Dear ISPO Member,

Welcome to the June edition of the ISPO International eUpdate!

In parallel to the Reha+Tech Conference at the Leipzig Messe last month, ISPO held the Interim Meeting of the International Committee (IC) with a view to allowing ISPO members to attend both meetings. The IC meeting was attended by representatives from about 20 Member Societies and we continue to hope for even greater numbers each year. Member Societies are the core of our organization and the Executive Board strives to improve participation. The new constitution was ratified and the next election for the Executive Board already has the largest number of nominations.

A number of projects were presented and discussed at the IC meeting, including the idea of a new publication “ISPO Clinics”, thought to be an interactive and scientific publication with a more practical slant to Prosthetics & Orthotics. Led by the Publications Committee, this project will only come forward with the support of interested professionals and we call on colleagues from around the world willing to contribute to this project to write to us at ispo@ispoint.org.

ISPO is a growing community and becomes more and more active. We hope you are pleased with these developments and invite you to discover more in this edition!

Best Wishes,

Dirk Böcker
Chair, ISPO Publications Committee

Rajiv S. Hanspal
ISPO Secretary
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*ISPO thanks our partner Touch Bionics for supporting the development of this eUpdate*
ISPO welcomes New ISPO Member Society in Malaysia

Please welcome Malaysia as the newest ISPO Member Society to join our growing international collective. Our Malaysian colleagues are keen to build and grow the network of P&O and related professionals in Malaysia, and are interested in developing collaborations with other medical organizations in the country as well as abroad.

The first objectives of ISPO Malaysia are to organize a successful meeting later in 2012 and to obtain recognition of the P&O profession from the Malaysian government.

Congratulations to the newly formed ISPO Malaysia and all the best for a good start of the Society!

If you would like more information about ISPO Malaysia or to get involved, please contact the Member Society at edmundlee@myortho.com.my.

If your country or region does not yet have an ISPO Member Society and you are interested in forming one, please visit the ISPO website or contact the ISPO Head Office at ispo@ispoint.org.

ISPO Holds Successful Meetings in Leipzig

ISPO International leaders and representatives gathered in Leipzig from 14 to 17 May 2012 in the fringes of the Orthopädie + Reha-technik World Congress and International Trade Show to hold a series of meetings including a special meeting with industry representatives.

More than 20 Member Societies participated in the International Committee meeting that took place prior to the start of the Reha- Tech on 14 May. Local representatives attending this meeting could hear from ISPO International Executive Board and Committee Chairs an update on ISPO’s current projects including the revamp of the ISPO website, proposals for an updated membership structure, constitutional amendments, a revised election procedure, etc.

In addition to the Open Board, Executive Board and Committee meetings, ISPO International leaders held a successful meeting with representatives from the industry to include Becker, Endolite, Orthoeurope, Össur, Ottobock and Proteor and discussed possible collaborations.

ISPO International was prominently represented at the Reha- Tech World Congress and Trade Show with a promotional stand in the Congress center and a booth in the exhibition area at the “Forum International”.

This presence enabled promotion of ISPO international membership and contributed to presenting ISPO International key facets: educational activities – especially in the framework of the USAID grant, ISPO scientific journal POI and ISPO World Congress 2013.
ISPO Participates in EU Leonardo eLearning Project “TRAINORTHOT”**
The project entitled “Trans-national on-line course to provide specific, vocational training to professionals on the treatment of foot pathologies” is co-financed by the European Commission under its Lifelong Learning Programme LEONARDO DA VINCI.

Started in December 2011, the project aims to develop trans-national on-line courses on orthotic treatment of foot pathologies for professionals and students in the foot orthopaedic sector in different European countries.

This initiative aims to mitigate the differences between various European countries in relation to the foot orthopaedic sector, the educational programs, the categorization of the orthopedic professionals, their competences and skills. In addition, it has ambitions to provide professionals in the sector with the educational basis and training that will enable them to adapt to the evolving market and customer requirements.

TRAINORTHOT builds on the results obtained in a previous R&D project, INNOFOOT (Innovative Treatment of Foot Disorders COLL-CT-2006-030468). INNOFOOT generated training materials with a generic syllabus not specifically addressed to the particular professional profiles of different countries.

TRAINORTHOT will create and validate four courses adapted to Slovakian, Czech, Spanish and English professionals in the Foot Orthopaedic Sector and Vocational Training students to facilitate the access to the life-long learning. Researchers from the participating R&D centres will act as course tutors, bridging the gap between R&D’s and companies (especially SME’s), regarding emerging technologies and innovative materials.

