

**The Japanese Association of Rehabilitation Medicine (JARM)
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Topics in FY2022

●Traveling Fellowship Program supported by the Japanese Association of Rehabilitation Medicine (JARM)

Although there were no participants this year due to COVID-19, we are offering the program every year. Information on applications is posted on our website here.

https://www.jarm.or.jp/english/about/bylaws_traveling.html

●Evidence based rehabilitation medicine for COVID-19 patients

Since 2020, we are struggling with COVID-19, and a lot of infected patients are suffering from respiratory failure, disused syndrome, and so forth. In Japan, a lot of research for rehabilitation for COVID-19 patients is undergoing. We aim to accumulate evidence of rehabilitation for those patients. English articles on COVID-19 in Japan are introduced in the following links:

<https://www.jarm.or.jp/english/covid-19/index.html>

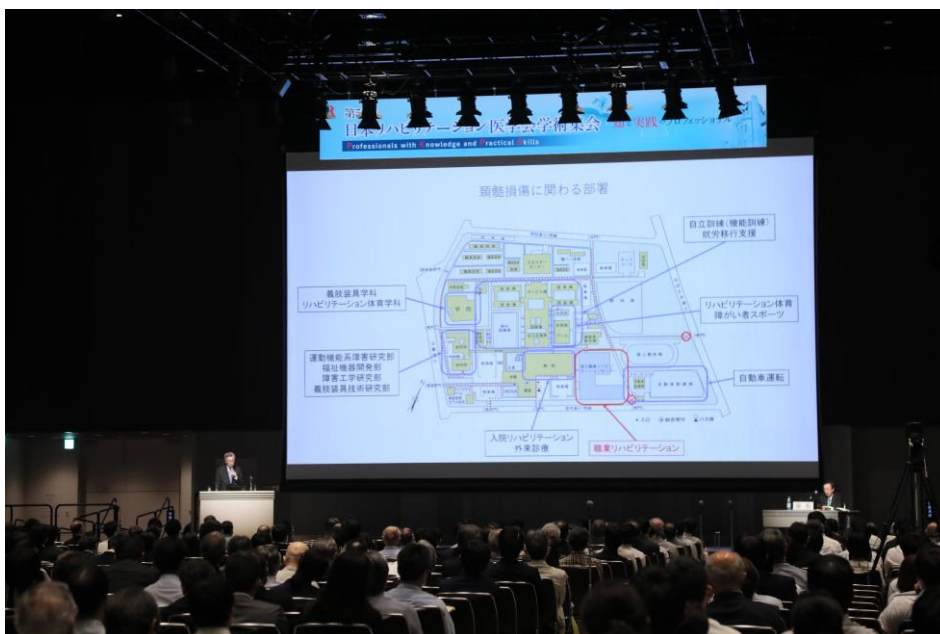
https://www.jarm.or.jp/english/covid-19/document/LinkListCovid19_ver2.pdf

●Academic Conferences of the Japanese Association of Rehabilitation Medicine

The 59th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Association of Rehabilitation Medicine was held in a hybrid combination of physical and virtual at the PACIFICO Yokohama Annex North from June 23rd to 25th, 2022. The number of participants in this conference was 4,728 (Onsite 2,600, Web 4,728). The total number of online views was about 39,300. Taking precautionary measures, many of us attended the conference face to face. The theme of this conference was "Professionals with Knowledge and Practical Skills." Not only "knowledge" but "practical skills" are important for further development of rehabilitation medicine, which contributes to individuals with all sorts of health conditions. The development of such "professionals" was aimed in this conference.

Nine speakers were invited to give lectures from overseas: Profs. Leonard Li, Walter R. Frontera, Jorge Manuel Costa Láins, Heakyung Kim, Volker Hömberg, Dale M. Needham, Maggie-Lee Huckabee, Jae-Young Lim, and Lydia Latif.

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The 6th Academic Conference of the Japanese Association of Rehabilitation Medicine was also held in a hybrid format at the Okayama Convention Center and Okayama Prefectural Medical Association Hall from November 4th to 6th, 2022. The number of participants in this conference was about 2,700 (Onsite 1,800, Web over 2,700). The theme of this meeting was “Diversity and Inclusion.” Rehabilitation medicine has its effect by approaching to various diseases/patients with transdisciplinary team consisting of various professionals: doctors, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists,

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prosthetists, nurses, and even other staff members. The theme includes the meaning of respecting the specialties of each professional for further improvement in various patient functions and activities.



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●Congratulations on Eiichi Saitoh on his award of Herman Flax Lifetime Achievement Award

The 16th International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine World Congress (ISPRM 2022) was held in Lisbon, Portugal, from July 3rd to 7th, 2022. Dr. Eiichi Saitoh, the vice chairman of JARM, has won the ISPRM Herman J. Flax Lifetime Achievement Award for this year. It was his second time to win such an honorable ISPRM award; last time he has won the Sidney Licht Lectureship Award in ISPRM 2015. Recipients of this award will have made contributions in the areas of patient care, research, education, administration and advocacy including advancing the ISPRM. This award is ISPRM's highest honor and JARM will continue to contribute to the development of rehabilitation. <https://isprm.org/discover/awards-recognitions/>

