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# ***The Chairs' Chatter***



**PTRS welcomes the orange leaves of fall - Go O's!!!**

***Mark and Mary***



## **Department News**



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### **National Physical Therapy Month**

October is National Physical Therapy (PT) Month! Each issue of this month's Chairs' Chatter will feature a trivia question. The first person to answer the question correctly will win PTRS memorabilia! Send your response to [aganzermiller@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:aganzermiller@som.umaryland.edu).

Question for the week of October 8th:

**How many students are currently enrolled in our DPT and PhD programs?**



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## Presentation



**Dr. Gadi Alon** just returned from the International Functional Electrical Stimulation Society (IFESS) annual meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Dr. Alon is on the board of Directors of the society and presented a workshop title: "Wearable Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES) and Non-Invasive Electrical Brain Stimulation (ESB): On the Road to Personalized Intervention in Physical Rehabilitation".

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## PTRS Alumni Day



Thanks to everyone who attended our annual Alumni Day reception and continuing education course. Your continued involvement and participation in this event was much appreciated as we continue to grow our alumni community and re-connect with them. Special thanks to PTRS staff members **Angel Jackson, Terry Heron, Joyce Johnson and Aynsley Hamel** as well as **Nikki Frank** and **Heidi Im** who assisted with registration and guiding our guests to the event. The event would not have been as successful without you!

If you have any comments or suggestions for next year's event, they are welcome. Please contact Alex Ganzermiller at [aganzermiller@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:aganzermiller@som.umaryland.edu).

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## **PTRS Career Fair**

On Wednesday, October 1st, the second and third year classes participated in a Career Fair. The event was kicked off by an employer panel, set up in conjunction with the Alumni Office, which provided an opportunity for the students to ask questions of employers in multiple environments. This event is designed to provide the second year students a taste of these kinds of events and to help the third year students begin with their job hunt.



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## **Funding Awarded**



**Dr. Larry Forrester** received notice that his VA Merit grant application, "*Adaptive Ankle Robot Control System to Reduce Foot-drop in Chronic Stroke*" has been selected for funding! The award is for \$1.1M, over 4 years. **Dr. Rich Macko** is Co-PI on the project. Congratulations to Larry and team for this outstanding achievement. Way to go!



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## Featured Article

**Julie Everett, DPT '07**, was featured in the article, "Beating Cancer and Sexual Dysfunction" published in the Baltimore Sun on Thursday, October 2, 2014.

Julie is a physical therapist at Johns Hopkins University specializing in treatment of the pelvic floor, the area of the body that supports sexual organs, the bladder and rectum



**Click here to read more:**  
[Beating Cancer and Sexual Dysfunction](#)

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## Rehabilitation Science Research Seminar



This week's Rehabilitation Science Research Seminar will be presented by Dr. Yasmeen Farouqi Shah, Associate Professor, Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences and Director of the Aphasia Research Center, University of Maryland College Park. The long term goal of her research is to help persons with aphasia to achieve their maximum speaking potential by studying neural plasticity following speech-language therapy (especially on verbs and sentences). The title of her talk will be:

***"The interaction between language and sensorimotor representations: the view from aphasia (intervention)."***

Please join us on Friday, October 10th, 9:00AM-10:00AM in Room 211 of the Allied Health Bldg. (PTRS) for what promises to be a very interesting presentation and discussion.

A short abstract:

Persons with aphasia frequently experience difficulties in retrieving verbs, and the underlying source of this verb deficit is little understood. One proposal is that impaired (access to) action representations may limit verb retrieval. In fact, there is evidence of interaction between action verbs and their sensorimotor neural substrates, such as the face/mouth region of the motor cortex for the verb *smiling*. This talk will address the following questions pertaining to action verb naming: 1) if action verb naming is influenced by somatotopic effects (body part used by the action), 2) the role of gestures in facilitating naming, and 3) rehabilitation of verb naming in aphasia.



## Call for Submissions



[The American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine \(ACRM\)](#) online proposal submission portal is open for the 2015 ACRM Annual Conference, Progress in Rehabilitation Research. Submission deadlines include: Pre- and Post-Conference Instructional Course proposals due by December 22, 2014; Symposia proposals due by January 15, 2015; and Scientific Paper and posters due by March 16, 2015.

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**Save the date** for next year's NEXT Conference & Exposition to be held on June 3rd - June 6th, 2015 in National Harbor, Maryland. Abstract/Poster submission deadline is September 26, 2014.

Call for Poster Abstracts: [Click Here!](#)

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## Additional Meeting Deadlines



For additional meeting deadlines, visit <http://pt.umaryland.edu/research.asp> and select the "Research Events Calendar" file.

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## Reminders

Have news to share?



Please send news, announcements, updates and pictures to **Donna Bethke**, [dbethke@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:dbethke@som.umaryland.edu), by Monday at 5 PM to be included in the current week's issue.

**Thanks for sharing!!!!**

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