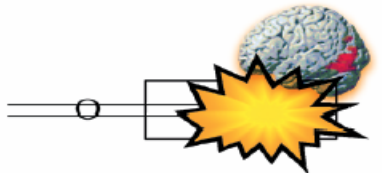
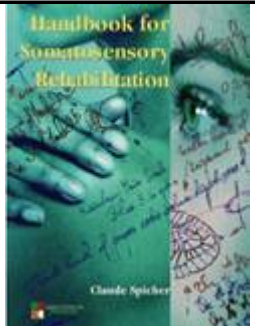


<p>Week for Somatosensory Rehabilitation 9th – 12nd of March, 2009 Au Parc Hotel, Fribourg, Switzerland, Europe.</p>		
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<p>Problem</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>When the patients that are placed in our care have been suffering too much for too long, when their facial expression remains a frozen grimace, how can the hope of a better tomorrow be rejuvenated: a future with less electrical discharges, with less burning sensations - simply put - with a decrease in their neuropathic pain.</i> - <i>Most patients suffering from chronic pain have cutaneous sense disorders. A decrease in the hypoaesthesia (for example the pressure perception threshold) will at the same time cause a decrease in their chronic neuropathic pain (for example the McGill Pain Questionnaire).</i> 	
<p>Overall Aim</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>To rehabilitate the disorders of the cutaneous sense on the basis of the neuroplasticity of the somesthetic system so as to lessen chronic neuropathic pain.</i> - <i>To avert the outbreak of painful complications by rehabilitating the cutaneous sense.</i> - <i>To build bridges between rehabilitation, medicine and the neurosciences (neuroplasticity).</i> 	
<p>Specific Objectives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>To evaluate disorders of the cutaneous sense: aesthesiography, static 2-point discrimination test, tingling signs and somaesthetic symptoms, pressure perception threshold, etc.</i> - <i>To evaluate painful complications with the St-Antoine pain questionnaire: mechanical allodynia, reflex sympathetic dystrophies, neuralgia, etc.</i> - <i>To implement planned rehabilitation procedures within the context of chronic pain complications.</i> - <i>To adapt the knowledge of mainstream neurology for use in rehabilitating neuropathic pain and vice versa</i> 	
<p>Guest speakers</p>	<p>Prof EM Rouiller (PhD): <i>Neuroplasticity</i> Dr G Kohut (MD): <i>Common clinical lesions of the peripheral nerves from the upper extremity</i> Prof A Golay (MD): <i>Patient education: How to motivate a patient?</i></p>	