ISPO is delighted to participate in this project by providing consulting and dissemination services.

For more information on this project and to follow developments, consult: [http://www.trainorthot.eu/](http://www.trainorthot.eu/)

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ISPO Inside

Bidding for ISPO World Congress 2017

As announced to ISPO Member Society representatives at the International Committee meeting in May 2012 in Leipzig (see above), ISPO is now launching the bid process to host the 16th ISPO World Congress.

The Bid Document that describes the bid procedure, guidelines and requirements in detail has been circulated to ISPO Member Societies.

ISPO Member Societies interested in hosting the 16th ISPO World Congress in their country or region are requested to submit a letter of intent by 29 June 2012 and to prepare their bid proposals by the deadline.
of 5 October 2012.

Bids are encouraged from Member Societies in regions where an ISPO World Congress has not yet taken place before.

It is important to note that starting with the 2015 Congress, the World Congress will be organized centrally by ISPO, in close collaboration with the host Member Society.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the ISPO Head Office at ispo@ispoint.org.

Call for Nominations for EB2013 - REMINDER
The ISPO Protocol Committee is kindly reminding ISPO Member Societies and members that they may propose further nominations for the 2013-2015 ISPO Executive Board, if they feel it is appropriate. The details of the election procedure as well as the list of already nominated candidates have been presented to the International Committee at its interim meeting in May 2012 in Leipzig.

Please see the ISPO website for more details, particularly the following:
- Roles and responsibilities of ISPO Executive Board members,
- Requested application documents,
- Overview of already nominated candidates,
- Election procedure and timeline.

The deadline to receive complete applications is 14 June 2012. Please do not hesitate to contact the ISPO Head Office at ispo@ispoint.org in case of any questions.

Promote Your Company to an International Audience
ISPO will hold its next World Congress on 4-7 February 2013 at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre in India where visitors from more than 80 countries are expected.

A number of key companies in the P&O and rehabilitation sectors have already confirmed their willingness to sponsor the ISPO World Congress including in particular the worldwide leader Ottobock who will be the congress diamond sponsor.

Interested? Contact: h.von_groote@leipziger-messe.de (for international queries) or ispo2013exhibition@kwconferences.com for Indian queries. We will be happy to support you in identifying the best sponsorship package for you (Packages range from Gold and Silver packages to social events or session sponsorships).

About the ISPO World Congress 2013
This landmark event will bring together the worldwide P&O community to share and showcase scientific and clinical advances, latest products, innovative technologies and newer designs and materials.

This Congress will be the first ISPO World Congress ever hosted in India - a region offering significant business opportunities and various touristic experiences. All these elements create exciting possibilities for interaction, networking and new cultural experiences.
The ISPO World Congress is aimed at orthotists, prosthetists, physiatrists, orthopaedic surgeons, physical and occupational therapists, rehab engineers and caregivers, clinical psychologists and social institutions.

It will allow participants to gain a deeper understanding of the latest advancements in products, facilities and assistance available in prosthetic and orthotic care.

Through this congress – and alongside its other activities, ISPO seeks to provide best rehabilitation options to persons with disabilities to assist them to regain functions and independence.

For more information about the Congress and to register online, please visit: [www.ispo2013.org](http://www.ispo2013.org)

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**Prosthetics and Orthotics International (POI)**

**Prosthetics and Orthotics International (POI): What the Editor is Reading**

POI Editor Sarah Curran recommends the following four articles from the latest POI edition – temporarily available for **free viewing to all** (including non ISPO members). Enjoy!

- Normal pressures and reliability of the Gaitview® system in healthy adults
- Selection of an above or below-ankle orthosis for individuals with neuropathic partial foot amputation: a pilot study
- Comparison of custom-moulded ankle orthosis with hinged joints and off-the-shelf ankle braces in preventing ankle sprain in lateral cutting movements
- Cross cultural equivalence testing of the Prosthetic Evaluation Questionnaire (PEQ) for an Arabic speaking population

**Meet the Editor Session in Leipzig**

On Thursday 17th May, 2012 at the Orthopädie + Reha-Technik World Congress, Leipzig, Germany, a ‘Meet the Editor Session’ was held, providing the opportunity for past, present and future authors of *POI* to ask questions to the Editorial Team. Various suggestions were made including a recommendation for further technical notes within the journal and for the introduction of an ‘educational note’ type article.

