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Prosthetics and Orthotics**
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Describe ISPO in North Macedonia:

ISPO North Macedonia has about 55 members in various professions. North Macedonia is still recovering from communism and a war. It is not a developing country, more a surviving country.

The same applies for the NMS and the P&O. There are 2 prosthetists in the whole country with a proper education, there are 5 P&O centers without licensed prosthetists led by doctors. A license in P&O is not mandatory. There is much corruption. It is hard for a small NMS like North Macedonia to be taken seriously by WHO, Drug Agency and the government.

How visible is ISPO North Macedonia?

We tried to run congresses. We tried to attract to orthopedic surgeons, physiatrist, physiotherapists, but they just come once. Essentially we do not have the content, nor the organizers, nor the audience.

How do you see ISPO international?

As a big, worldwide and possible powerful organization with friends in high places, that can change the way North Macedonia looks at P&O.

How can ISPO International help you?

- Could ISPO International have the power to convince the government, drug agencies and WHO that North Macedonia is a country in need for better P&O care and standards.
- Can ISPO help leveling up the knowledge and skills of the P&O sector?
- Could it be a helpful thought that ISPO helps in organizing regional scientific congresses, or even a Regional Membership Society with for instance Kosovo and Albania?

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