

US ISPO HIGHLIGHTS

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Rehabilitation Conference Provided Assembly of International Faculty

"Reaching Beyond Our Borders" Sets Direction for International Participation

The USISPO conference in Orlando Florida brought together a unique distinguished group of rehabilitation specialists who brought insight and direction for those involved in international outreach and those who wanted to learn more about outreach activities.

This first-ever conference assembled faculty from eight countries and inspired a high level of excitement among attendees

(See report submitted by J Steen Jensen). ■ ■



Participants listen to panel discussion at the opening of the conference. (l. to r. John Fisk, Hugh Watts, Rosie Jovane, John Craig and Miguel Gomez)

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Revised Bylaws Approved

The US ISPO bylaws were formally approved at the March 17 membership meeting which took place at the Coronado Springs in Orlando, Florida. Over the past several months the Board has worked to update language that had not been reviewed for many years. The changes to the bylaws include language that has been updated to reflect current technology

and obsolete wording rather than changes to substance and content. Changes to the terms of office for Board members and officers were made for the purpose of consistency between terms.

Members of USISPO who wish to have an updated copy of the current bylaws should contact the US ISPO office and they will be sent electronically upon request. ■ ■

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US ISPO Chair's Corner

Do you ISPO?

During my early days as a prosthetic student at UCLA's Long-term Certificate Program in Prosthetics we were introduced to the organizations within the O & P profession. The alphabet soup was a little thinner then as it consisted primarily of ABC, the Academy (AAOP) & AOPA within the United States, and International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics (ISPO) internationally. I recall thinking it odd to have multiple organizations within the U.S. but only one for the world. As the U.S. organizations have multiplied to the chagrin and often confusion of many, ISPO stands alone atop the world for Prosthetic & Orthotic rehabilitation and education.

ISPO is THE global organization whose purpose and function is "the promotion of quality care and education of professionals for the benefit of consumers." As such it consists not only of prosthetists, orthotists and technicians but of all persons involved with P&O care including surgeons, physiatrists, podiatrists, physical therapists occupational therapists, rehabilitation engineers and others. It is truly an interdisciplinary organization.

Founded in Copenhagen, Denmark in 1970, ISPO is made up of over 2800 members across 84 countries. Any country that has at least five members willing to promote the level of P&O care can petition to ISPO to establish a National Member Society within that country. There are currently 35 National Member Societies in ISPO each one with varying activities all related to ISPO's purpose and function.



Robert Kistenberg, CP, FAAOP

I have been honored to serve on the Board of Directors for the US National Member Society (US ISPO) for the last three years and could not be more energized about my current position as chair. Dr. John Fisk, the past chair (and current Vice President of ISPO) has left a legacy of progress and momentum for US ISPO which culminated in the recent "Reaching Beyond Our Borders" (RBOB '05) International Conference on Disabilities and Outreach in January 2005.

RBOB '05 was a convergence of those interested in becoming involved with international outreach activities and all of the major organizations performing outreach activities around the world including ISPO, US-AID, Rotary International, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the World Rehab Fund, Health Volunteers Overseas, Physicians for Peace, the Prosthetic Outreach Foundation and many more. The evaluations from the meeting were unanimous about the quality of the meeting and success in achieving its goals.

Over the last few years, US-ISPO has experienced attenuation in our membership base as we primarily focused our attention on activities in Central America and the world while errantly taking our members for granted. Recognizing that we had been overlooking our own, Dr. Fisk initiated the ideas that culminated in the RBOB '05 Conference.

This splendid event was followed by our Annual Member Meeting conducted in conjunction with recent AAOP/ACPOC meeting in Orlando. Over 50 members attended and provided lively insights, discussions and directions for US-ISPO over the next few years. Look forward to more collaborative events from US-ISPO all of which will crescendo into the **ISPO 12th World Congress in Vancouver, Canada** in August 2007. You *do not* want to miss this one!

If you have ever been a member of ISPO and felt that the organization was just not providing you sufficient return for your membership dollars, please reconsider that position. Please renew. You won't regret it. If you have never been a member of ISPO, now is the most exciting time in our history. Please join us and catch the excitement.

If you have any questions about US ISPO (www.usispo.org), ISPO (www.ispo.ws) or international P&O services in general, check out the websites. Or please do not hesitate to contact me by email robcp@oandp.com.

