

## Norwegian Professor wins Prince Philip Medal for Sports and Exercise Medicine

Professor Roald Bahr has been awarded the Prince Philip Medal for Sports and Exercise Medicine at a ceremony hosted by HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh at Buckingham Palace.



Professor Bahr was honoured by Prince Philip, an Honorary Fellow of The Institute of Sports and Exercise Medicine (ISEM), for his outstanding contribution to sports injury prevention. He was born in Narvik, Norway and is professor of sports medicine and chair of the Oslo Sports Trauma Research Centre and the Department of Sports Medicine at the University of Sport and Physical Education. He is also a member of the Sports Medicine Council of the Norwegian Olympic Committee and Secretary of the Medical Commission of the International Volleyball Federation and formally a national team volleyball player.



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HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh with Professor Bahr at Buckingham Palace after the ceremony

Professor Bahr also acts as a team physician for the national teams in beach volleyball and golf. Most recently he has achieved the distinction of election to the IOC Medical Commission.

The chairman of the ISEM, Professor David Patterson, gave a short presentation before the award ceremony which described the new role of the ISEM as the research arm of the newly formed Faculty of Sport and Exercise Medicine (UK). He also outlined the ISEM Vision for the development of research in SEM and he illustrated the challenges faced in turning this Vision into a reality.

The guests invited to the prestigious occasion included his wife and family as well as the Minister Counsellor at the Norwegian Embassy. Other guests included members of the ISEM Board, Professor Charles Galasko, President of the Faculty of Sport and Exercise Medicine, and Professor Mark Batt, President -elect of the Faculty, some of Team GB Olympic and Paralympic gold medallists from Beijing and leaders in the field of medicine, sport, performing arts, research, politics and industry.

More details about the ceremony are contained in Br J Sports Med 2008; 42: 994-5