



Dr Thomas Mohr

Winner of the Lars Sullivan Spinalis Prize 1996

During the Annual Scientific Meeting of IMSOP in Atlanta, Georgia, USA in August 1996 it was announced that Dr Thomas Mohr had won the Lars Sullivan Spinalis Prize and he was presented with this. The prize was given for his paper entitled 'Long term adaptation to electrically induced cycle training in severe spinal cord injured individuals'.

Dr Mohr was born on 21 June 1962 in Copenhagen and graduated from the Medical School at the University of Copenhagen in June 1989. During the following years he had internships in general surgery and internal medicine.

From 1981 and the following 10 years Thomas, in addition to his studies and his professional activities, was a member of the Danish national team in cross-country skiing. He was Danish champion several times and also 'Lowlanders champion'. He is a coach for the Danish National Team for Disabled Skiers. Since 1994 he has represented Scandinavia in the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) for cross-country skiing and from 1995 he has been chairman of the cross-country ski committee of the IPC.

Because of his combined interest in sport and medicine he has participated in scientific physiological studies including a training project at high altitudes.

As a result of these interest it is understandable that Thomas Mohr has carried out research in training with the functional electrical stimulation cycle on spinal cord injured individuals from 1992 until 1996; working in collaboration with a number of other groups at the University of Copenhagen and the Centre for Spinal Cord Injured at Copenhagen University Hospital. Thomas is a dynamic person engaged in research which covers a very broad spectrum: cardio-respiratory, endocrinological; bone mineral and, in particular, skeletal muscle topics. The interesting findings resulting from the investigations have led to Thomas Mohr being invited to speak at various international meetings in Europe, North America and Japan.

Dr Mohr defended his PhD thesis 'Long term adaptation to electrically introduced cycle training in spinal cord injured individuals' in August 1996.

Since September 1996 he has been involved in more clinical activities but will also continue to work on research related to spinal cord injured persons.

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