THE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to all supporters of the FFN.

Let me focus on three of the key initiatives we are taking:

- **The new website.** Please take a look at this – you will be impressed. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Paul Mitchell for his splendid work and are greatly relieved that he has agreed to stay on as website editor for the time being. Please send him any ideas you have for the website – you will find him very responsive and interesting to talk to. His email address is web.editor@fragilityfracturenetwork.org.

- **3rd FFN Global Congress in Madrid.** After a record number of submitted abstracts, the rate of registrations for the meeting is also substantially exceeding previous years. If you want to come, please register soon at www.ffn-congress.com – the available space is limited. The final programme is available here.

- **The Special Interest Groups.** The Hip Fracture Audit Database SIG has started its pilot of a global audit – in Slovenia, Germany, Malta and Spain. You will see the results in Madrid. Great work by Colin Currie and his fellow SIG members. The Physiotherapy SIG reports its activities in this newsletter. You will get updated on these, plus the Rehabilitation Research and Vertebral Fracture SIGs, in Madrid or on the website at Special Interest Groups.

There is no doubt that the FFN is growing, maturing and beginning to drive meaningful action. Please be on the lookout for new activists – of all professions – who should join us, to mutual benefit, and introduce them to our website.

See you in Madrid!

NEW FFN WEBSITE – www.fragilityfracturenetwork.org

by Paul Mitchell, FFN Coopted Board Member, Website Communications

Now online — the new and significantly improved FFN website

A new FFN website has been launched which will provide FFN members with a comprehensive suite of resources on the care of people who have suffered fragility fractures. A new home page for the FFN website will describe how FFN is organised, illustrate the broad nature of the FFN membership and provide links to fragility fracture guidelines and registries in our 6 global regions.

A new fracture care resources area includes:

- An overview of the epidemiology of fragility fractures throughout the world and describe the impact on sufferers and healthcare budgets
- An extensive array of resources and links structured in accordance with the 6 themes of the FFN
- A webinar series which will be launched in the next year

The new site also provides an opportunity for networking and sharing of best practice between the FFN membership.

We look forward to hearing your feedback on what we believe to be a unique web resource for those interested in the complete journey of care for fragility fracture sufferers.

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Dear Colleagues,

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

We invite you to join the 3rd FFN Global Congress in Madrid from September 4 to 6, 2014.

The 3rd FFN Global Congress is the annual meeting of FFN. The congress consists of invited international experts, plenary discussions, update sessions and free papers. The congress provides a unique platform to learn about new technical developments, state-of-the-art procedures and interaction with leading Orthopaedic Surgeons, Non-surgical MD’s, Nurses and Nurse Practitioners, Scientists, and Allied Health Professionals.

Update your knowledge and meet your colleagues from around the world in Madrid! Further information and registration:

www.ffn-congress.com

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Physiotherapy, Special Interest Group — Mobilisation after Hip Fracture: A Snapshot Survey

by Cathie Sherrington, FFN Coopted Board Member, SIG Physiotherapy

International evidence-based guidelines for care of people after hip fracture recommend early mobilisation, multidisciplinary care and interventions to reduce the risk of future fractures that include fall prevention strategies. The extent to which these recommendations are followed in routine care around the world is not known.

The newly established Physiotherapy Special Interest Group of the Fragility Fracture Network (FFN) will soon launch a web-based snapshot survey that aims to document current practices in mobilisation of people recovering from hip fracture as well describe aspects of physiotherapy care for people recovering from a hip fracture.

The survey will be launched in Brazil and Australia in June 2014 as we already have the approval of ethics committees in these countries. Preliminary results will be presented at the FFN Congress in Madrid. We hope to launch similar surveys in other countries in the near future. Please contact us if you are interested in leading a survey in your country.

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