What you should know about EMSP:

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a complex, chronic, disabling disease, disturbing badly the transmission of signals in human brain. The average age of diagnosis is 20-40, a period when individuals are highly engaged in establishing their careers, raising their families and enjoying lifestyles. MS affects twice as many women as men. There are currently approx. 600,000 people diagnosed with MS in Europe. So far, no cure has been found.

EMSP is the umbrella organisation for 38 MS societies from 34 European countries. EMSP represents their interests at the European level and work to achieve its goals of high quality equitable treatment and support for people with MS.

What you should know about RIMS:

Rehabilitation in Multiple Sclerosis (RIMS), aims to link health care professionals in European MS Centres and other settings, as well as researchers, in order to encourage professionals interested in MS to exchange their knowledge of clinical, scientific, social, economic and educational matters about the disease and to establish individual and scientific contacts between persons. Individual membership for those who have a special interest in MS is also welcomed. RIMS has established a number of Special Interest Groups (SIGs). These groups aim to promote research and improve the care of persons with MS and their caregivers.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Acknowledgements
24th November 2012
Program

Social media in MS
Moderator: Isabella Baroni, Italy

12.00  Registration

12.30  Light lunch

13.00  Welcome & introduction on EMSP
       John Golding, President EMSP

13.05  Social media in MS: Why it is important
       - Social media: A cutting edge approach
         Silja Chouquet, CEO whydot GmbH, Riehen, Switzerland
       - You and social media: presentation of survey results
         Silja Chouquet, CEO whydot GmbH, Riehen, Switzerland
         Christoph Thalheim, Deputy CEO and Director External Affairs, EMSP, Brussels, Belgium
       - Social media experiment*: a game to illustrate the power of connecting like-minded people
         Silja Chouquet, CEO whydot GmbH, Riehen, Switzerland

13.50  How to make it happen: successful use of social media and other IT solutions - Panel
       - How AISM successfully used social media
         Isabella Baroni, Web Editor, MS Society of Italy, Rome, Italy
       - Awareness campaigns: how social media can help
         Dr. Matt Jameson Evans, Chairman, HealthUnlocked, London, UK
       - Organizing life with MS with specialized apps
         Dorothea Pittsnau-Michel, Secretary General, German National MS Society (DMSG) and Past President EMSP, Hanover, Germany
       - X-Box supported rehabilitation for PwMS
         Pedro Carrascal, CEO MS Society of Spain (FELEM), Executive Board member EMSP

15.00  Coffee break

15.45  Social media/IT workshops:
       - Creating a social media community
         Isabella Baroni, Web Editor, MS Society of Italy
         Silja Chouquet, CEO whydot GmbH, Riehen, Switzerland
       - Awareness campaigns via social media
         Dr. Matt Jameson Evans, Chairman, HealthUnlocked, London, UK
       - Organizing life with MS with specialized apps
         Dorothea Pittsnau-Michel, Secretary General, German National MS Society (DMSG) and Past President EMSP, Hanover, Germany
       - Adam Michel, Chief Executive, AMSEL, DMSG Chapter in Baden-Württemberg, Stuttgart, Germany

16.45  Listening to you, the audience
       - Report back from Workshop sessions
       - Open floor discussion with audience
         Silja Chouquet, CEO whydot GmbH, Riehen, Switzerland
         Isabella Baroni, Web Editor, MS Society of Italy, Rome, Italy

17.15  Closing remarks

17.00  End of the first conference day

20.00  Gala Dinner

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25th November 2012
Program

Use of digital media for care and rehabilitation in MS
Moderator: Prof. Peter Feys, Belgium

09.00  Welcome & information on RIMS
       Peter Feys, Professor of Rehabilitation and Physiotherapy, PHIL/University of Hasselt, RIMS President, Belgium

09.10  RIMS multi-center collaboration on Walking Assessment
       Peter Feys, Professor of Rehabilitation and Physiotherapy, PHIL/University of Hasselt, Belgium

09.25  Sportive challenges in MS and promotion by using social media
       Paul van Asch, Physiotherapist, Fit Up Team, Kontich, Belgium

10.00  Coffee break

10.30  Internet-based physical activity promotions
       Alexander Tallner, PhD, Sports Scientist, Institute of Sports Science, University of Erlangen, Germany

11.15  Internet-based educational program for nursing (MS-NEED)
       Vicki Matthews, MS Specialist Nurse Advisor to the MS Trust, Herts, RIMS Executive Board Member, UK

11.15  Recommendations for rehabilitation in people with MS
       Thomas Henze, Neurologist, Passauer Wolf Neurological Rehabilitation Centre Nittenau, Nittenau, RIMS Executive Board Member, Germany

12.00  Lunch

13.15  Online survey on the content of physical rehabilitation
       Kamila Rasova, PhD, Physiotherapist, Department of Rehabilitation, 3rd Medical Faculty, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic

13.45  Shared decision making in MS by using digital media
       Alessandra Solari, Neurologist, Unit of Neuroepidemiology, Foundation IRCCS Neurological Institute C. Besta, Milan, RIMS Executive Board Member, Italy

15.15  Closing remarks
       Thomas Henze, Neurologist, Passauer Wolf Neurological Rehabilitation Centre Nittenau, Nittenau, Germany

15.30  End of the second conference day

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