Do you ISPO now?



Rob Kistenberg, CP, FAAOP
Chairman
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FISPO Terry Supan Recognized During March Membership Meeting

Terry Supan, CPO, FAAOP, FISPO, is a Clinical Associate with Orthotic & Prosthetic Associates of Central Illinois and a Clinical Professor at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. He is a licensed and board certified orthotist and prosthetist specializing in upper limb amputations, cerebral palsy, scoliosis, polio, stroke and other rehabilitation for persons with physical disabilities. He is an internationally known speaker in those areas as well as biomechanics/gait analysis; prosthetic/orthotic education; state O&P practice acts; and government regulations.

On February 26th, 2004 Mr. Supan received the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists' 2004 Distinguish Practitioner of the Year Award. Mr. Supan is a former president of both the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists, and the Midwest Chapter

– AAOP, and he is a Chair Emeritus of the US National Member Society of the International Society of Prosthetics and Orthotics. On June 5th, 2004 the Midwest Chapter presented Mr. Supan with the Loren Jeuet Award recognizing his “selfless dedication to furthering the mission of the Midwest Chapter”.

Mr. Supan is a Fellow of both the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists and the International Society of Prosthetics and Orthotics. He has previously served on the American Board for Certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics, the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education, and the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. Currently Mr. Supan is a member of the Illinois Orthotic, Prosthetic and Pedorthic Licensure Board. ■ ■



Reaching Beyond Our Borders Orlando, USA — 2005

A Report from J. Steen Jensen, ISPO

This was an USISPO innovation with the purpose of interesting members for global activities and initiating a membership drive by “what can I do to help”. Approximately 65 participants, equivalent to ¼ of USNMS, was not a disappointing number considering the limited hotel capacity available after 100,000 builders had invaded Orlando for a yearly conference.

The meeting was well composed, well organised and attended by a lively audience; many of whom had scarce experience from typically less than full week contribution at the time in Latin America.

Attending from ISPO International were John Fisk, Dan Blocka, Heinz Trebbin and from ISPO/LWVF Horvath and Jensen.

The first segment was devoted to presentation of ISPO education philosophy (Blocka) and ISPOInt-USAID collaboration (Horvath) supplemented with a lively discussion of medical mission do’s and don’ts (Hugh Watts), outlining that the developing world is in need of qualified assistance and adequate hardware, not scrap from industrial world throw-away heaps – a view augmented in a number of presentations, for example by Priebe, who talked about recycling and give-away of wheel-chairs with catastrophic low impact on rehabilita-

tion because of inappropriate design for field use and low durability together with detrimental impact on local fabrication of appropriate chairs at a cost.

Cultural aspects and sensitivities (Rosie Jovane) were discussed at length as diversified as it is, but for natural reasons no conclusion could be reached. Miguel Gomez talked about needs and financial constraints and the possibilities of augmenting the P/O service in his country, Colombia, by locally educating Cat-III workers in collaboration with UDB to assist the Cat-II graduates from UDB.

On behalf of J Norgrove Penny a nation-wide project from Uganda was presented in respect of early detection and manipulative treatment of club-foot according to the Ponseti method with roots in a well established CBR-system. An essential cornerstone for success is free distribution of a Ponseti Manual.

Providing access to reliable information to health care workers in DW is assumed to be among the most cost-effective strategies and examples shown by *global-HELP.org*. From their web site relevant publication can be down-loaded and copied for free. In the same field of programs for general use Bob Gailey, P.T., gave an enthusiastic presentation of early training and intervention programs for young combat amputees, including interesting and instructive video clips with training modules by simple means (elastic bands, balls, plastic cups).

The land-mine issues and concerns were presented on behalf of Mel Still with illustrations of mines and their lesions together with the global magnitude of the problem and the limited effect of the Toronto treaty.

Jensen presented the experiences with clinical field testing of prosthetic feet with the purpose of demonstrating that research is possible with



An intent group listens to one of the “Reaching Beyond Our Borders” sessions.

componentry in the DW and that it should be done prior to opening up for more extensive or general use. It was underlined that rubber feet do well, put feet of PU foam does not perform to acceptance.

Some of the major NGO's were invited to present their programs.

