

Congress Report



Thank you for participating the 11th World Congress of ISPO. I believe you all had a very fruitful Congress and a very memorable stay in Hong Kong. With your support, the Congress is very successful, participation is great and presentations hit a record high. May I take this opportunity to conclude the Congress in the following report.

Our theme “Innovations for Quality Living” aimed to bring ideas and experience in all aspects together to stimulate and to introduce new thoughts to the field. Under our main theme there were 5 sub-themes each day except on the the opening day, 1 August, the opening day. Each day we have had a world-renowned keynote speaker to deliver a talk on the subject. The sub-themes were:

- 2 August 2004 - Clinical Dimension of Innovation
- 3 August 2004 - Technical Dimension of Innovation
- 4 August 2004 - Personal Dimension of Innovation
- 5 August 2004 - Professional Dimension of Innovation
- 6 August 2004 - Societal Dimension of Innovation

Highlights

For the first time in ISPO World Congresses, we put arts in the Exhibition. The Centre for International Rehabilitation hosted one booth displaying sculptures innovated from prosthetics and orthotics rehabilitation. Another booth hosted by the Hong Kong Arts for the Disabled Association displaying paintings painted by a painter suffering from cerebral palsy.

On the afternoon of 4 August, we held a Community Day to promote how prosthetic and orthotic rehabilitation can improve quality living. We open up our Exhibition and delivered health talks to the local public. They can have direct communication not only to rehabilitation professionals but developers and manufacturers of prosthetic, orthotic and rehabilitation devices. Again, for the first time, we had an Amputee Standing Ice Hockey Demonstration held in an ice rink as a satellite programme for the Community Day to show how people with

disabilities striving for their own quality of life. The demonstration was very exciting and both programmes were very well attended.

Scientific programmes

Throughout the whole Congress we have in our Scientific Programme:

544 presentations printed in a 452 pages Conference Proceedings

6 Plenary sessions

249 presentations in 50 Free Paper sessions

85 posters in 3 Poster Sessions

72 instructors in 30 Instructional Courses

115 speakers in 41 Symposia

17 Technical Workshops

On the 4 August afternoon, 165 delegates participated in the 4 routes of technical visits. In the same afternoon, Community Day programmes were held. We had over 200 local public participated in the Health Talks and Exhibition in the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre and 300 in the Ice hockey Demonstration.

Exhibition

There were 3900 square meters with 181 booths in the Exhibition:

130 commercial booths with 57 exhibitors from 14 different Countries

28 non-commercial booths

25 institutions in 23 courtesy booths including the 2 booths for the arts display

Daily attendance is more than 800

Social Programmes

Social programmes were lively and attractive with excellent participation.

1 August

- Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception (1,500 participants)

2 August

- Jockey Club Reception (800 participants)

5 August

- Congress Dinner (516 participants)
6 August
- Closing Ceremony and farewell lunch (550 participants)

Post-Congress Event

54 delegates joined the Beijing trip after the Congress. The tour included sight seeing of popular historical and modern places of the capital, delicious Chinese cuisines and visits of prosthetic and orthotic rehabilitation points and related institutions.

Sponsorship and Scholarships

Sponsors

We have to thank all our sponsors especially, our Diamond sponsor – OTTO BOCK Healthcare and our Gold sponsor - Össur, without them, the Congress would not be that successful.

Scholarships

We have received over 80 applications for sponsorships were received. Thanks to the Croucher Foundation in Hong Kong, ISPO National Member Societies sponsored 48 delegates to the Congress.

Participation statistics

We have 1815 delegates coming from 65 Countries plus 500 local participants in the Community Day

Full registration 880
Day registration 106
Accompanying person 149
Exhibitor 365
Exhibition pass 315

Community Day participants 200
Amputee Standing Ice Hockey 300

Award winners

Knud Jansen Lecture
- Seishi SAWAMURA
Japan

Brian Blatchford Prize
- Alain Garachon
International Centre for Red Cross ICRC

Forchheimer Prize
- Jan-Willem Meijer
The Netherlands

The Centre for International Rehabilitation Centre, the Yeongchi Wu
International Educational Award
- Ritu Ghosh
India

World Congress best paper prizes

- CLINICAL
"Plantar Pressure Pain Thresholds in Rheumatoid Arthritis"
Margaret HODGE, Denise NATHAN, Timothy BACH,
Australia

- TECHNICAL -1
"Development of Knee Brace with Posterior Drawing System for
Anterior
Cruciate Ligament"
Takatoshi UMENO, Hidehiko HIGAKI, Yoshitaka NAKANISHI,
Kosaku KURATA
Japan

- TECHNICAL - 2
"Effects of Prosthetic Foot Roll-over Shape Arc Length on Gait on
Trans-tibial Prosthesis Users"
Andrew HANSEN, Margrit MEIER, Sophie LAMBLA, Pinata H.
SESSOM, Dudley S. CHILDRESS
USA

- PERSONAL - USER ISSUES

"Using the Theory of Planned Behaviour to Develop an Assessment of Attitudes and Beliefs Towards Prosthetic Use in Amputees"

Brian CALLAGHAN, M JOHNSTON, M. Elizabeth CONDIE
UK

- PROFESSIONAL

"Examinations of Deep Learning in Prosthetics and Orthotics"

Sara KALLIN
Sweden

Last but not the least, my sincere thanks to all our Organizing Committee and Sub-Committee members, our Honorary Overseas and Hong Kong advisors, legal advisor and the collaborating organizations for their heartily contributions to the Congress.

Once again, I would like to thank you all for your participation and support to the Congress. I am sure you will visit Hong Kong again. Looking forward to your support in the ISPO activities to come. We hope what you get from the Congress benefits all those in need and looking forward to see you all in the 12th World Congress in Vancouver.

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Secretary General