

# ANIMAL REHABILITATION

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Whew! We successfully made it through another Combined Sections Meeting. This one was for the record books. Officially, 12,654 physical therapists, assistants, students, vendors, exhibitors, and lecturers attended this jam-packed meeting. I'm so impressed that we were all able to attend with minimal, if any, travel delays, especially given the unpredictability of weather and travel in February to and from Chicago!

Of note in Chicago was a Practice Analysis writing day attended by Carrie Adrian, Cheryl Riegger-Krugh, and me. We did get quite a bit accomplished; however, we've hit some roadblocks with data and statistical analyses. Regardless, we're moving forwards with the document.

The highlight of the weekend was Dr. Narelle Stubbs' lecture, Equine Physiotherapy Research Update, Clinical, Pathological, Imaging and Exercise-based Rehabilitation Studies. Always dynamic and thought-provoking, Dr. Stubbs provided a well-rounded survey of the latest equine physiotherapy research, especially that which is being performed at the McPhail Equine Performance Center at Michigan State University, highlighting anatomy, ultrasound imaging, proprioceptive exercise, and taping for facilitation. I'm certain this won't be the last that we hear from Dr. Stubbs. We thank her for taking time out of her busy schedule to speak with our members and others in attendance.

The minutes from the Combined Sections Meeting will be posted to the Orthopaedic Section Web site.

CSM 2013 will certainly be another amazing meeting and we hope that you will join us. Besides our regular membership meeting and educational programming, we hope to be able to offer a preconference course directed to the physical therapist in animal rehabilitation practice. More details to come!

*Here's to a safe spring!*

*Amie Hesbach*

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### Practice Committee and State Liaison Committee

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We know you didn't get into this line of work to be politically active, but, unfortunately for us, the legislative environment isn't terribly friendly to physical therapists in animal rehabilitation practice. Soooo, we need a few good men and women to volunteer to serve as state liaisons. Duties of the liaisons might not be any more than what you're already doing: keeping abreast of the current interpretation of your state physical therapy and veterinary practice acts, keeping tabs on animal rehabilitation practices in your state, and serving as a liaison between ARSIG members in your state and your state APTA chapter legislative committee, ARSIG leadership, and APTA state government affairs. Additionally, the AARV (American Association of Rehabilitation Veterinarians) is proposing a parallel liaison system

with which we might collaborate. Contact Charlie if you're interested in helping out!

### Here is our most recent list of state liaisons:

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PS: This is as up-to-date a list as we have. Please contact Charlie if you believe that your name is not listed OR listed in err OR if you would like to be added to our list. You'll notice that some states have more than one liaison. We certainly do suggest this team approach, especially in large or legislatively-active states.

### Nominating Committee

Cheryl Riegger-Krugh (Chair), Jennifer Hill, Nancy Doyle, and David Levine  
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Nominations are open for President and Nominating Committee Member! Contact Cheryl if you are interested in serving on a committee or nominating yourself (or another willing SIG member) for elected office.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

I AVRPT Symposium, August 12-15, 2012, Vienna, Austria  
*www.iavrpt.org*

Congratulations to Lin McGonagle, David Levine, Jan Steiss, and Narelle Stubbs who will be presenting!

TheraPaw, 3rd Annual Symposium on Therapeutic Advances in Animal Rehabilitation, May 18-20, 2012, Florham Park, New Jersey  
*www.therapaw.com*

## **Stop! Police!**

Are you concerned about the blatant or uninformed misuse of the term “physical therapy” or title “physical therapist” when concerned with the field of animal rehabilitation, ESPECIALLY when a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant is NOT involved in the provision of animal rehabilitation services at that practice or facility? Well, now may be the time for the ARSIG to get involved. If you’re interested (or just plain frustrated) in this topic, please contact Amie (ahesbach@ivghospitals.com) so that we can form a committee and develop an education and action plan.

## **Newsletter Committee**

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So we’re proposing a new strategy for our quarterly newsletters. One newsletter per year will be devoted to small animal rehabilitation issues and one to large animal rehabilitation issues. We may even focus our efforts on “themes” such as stifle rehabilitation, therapeutic exercise, neurorehabilitation, pharmacology, aquatic therapy, manual therapy, animal behavior, and/or client/rider-focused interventions. We welcome ANY or ALL submissions from our members (and students)! Case studies, client educational handouts, practice resources, treatment pearls, literature reviews—you name it! Please contact Lisa if you have any suggestions or would like to contribute!