

US ISPO HIGHLIGHTS

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Rehabilitation Conference to Assemble International Faculty

“Reaching Beyond Our Borders” to Provide Direction for International Participation

The most frequent question I am asked by colleagues is “How can I get involved?”, states US ISPO Chair, John Fisk. The US ISPO’s *Reaching Beyond Our Borders* conference in January has been designed to answer that question. The conference will bring together notable professionals from many different aspects of international rehabilitation activities.

The faculty consists of representatives of many of the organizations

who are actively involved in international rehabilitation services from surgery to prosthetic and orthotic fitting and then to social integration of people with disabilities. They will discuss their activities and share ideas and resources to help others get involved.

A Q&A panel will be part of each section in order to provide opportunity for participant interaction and input. ■■

Supan Elected ISPO Fellow



Terry Supan, CPO, FAAOP, FISPO

Terry Supan, CPO, (Orthotic & Prosthetic Associates of Central Illinois; Springfield, IL) was elected as ISPO Fellow during the recent ISPO Board meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark.

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Board Member Election Results

US ISPO elected three new Board members during the recent elections: John Miguez, CP. Alberto Esquenazi, MD and Ted Trower, CPO. John Miguez is with Advanced Arm Dynamics (Rolling Hills, CA). Ted Trower owns and operates a private practice, A-S-C Orthotics and Prosthetics in Jackson MI. Dr. Esquenazi chairs the Department of PM&R and is Chief Medical Officer for the Moss Rehabilitation & Albert Einstein Medical; Philadelphia, PA.

Re-elected were Board members, Mary Clark, MD and Chairman, John

Fisk, MD. John Hattingh, CPO, has been appointed to serve the unexpired Board term of Joseph Czerniecki, MD, who resigned due to professional commitments. US ISPO elections are held every two years and the Board terms are for four years.

All have expressed their excitement and eagerness to serve on the US ISPO Board in its activities to support the mission of promoting and facilitating the care of people with physical disabilities in under-served regions of the world. ■■



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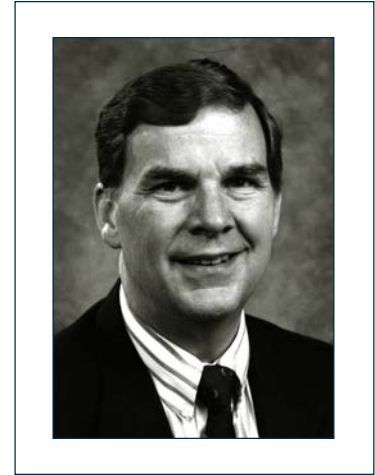
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US ISPO Chair's Corner

This has been a busy year for ISPO activities. I believe that all of you who were able to attend the Triennial Congress in Hong Kong found it to be a very valuable and educational experience. ISPO's international congresses remain for me one of the most educational and worthwhile activities that I attend. Plans are well underway for the next Triennial Congress to be held in 2007 in Vancouver. I think we can plan on a large contribution and participation from our US Member Society. Karen Andrews, MD, has written a report on her experiences in Hong Kong which will appear in the US ISPO newsletter.

Plans are well underway for our meeting in January. Please mark your calendars for a conference entitled "Reaching Beyond Our Borders: US ISPO's Conference on International Disabilities." This is scheduled for Orlando, Florida, January 14 and 15, 2005. This most common question I am asked by our members is "How can I get involved?" This conference is designed to answer that question. Participating will be representatives of a wide range of international activities and organizations through which all of you could identify and find involvement. Watch for registration materials coming from our national office in the near future.

We have just completed our biannual election process. Mark Clark, MD and I were reelected to the



John R. Fisk, M.D.

board. Joining us will Alberto Esquenazi, MD, John Miguelez, CP and Ted Trower, CPO. Joseph Czerniecki, MD has asked to step down from the board because of other professional commitments. To complete his term of office, the board has requested Jan Hattingh, CPO to stay on as Treasurer. Election of officers will take place in December.

We will be holding an annual membership meeting in January at the conference in Orlando, Florida. I look forward to meeting all of you in person at that time. As the fall colors enter our tree and as the hurricane season subsides, I wish you all well and look forward to seeing you in January.

Chairman
US ISPO

Report of the 11th World Congress of the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics Meeting in Wanchai, Hong Kong

Karen Andrews, M.D.

Prior to the start of the meeting, I was one of the US representatives to the International Committee. This was an informative meeting. The international representative each provided an update on their activities, news of developments in their countries, and any initiatives aimed at providing service to members or attracting new members. We were able to announce our 1½ day conference entitled “Reaching Beyond Our Border: US-ISPO International Conference on Disabilities” to be held in Orlando, Florida, January 14-15, 2005. Upcoming courses are also planned in Toronto, Ontario, “Freedom Beyond 55” focusing on geriatrics prosthetic care and March of 2006 in Australia focusing on initiating clinical research.