CIR presented their new componentry in the form of the sand casting system, a new alignment jig, and a wheel chair (Casanova). Childress demonstrated the Shape&Roll foot, now ready for clinical field testing.

ICRC (Guy Nury) gave an overview of their operations worldwide in historical perspectives and up to date including the SFD and the recent opening of a new project in Nicaragua.

Don Short (builder and businessman) told about his global coordination and initiation of HDPE-Jaipur limb projects on behalf of the Rotary Jaipur Limb Project based on limb camps with not less than 500 amputees. With no background in medical or paramedical sciences he is a strong believer in doing good based on the gigantic number of prostheses provided. He undoubtedly learned from the two days spent with us, in particular about the issues of craftsmanship and education.

Winfried Danke presented Prosthetics Outreach Foundation (POF) in a very exiting fashion with good understanding of the problems in the DW. A major conversion of politics and leadership has meant that POF has become transparent and collaborative. Their working field today is outreach programs in prosthetics, still AFMA, and now also supply of the EB-1 foot, together with external knee and ankle joints out of their Vietnam operation. Further local capacity building by orthopaedic outreach in collaboration with the American Foot and Ankle Society to

Vietnam, Ethiopia and Bangladesh; the latter also with attendance of Indian orthopods. The philosophy is to upgrade local surgeons through surgical interventions in tandem and arrangement of symposia.

WRF was represented by Anthony Staros, who talked about small-business, job and enterprise development, and microloan availability. Although being important issues in the reintegration to society WRF seems to-day as being on the periphery of ISPO's sphere of interest.

HVO/OO was represented by David Spiegel, who is a mid-age orthopod just having returned from 6 months at a children's hospital in Nepal, where he has treated children and contributed to the training of local care givers. He showed interest in the concept of clinical officers, which his colleague, Penny, had utilised in sub-Saharan Africa, and will likely be willing to explore further in this matter through OO/HOV.

Eventually smaller aid projects from South America in particular surfaced based on spear-heading of 1-2 weeks duration, but with ongoing follow-up. Worthwhile mentioning are projects in Turkey and Dominican Republic run by an organization called



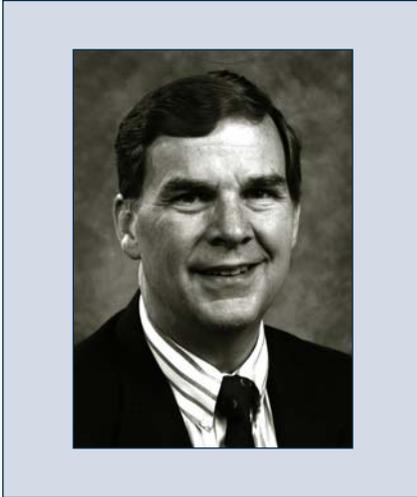
David Spiegel, M.D.

Physicians for Peace, and another project in Belize under the leadership of the new Chair of USISPO, Rob Kistenberg.

My participation was, I believe, useful, as I was able to contribute with information about USAID and ISPO. and gained useful information about individuals and organisations of interest to the ISPO-LWVF work. ■■

Anthony Staros (l.) and Steen Jensen (center) listen to David Lawrence, P.T. (rt)





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Chairman Emeritus, US ISPO*

As our professional lives progress there is a time when we are happy to turn the reigns over to someone else. Such was the case for me this spring when I stepped down from being the Chair of the Board of the US member society of the ISPO. It is time for others to take charge as Rob Kistenberg, CPO is so able to do. The International Society for Prosthesis and Orthotics, however, remains my passion for the future. Let me report on some of the things that ISPO is involved in and how you, a rehabilitation professional, can share in and contribute to these activities.

Founded in 1970 the ISPO now has approximately 2800 members worldwide. They come from 85 different countries and where there are more than 5 members in one country a National Member Society may form. There are 38 National Member Societies. This is the case in 38 countries. The membership consists of 40% prosthetists/orthotists, 25% physicians and surgeons, 15% therapists, and 10% engineers, as well as all of the allied health personnel