Should any members have educational topics they would like to explore for publication, they are advised to contact Sarah Curran, Editor-in-Chief: [Sarah.curran@ispoint.org](mailto:Sara.curran@ispoint.org).

We would also like to let you know that we will be holding an instructional course lecture on ‘How to Write an Article’ at the ISPO World Congress, Hyderabad, India in February 2013. Further details will following over the coming months.

**Subscribe to POI eTOC Alerts!**

Be the first to know about newly published *POI* issues and articles! Sign up for email alerts [here](#) for *POI* table of contents and ‘Online First’ articles.

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Prosthetics and Orthotics International publishes review articles, experimental and clinical research papers, case studies, technical notes, reports on prosthetics, orthotics and rehabilitation engineering
practice, and book reviews. Submit your latest article here.

ISPO Around The World

4th Continued Education Programme in India
ISPO Member Society in India (SPO India) has recently completed its 4th continued education program for the year 2011-2012 with a 3 day consultation workshop on integrating physical rehabilitation into community based rehabilitation.

The state consultation for the province of Chhattisgarh was initiated by SPO with the support of the Department of Social Welfare and the ICRC Delhi office. It is hoped that this consultation will result in new legislation recognizing the link between physical rehabilitation and community based rehabilitation – a development that all rehabilitation professionals in the country would warmly welcome.

This consultation is the first of its kind in the central province of India and it will hopefully prompt other provinces to undertake similar steps.

For more information about the Continued Education Program or other initiatives from SPO India, please contact: partner@mobility-india.org

Japanese Now Available for Prosthetics and Orthotics Online Definitions / Dictionary
The P&O Lexicon/Dictionary is an on-line tool for looking up definitions from over 1,000 clinical, technical and biomechanical terms.
Thanks to translation and editing work by the Japanese Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics (JSPO) and ISPO Japan, Japanese terms and definitions are now available.

According to Mitsuhiko Uchida, the General Secretary of ISPO Japan, "This online tool will be of great benefit to the prosthetic and orthotic community and students in Japan". In addition to recognizing the extensive work by the Japanese group, we would like to acknowledge the continued technical contributions from Fangwei Zeng.

Education

ISPO Short Course on the Orthotic Management of Stroke in Manila
The Philippine School of Prosthetics and Orthotics, PSPO (University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center, Inc. (UERMMMC)) hosted - with the support of the Nippon Foundation - an ISPO Short Course on the Orthotic Management of Stroke on 17- 19 April 2012.

This marked the first ISPO Short Course in the Philippines and included internationally renowned speakers: Mr. Roy Bowers (Prosthetist/Orthotist) and Ms. Elizabeth Condie (PT and former Vice-president of the World Confederation of Physical Therapy), both of the Strathclyde University, (UK), J.Hans Arendzen (MD PhD, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, Leiden University Medical Center (NL)) and Mark Smith (Consultant Physiotherapist - Stroke Rehabilitation (UK)), as well as local experts in the field of stroke, Rene Punzalan (MD, UERMMMC Faculty of Medicine) and Betty Mancao (MD, Board member of the Stroke Society of the Philippines).
This course offered a unique opportunity for collaboration within the multidisciplinary team and provided participants with a holistic view of stroke rehabilitation. Over 150 participants including Doctors, Therapists, Prosthetists/Orthotists, Nurses and Educators from the Philippines and across the region (Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Pakistan, Indonesia and Malaysia) participated in 2 days of lectures. A select group of local and regional educators participated in practical sessions where the ISPO team demonstrated techniques and participants had the opportunity to practice their own technique, applying the lessons with the help of an engaged group of local volunteers from the Stroke Support Group.

This course not only provided an excellent learning opportunity for clinicians that work with individuals affected by stroke but also raised awareness for the work of ISPO in improving rehabilitation services and prompting requests for similar courses in other areas of rehabilitation and engaging new members to ISPO.

UERMMMCI-PSPO would like to thank ISPO, the Nippon Foundation and the short course faculty for making this course a dynamic and interactive opportunity for all who participated, encouraging collaboration with the multidisciplinary team to improve the outcomes for persons who have been affected by stroke in the Philippines.

**Upcoming ISPO Short Course in Laos**

The upcoming ISPO Short Course will take place on 4-7 September 2012 in Vientiane, Laos where a Regional Conference on the Orthotic Management for Children with Cerebral Palsy will be organized by the Cooperative Orthotic and Prosthetic Enterprise (COPE).

