1. List of Executive Committee members
(incl. name, function, profession, place of work, length of service, end of term)

Konstantin Shcherbina – chairman, orthopedist-prosthetist at Albrecht Center of Examination, Prosthetics, and Rehabilitation of Disabled, St Petersburg, since
Tatiana Chernova – project manager, All-Russian Prosthetists-Orthopedists Guild
Natalia Lyapunova – membership coordinator and development manager, All-Russian Prosthetists-Orthopedists Guild

2. Number of Members and break down by profession (if available)
25 (30% prosthetists-orthotists, 30% surgeons, 30% lecturers or other)

3. Dates of committee meetings (May 2010 – February 2013)
15 September, 2011
15 October, 2012

4. List of conferences/scientific meetings/seminars/etc. 2010-2013
(event, dates, place, topics, numbers attending)

“People & Health” (prosthetics, orthopedics, traumatology, rehabilitation)
15th Jubilee Russian National Congress including the Russian-Spanish conference on diabetic foot (with participation of FEDOP, Spain)
Saint Petersburg, October 27-29, 2010
1650 accredited delegates.
Short ISPO Training Course "The Team Management of Cerebral Palsy" (Saint Petersburg, October 28-29, 2010, included in the above event). About 100 delegates from all over Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and Germany.

“People & Health” (prosthetics, orthopedics, traumatology, rehabilitation)
16th Russian National Congress
Saint Petersburg, October 25-28, 2011
1685 accredited delegates.
International Scientific-Practical Course with participation of ISPO speakers "Injuries and diseases of vertebral column: evaluation, treatment, and rehabilitation” (Saint Petersburg, October 28, 2011, included in the above event). About 100 delegates from Russia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, and Belarus.

IX Congress of Russian Arthroscopic Society (arthroscopic surgery of articulations)
Moscow, November 18-19, 2011
About 600 accredited delegates.

Online vertebral surgery for the Russian orthopedic surgeons at Rehab Center ORTON
A visit to prosthetic company RESPECTA
Helsinki, Finland, October 23-24, 2011

17th SICOT Trainees Meeting (total joint replacement, spinal surgery, arthroscopy, reconstructive surgery)
 Moscow, May 14-16, 2012
About 500 accredited delegates.

“People & Health” (prosthetics, orthopedics, traumatology, rehabilitation)
17th Russian National Congress
Saint Petersburg, October 24-27, 2012
1600 accredited delegates.
Short ISPO Training Course “Amputation surgery, prosthetics, and rehabilitation” (Saint Petersburg, October 26-27, 2012, included in the above event).
About 70 delegates from Russia, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

5. Developments in the prosthetic/orthotic service in your country
Development of prosthetic-orthopedic industry in Russia in relation to the manufacture of individual articles is generally extensive and in overwhelming majority of cases is concentrated at large federal of prosthetic-orthopedic enterprises, which are located in every federal subject. A proportion of services rendered by private orthopedic enterprises and firms is unfortunately very small. Powerful bureaucratic barriers and corruption, which against the declarations authorities, do not ease, but even grow, are the main constraint for progress. The absence of clear and transparent normative and legislative base is another obstacle for development.

6. Update of prosthetic/orthotic and related professional education in your country
At the state prosthetic-orthopedic enterprises advanced technologies in prosthetics and orthotics are implemented extremely slowly and unfortunately selectively or irregularly. Education and creation of advanced training system is undoubtedly a task number one for the Russian prosthetic-orthopedic industry. This work has no ideological or concrete support from the state; it is accomplished by different institutions and organizations fragmentarily and with a narrow-corporate concern. Creation of an education system subject to today knowledge and European experience, first of all, German and British, is urgent.

7. International links such as twinning and collaborative meetings
ISPO Russia has been organizing the visits of the Russian P&O experts to the major orthopedic European forums, i. e. Budapest, Dusseldorf, Madrid, and Leipzig. Russian delegations visited Orthopaedie + Reha-Technik in 2010 and 2012, the Spanish trade show Ortho Medical Care in Madrid in 2012 and is going to visit Duesseldorf rehab exhibition in 2013 and the 13th World ISPO congress and exhibition in India.

The leading world orthopedists (for example, Jacque Cheneau, Klaus Dittmer) delivered lectures at the Russian National Congress “People & Health” and trained the Russian expwrets at Albrecht Center of Prosthetics and Rehabilitation in Saint Petersburg. International courses were held in Russia under the aegis of SICOT and ISPO. Two official ISPO Short Training Courses took part in Russia in 2010 and 2012: “The Team Management of Cerebral Palsy” and “Amputation surgery, prosthetics, and rehabilitation”.

A Russian-Spanish scientific-practical conference on evaluation and treatment of diabetic foot syndrome took place in Saint Petersburg at the 16th Russian National Congress “People & Health” in 2011.

An international Scientific-Practical Course with participation of ISPO speakers team from the Netherlands and Belgium ”Injuries and diseases of vertebral column: evaluation, treatment, and rehabilitation” was held in Saint Petersburg in 2011.

8. Any additional information you wish to share with other Member Societies
ISPO Russia will be glad to contact with all national member societies in relation of organizing any international courses or conferences in the field. We are ready to prepare an appropriate venue in Russia for holding a scientific or practical meeting and also coordinate its program and schedule. We can organize the visits of our foreign guests to the leading Russian orthopedic centers.
Above that, we suggest our foreign colleagues the services of accommodation, visa support, meals, cultural program etc.
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