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SCI-ISIG MISSION

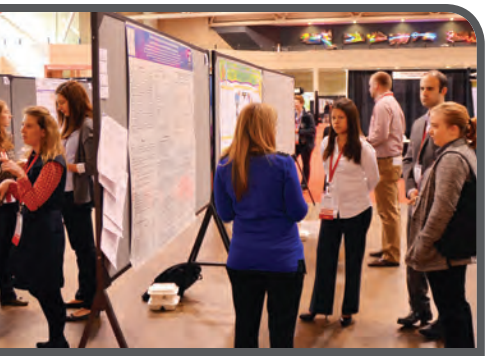
The mission of the **SCI-ISIG** is to advance the field of SCI rehabilitation and research by providing opportunities for professional development, advocating for standards of practice and research, and supporting a forum for interdisciplinary and international exchange.

ABOUT SCI-ISIG

At the ACRM Annual Conference in October 2009, the eight-year-old Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Networking Group was recognized by the ACRM Board of Governors as the SCI Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group (SCI-ISIG). Started by Sue Ann Sisto in 2001, the group is now comprised of interdisciplinary professionals who desire to improve the educational and networking opportunities for ACRM membership in SCI medicine, rehabilitation and research, and to advance clinical practice to improve the lives of people with SCI.

SCI-ISIG MEMBER BENEFITS

- Continuing education opportunities
- Opportunity to plan educational courses for the ACRM Annual Conference
- Task Force participation
- Collaborative research opportunities
- Networking and engaging with SCI rehabilitation colleagues who share passions and challenges
- Gaining recognition for your contributions to the field and to ACRM
- Increasing opportunities to publish your work
- Meeting pioneers in the field, mentors, and potential research collaborators
- Advancing the field by helping to translate and disseminate cutting-edge research into clinical guidelines and practice
- Experiencing outstanding peer-to-peer learning
- Having opportunities to take a leadership role in ACRM and boost your CV
- Advancing evidence-based clinical practices for improved outcomes



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Fun and work at the ACRM Mid-Year Meeting

SCI-ISIG TASK FORCES

Work of the SCI-ISIG is carried out by various task forces, which promote cutting-edge research, establish standards of care in SCI rehabilitation, and offer an interdisciplinary forum for development of state-of-the-art rehabilitation practice. SCI-ISIG task forces include:

FUNCTIONAL ELECTRICAL STIMULATION (FES) TASK FORCE
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SECONDARY COMPLICATIONS AND AGING TASK FORCE
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— Yuying Chen, MD, PhD

GET INVOLVED…

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RESEARCH

- Advance SCI research and promote research collaboration
- Establish an interdisciplinary research agenda
- Promote translation of evidence to enhance clinical expertise and practice

CLINICAL CARE

- Conduct state-of-the-art reviews of practice in spinal cord care
- Enhance competencies of an interdisciplinary team member in SCI rehabilitation

EDUCATION

- Participate in continuing education offerings specific to the interests of SCI researchers and clinicians
- Plan an educational course for the ACRM Annual Conference, ***Progress in Rehabilitation Research (PIRR)***
- Develop and receive informational and instructional media

"ACRM is a home where I can combine clinical interests with my research and interact with people who are making decisions about rehab research"

— Deborah Backus, PT, PhD, FACRM, ACRM President-Elect, Shepherd Center, Atlanta, GA
ACRM Institutional Member

"ACRM gives you opportunity to interact with people from multiple disciplines and different diagnostic groups. We share ideas, we share common clinical and research practices and it's a wonderful networking opportunity"

— Susan Charlifue, PhD, FISCoS, FACRM
Craig Hospital, Englewood, CO,
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EDUCATION > NETWORKING > PAPERS > POSTERS > EXPO > FRIENDSHIPS

ACRM Annual Conference PROGRESS IN REHABILITATION RESEARCH

INTERDISCIPLINARY

NONSTOP CONTENT

To fully experience ACRM, one must attend the Conference, *Progress in Rehabilitation Research (PIRR)*, held every fall. Enjoy a jam-packed program of evidence-based education for spinal cord injury and tons of related hot topics plus CME/CEUs for 15 disciplines — more disciplines than any other conference! ACRM is THE premier event for rehab RESEARCH and its TRANSLATION into clinical practice. **SUBMIT** / **ATTEND**: www.ACRMconference.org.

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— Susan Charlifue, PhD, FISCoS, FACRM

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Founding Chair, SCI-ISIG

ABOUT ACRM

ACRM serves a global community of researchers and clinicians striving to deliver evidence-based rehabilitation interventions to people with disabling conditions, such as traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, stroke, neurodegenerative disease, pain and cancer. ACRM is committed to the dissemination of research and educating providers, while supporting advocacy efforts to ensure adequate public funding of research endeavors.

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