The Short Course will be a part of a one-week Indochina Regional Conference on multi-disciplinary case management for children with cerebral palsy. COPE is focusing on developing the services for children with CP within the Lao Government physical rehabilitation services across the country in 2012. The regional conference is aimed to support this objective through bringing in new ideas and new treatment processes into Lao PDR from the region and internationally.

The course aims to strengthen the capacity of the multidisciplinary team members in the management of cerebral palsy and promote the management principles agreed by ISPO.

This short course will provide an opportunity to address the following:
- Identification and assessment of cerebral palsy
- Understanding the medical, therapeutic and orthotic management of children with cerebral palsy
- Assessment, gait analysis and prescription of orthotics (lower limb, upper limb and spinal)
- Therapeutic assessment and intervention (PT & OT) for the management of children with cerebral palsy
- Total management and prescription of lower limb orthotic devices for ambulant children
- Total management of the non-ambulatory child

For more information, please contact: cope.project.coordinator@gmail.com or cope.orthotist.mentor@gmail.com
Get Support from ISPO International to Organize an Educational Meeting in Your Country

As part of its educational activities, ISPO supports Member Societies willing to organize an educational meeting in their country by funding the travel of an international faculty to three to four Short Courses in developing countries each year.

Interested ISPO member societies, ISPO accredited schools/institutions and NGOs in official partnership with ISPO are invited to apply for ISPO Short Courses.

For more information on how to apply for ISPO support for organizing a Short Course, visit the ISPO website at www.ispoint.org/education/short-courses.html or contact us: ispo@ispoint.org.

ISPO grants continued Category II Recognition to P&O Training Program in Cambodia

The P&O Training Program delivered by the Cambodian School of Prosthetics and Orthotics (CSPO) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia has been granted a continued ISPO Category II recognition for three years until September 2014.

Following the re-evaluation of the training program in September 2011 and the subsequent revision of the re-evaluation report submitted by the ISPO evaluators, the ISPO Education Committee and Executive Board have in April approved the evaluators’ recommendations and affirmed the Category II status of the course.

For more information on CSPO, please visit the website at http://cspo.org.kh/.

We congratulate the stakeholders and graduates of the CSPO training program.

ISPO categories are part of the guidelines for training professionals in the field of prosthetics and orthotics put together by ISPO and the World Health Organization:

* Category I: prosthetist / orthotist
* Category II: orthopedic technologist, as well as modular courses (lower or upper limb prosthetics)

FOCUS

ISPO France

This edition’s “focus” section puts the spotlights on ISPO France, the country of which will host the ISPO World Congress 2015.

The French Society was created in 1994. ISPO-France provides an orthopedic scientific and technical crossroad, has initiated landmarks and developed a good practice code in Prosthetic and Orthotic care, Rehabilitation and related areas.

ISPO France is a scientific group gathering representatives from seven professions: Prosthetists and Orthotists, Prosthetic and Orthotic technicians, Orthopedic Surgeons, Rehabilitation Doctors, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Podo Orthotists, and Biomechanical/Rehabilitation Engineers.

In line with ISPO International’s mission, ISPO France
Follows an effective orthopedic multidisciplinary approach
Develops “Fraternal Relationships”, an aspect that has been instrumental in numerous successes of the Society
Works with Ministries (Health, Education) and National Unions to coordinate new education and training programs and to promote ISPO Cat I in collaboration with the schools.
Is recognized as a full continuing education organism and has been granted the « Health Professional status » by the French Health Ministry.
Organizes a Scientific National Congress every year since 1995 to foster debate, facilitate multicentric studies, and provide appropriate sources to the French Administration (French Agency of Health Security). The Congress provides a full Lectures book, a reference tool in the field and gathers roughly 1000 participants every year, 50 to 80 speakers, features a 2000 sqm exhibition attracting over 30 of the most famous companies in the field.
Communicates to its members through a monthly Newsletter and has developed a new Website (www.ispo-france.com)
Offers a special program to all students to get them involved in the Society and to help them attend ISPO France congresses.
Maintains close relationship with FATO (the African Federation of Orthopaedic Technicians) and supports its missions in Africa.
Issues publications: ISPO-France acts in concert with Le Journal de l’Orthopédie since its creation (1998) by Jean – Pierre LISSAC, in collaboration with French Unions. It is the major Scientific/Technical publication in our field. Free to ISPO-France Members, each edition includes a selected POI article translated in French. The print-run is over 4,000 copies.

