



**International Society for
Prosthetics and Orthotics**

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ISPO Belgium Diane de Winter, Dries Glorieux

Describe ISPO in Belgium:

ISPO Belgium is quite small but healthy. We always have (board) members with links to universities and professional education. The segregation between the French and Dutch speaking part makes that we cannot grow much more. ISPO Belgium is merely Dutch speaking. The French part tend more to France for their congresses.

How visible is ISPO Belgium?

When we have congresses they are often in academic places. We have always aimed at students. In congresses sometimes 50% of the audience is student.

How do you see ISPO international and what can we do to improve?

- Keep asking: Why should I be proud being ISPO Member? There must always be a visible added value being an ISPO member. We think that added value is getting lesser.
 - Besides the theoretical courses, even in the western societies we could appreciate more hands on courses for all kinds of professions.
- The online webinars are highly appreciated but for many too difficult, the same applies to the content of JPO.
 - Make simplified versions, not every ISPO member is scientist or doctor.
 - Share abstracts with members, but avoid too scientific language. Nowadays . you can ChatGPT ask to abbreviate and simplify. (if only someone checks and edits the content)
 - If possible: tell the craftsman in plain language what this conclusions mean for his daily practice.
- Logging in at the website is difficult. First you have to remember your membership number, After the third attempt to fill in your number and code you give up. Could it be possible to have a swifter reaction to problems with logging in and paying the membership fees, because that appears to be difficult each year.

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