Message From ISPO International

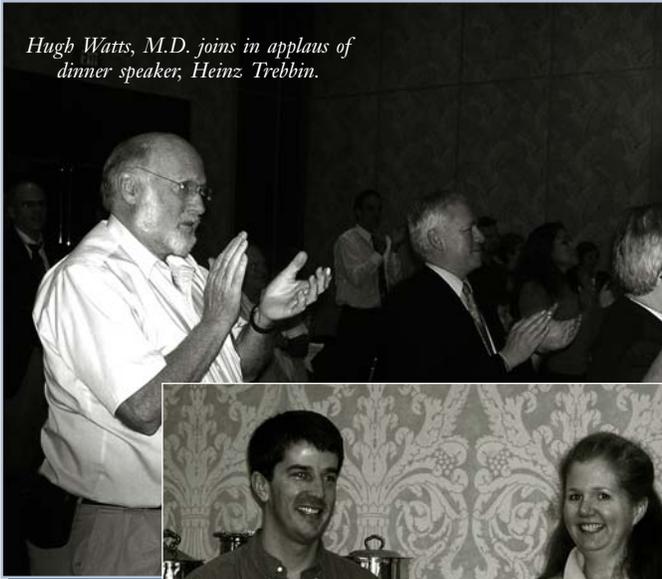
working with individuals having physical disabilities. ISPO's purpose is to be an international impartial organization facilitating education, research and a forum for scientific exchange for its members. To this purpose it conducts a triennial World Congress which is frequently referred to as the best scientific exchange for all those disciplines working in the rehabilitation field.

ISPO is involved in many activities on an ongoing basis. Consensus Conferences are held periodically to address rehabilitation issues and develop position papers on best practices. Topics addressed have included Appropriate Technologies, Lower Extremity Amputation Surgery, Orthotic Management of Cerebral Palsy, Polio Management and Stroke Management. Instructional courses have been developed from these best practice recommendations and are presented periodically throughout the world. Consensus statements are available through the ISPO website (www.ISPO.ws)

Together with the support of the World Health Organization ISPO has developed criteria and standardized curriculum for certification of prosthetic and orthotic students and schools that exist in non-industrialized countries. There are 22 such schools and 7 have been certified by ISPO. More can be learned about each of these via the ISPO website.

Most of the Prosthetic/Orthotic services and Community Based Rehabilitation in the nonindustrialized world are supported by a large number of Non-Government Organizations. The NGO's which are involved with the caring for individuals having physical disabilities have a liaison with ISPO and can be identified on the ISPO website.

The most frequent question I am asked is "How can I get involved?" ISPO and its US member society serve as a great conduit for addressing that issue. Almost any certified practitioner or health care professional can make a significant contribution in the non-industrialized world by doing what he or she knows best, plying their skills. Many of the NGO's have a strong need for volunteers and all of the schools would love to have short term or long term faculty. Health volunteers over seas (www.hvousa.org) publishes a directory of locations looking for health care professionals. The ISPO website lists many of the Prosthetic and Orthotic schools in non-industrialized countries and many NGO's. Contacting them is the easiest way to begin a relationship which could lead to a life time of opportunities for service and involvement in under served areas. Joining ISPO is the best way to keep in touch with what is happening in the International arena of Orthopaedic Disabilities. ■ ■



Hugh Watts, M.D. joins in applause of dinner speaker, Heinz Trebbin.



Al Ingersoll (Healing Hands of Haiti) and Board Member, Karen Andrews, M.D.



l. to r. Mary Novotny, R.N., Michael Priebe, M.D., and Paul Prusakowski, C.P.O.



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US ISPO Member List

Included in this mailing you will find a list with the names of current US ISPO members.

We hope that you will please review the list and see if the names of your colleagues in rehabilitation are included. If not, please encourage them to become members today. We have learned that there are many practitioners and health professionals

who would like to get involved and didn't know about ISPO. We need to spread the word and share the message that there is an organization ... *your* organization, for individuals who want to learn more about international activities.

Membership forms are available online or have them e-mail the US ISPO office at: dfarabi@columbus.rr.com

US ISPO Statement of Purpose

US ISPO seeks to promote and facilitate the care of people with physical disabilities in under-served regions of the world (including our own country). US ISPO endorses the comprehensive team approach, balancing efforts of a variety of disciplines.

To achieve this goal, US ISPO will hold educational conferences, sponsor scholarships and act as a resource for information, materials and expertise.

We wish to lead our professions, through our programs and by example, to a world view that helps to disseminate knowledge and patient care to areas in need throughout the world.

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