The upcoming ISPO-France meeting will be held in October this year:
ISPO-France 17th National Scientific Congress
October 25th & 26th - 2012
Cité Internationale - Centre de Congrès de LYON, France
www.ispo-france.com
Scientific Committee: comite-scientifique@ispo-france.com
Organisation: PACKAGE ORGANISATION - laetitia.clavel@gl-events.com

**USAID**

Meet students benefiting from ISPO support through the USAID Grant.
The USAID Grant team has put together the second edition of the *P & O Scholar*, a twice yearly newsletter connecting prosthetics and orthotics students and graduates around the world attending ISPO recognised programs for student prosthetists/ orthotists (ISPO Category I) and orthopaedic technologists (ISPO Category II).

This issue includes various students profiles and stories including a focus on club foot.
Read the *P & O Scholar* now!

More information about the USAID Grant program is available here.
ISPO Member Societies in Asia invited to join ISPO Japan Meeting as part of APOSM2012

On the occasion of the Asia P&O Scientific Meeting in August 2012 in Kobe, Japan, ISPO Japan organizes a meeting on Friday 3rd August 2012 from 10 am until 12 pm at the Kobe Convention Center.

Proposed agendas items include:
1) Reviews of past Asian Scientific meeting
2) Next organizer for the 6th Asian P&O Scientific Meeting
3) Sharing Country Reports from National Member Society in the region

Representatives of ISPO Member Societies in Asia are invited to attend and are kindly asked to confirm their participation by sending the name/s of the attending persons to Mitsuhiko Uchida, General Secretariat of ISPO Japan at uchida@kmw.ac.jp by the end of the July 2012.

For more information about APOSM 2012, please check http://www2.convention.co.jp/aposm2012/ or contact: aposm2012@convention.co.jp

ISPO UK 40th Anniversary Annual Scientific Meeting

ISPO UK is pleased to be celebrating its 40th Anniversary on 27th-28th September 2012 in Sheffield, UK and invites all ISPO members to participate.

For the first time in its history, ISPO UK will be hosting a collaborative meeting with physiotherapy colleagues (the British Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Amputee Rehabilitation) and prosthetic and orthotic colleagues (the British Association of Prosthetists and Orthotists). This will provide all with an exciting opportunity to enjoy some truly multidisciplinary networking and discussion about current practice and developments in the field.

In addition, for the first time ever, ISPO UK is creating the opportunity for ISPO members worldwide to submit papers for the prestigious George Murdoch Prize Medal 2012.

This esteemed award is presented by the ISPO UK Member Society, every three years, in honour of the late Professor George Murdoch, founding member and former President of the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics. The 2012 award will be presented at the UK Member Society’s 40th anniversary meeting. Members of all relevant professional disciplines in the fields of amputation surgery, prosthetics, orthotics and bioengineering are encouraged and invited to submit papers based on major research or original work. The prize will be awarded to the researcher/author who demonstrates commitment and a real understanding of the patient’s perspective; the need for assessment; the programme of rehabilitation and the measurement of outcome.


ISPO UK would also like to invite ISPO colleagues to submit abstracts for free paper sessions and posters presentation. The deadline date for receipt of all abstract submissions is 30th June 2012. Celebrations will include a pre-meeting golf championship and a Ruby Themed gala dinner and dance. The preliminary programme has been put together but is still under development. The programme will include a session on pain management; a review of paralympic athletes and meeting their prosthetic and rehabilitation
needs; prosthetics in the developing world; the Multidisciplinary Guidelines for Amputee Rehabilitation developed by our colleagues in the Netherlands; the effect of roll over shapes on prosthetic foot and orthotic design and a multidisciplinary session on Microprocessor Controlled Knees.

For more information about ISPO UK 40th Anniversary Annual Scientific Meeting, do not hesitate to contact the ISPO UK MS Secretariat Office at info@ispo.org.uk.

SAOPA Congress 2012 – La Montagne Resort & Spa – Ballito
The upcoming SAOPA Congress 2012 will take place on 5 - 8 September at the wonderful La Montagne Resort in Ballito, on the KZN North Coast, close to the Ushaka Durban Airport. The number of delegates will be limited to 150.

The Congress theme is entitled “Innovative O&P for Africa” and will feature two days and a half of fascinating lectures and discussions as well as a tradeshow and social programme.

To register, fill in the registration form.

Check more P&O Events on the ISPO Congress Calendar on www.ispoint.org
Please do not hesitate to submit information about events, societies or other activities which you think may be relevant to the worldwide P&O community and we will consider publishing them in our events section.