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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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CSM 2008 is now behind us with many memories of great programming, meetings, and not so fond memories of tornadoes that ripped through downtown Nashville and the south killing 50 people. Fortunately, the CSM meeting and participants were unscathed, but there were some tense moments.

The program entitled "Physiology and Current Medical and Rehabilitative Management of Complex Regional Pain Syndrome" was well attended and well received by the attendees. The speakers—Greg Dedrick, Esteban Azevedo, and Cate Brummett—did a first class presentation and I hope that we will get a chance to have them back as speakers soon. We owe a huge thank you to Marie Hoeger-Bement for coordinating the program.

I would also like to inform our members of how the Pain SIG officers spent much of their time during CSM. We attended meetings about possibly reorganizing SIGs to Educational Interest Groups, residency/fellowship training in pain management, educational programming for next CSM, Orthopaedic Section Business Meeting, Board of Directors Meeting with SIG Presidents, and our own Business Meeting at 7:00AM Saturday morning. Marie and Laura also did some very fine poster presentations on their latest research.

The officers have decided to keep the Pain Management Group as a Special Interest Group, instead of an Educational Interest Group, as we continue to gain momentum with more member involvement. We are also looking into fellowship/residency training for those who are interested in a specialty of Pain Management Physical Therapy. A practice analysis must be formulated before any concrete decisions can be made. If anyone is interested in working on a committee to analyze the practice of pain management physical therapy, please let me know at johngarzione@frontiernet.net.

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Have a great summer, John