed using low energy shock waves.

Sergio Gigliotti and his collaborators from the Department of Orthopaedics, Federico II University pose-designed to enable easy, consistent data collection.

"It is very important for us to make the audit practically feasible," he said. "Collecting data for SAHFE should be a standard part of maintaining medical records, and of ordinary contact with patients." He suggested that the project may provide the basis for future treatment guidelines.

Professor Thorngren warned that hip fracture incidence is expected to increase in the near future due to population aging. The highest rates would be seen among communities in Asia and South America, he predicted.

*\*Delegates interested in participating in SAHFE may contact Professor Thorngren for a registration form and kit containing software and data collection forms. ■*

## Changes to the Scientific Program

**Symposium RTR 4 – Road Trauma Reduction – Session One**

Tuesday 20th April 1999 16:00 – 17:30

**Dr Bruce Browner** – Chairman of SICOT trauma Committee will be presiding in lieu of Dr Charles Mercier-Guyon.

**Symposium 32**

Thursday 22nd April 1999 14:00 – 15:30

MANAGEMENT OF BONE TUMOURS should appear in program under Tumors not Trauma. The time and venue remains unchanged.

**Symposium 44**

Friday 23rd April 1999

INTRAMEDULLARY FIXATION should appear in the program under Trauma not Tumours. The time and venue remains unchanged. ■