The conference itself ran from the Plenary Session on Sunday, August 1, 2004. The conference was setup with concurrent sessions, which were quite informative. Each day they had a featured plenary speaker. They focused on improving the skills of those delivering care as well as training new providers in all different professions associated with rehabilitation of persons utilizing prosthetics and orthotics.

As citizens of the United States, we are at times isolated from the issues facing persons with disabilities worldwide. People with disabilities are disproportionately represented among the poorest of the poor. It was interesting to learn what organizations such as the World Health Organiza-



Opening Ceremony of the 11th World Congress of the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics in Hong Kong — photograph courtesy of Karen Andrews, M.D.

tion, USAID, the War Victims Fund, and other international organizations are doing to provide services (education, new knowledge, skills, and innovations) in non-industrialized countries. It was fascinating to learn the developing standards, technologies, and resources provided to people with disabilities worldwide. The conference speakers are leaders in management of orthotics and prosthetic worldwide. The social events

allowed for interactions with the speakers and other world experts.

I would encourage our membership to strongly consider attending the 12th World Congress “Moving Beyond Disabilities”. This conference will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia from July 29-August 3, 2007. ■■

Reaching Beyond Our Borders

January 14–15, 2005

Wyndham Orlando Resort o 8001 International Drive o Orlando FL 32819

*You Can Still Be Part
of the Conference!*

Although the Wyndham Orlando is sold out during our meeting dates, there are a limited number of hotels in the immediate vicinity. Check out one of the travel web sites and look for availability.

Program

Friday (1/14/05)

- 7:30-12:00 **Registration**
- 7:55-8:00 **Welcome and Purpose** — John Fisk, M.D.
- 8:00-8:30 **Current ISPO Activities**—John Fisk, M.D.
- 8:30-9:00 **ISPO Supervision of National Schools**—Dan Blocka
- 9:00-9:30 **US Aid for International Development**—Rob Horvath
- 9:30-10:00 **Q&A Panel**
- 10:00-10:30 **Break and Exhibits**
- 10:30-11:00 **Medical Missions Do's and Don'ts**—Hugh Watts, M.D.
- 11:00-11:30 **Non-Industrialized Countries Prosthetic and Orthotic Needs**—
Miguel Gomez, M.D.
- 11:30-12:00 **Cultural Sensitivities**—Rosie Jovane
- 12:00- 12:30 **National Projects for Rehabilitation Services**—John Fisk, M.D.
- 12:30-1:00 **Q & A Panel**
- 1:00-2:00 **Lunch/Exhibits**
- 2:00-2:30 **Land Mine Issues and Concerns**—Mel Stills, C.O.
- 2:30-2:50 **Prosthetic Outcome Studies**—Steen Jensen, M.D.
- 2:50-3:10 **Break and Exhibits**
- 3:10-3:30 **Innovative Approaches to Prosthetic Fitting**—Hector Casanova
- 3:30-3:50 **How to Rehab a Blast Wound**—Robert Gailey, Ph.D., P.T.
- 3:50-4:30 **Q&A Panel**
- 4:30-5:00 **ISPO Annual Meeting (Exhibits)**
- 6:00-10:00 **Reception and Dinner**
**Keynote Presentation: Solving the Problems in Developing
Countries Through Education, Innovation and Cooperation** —
Heinz Trebbin, Director of GTZ Program in El Salvador
(University Don Bosco)

Saturday (1/15/05)

- 8:00-8:30 **The Jaipur Limb Project**—Don Short
- 8:30-8:50 **The Prosthetic Outreach Foundation**—Winfried Danke
- 8:50-9:10 **Publication Resources for Non-Industrialized Nations**
—Lynn Staheli, M.D.
- 9:10-9:30 **International Committee of the Red Cross Activities in Post-
Conflict Countries**—Guy Nury
- 9:30-10:00 **World Rehab Fund Update**—Nadim Karam, M.D., and
Tony Staros, M.E.
- 10:00-10:30 **Q&A Panel**
- 10:30-11:00 **Break**
- 11:00-11:20 **Recycling of Equipment Do's and Don'ts**—Michael Priebe, M.D.
- 11:20-11:40 **Physicians for Peace "Walking Free" Prosthetic Program**
—David Lawrence, P.T.
- 11:40-12:00 **Health Volunteers Overseas: How to Get Involved**
—David Spiegel
- 12:00-12:20 **Q&A Panel**
- 12:20-12:30 **Conference Wrap Up**—John Fisk, M.D.
- 12:30 **Adjourn**

Exhibitors and Sponsors

- ❖ Ossur
- ❖ Becker Orthopedic
- ❖ Bledsoe
- ❖ Endolite
- ❖ Liberating Technologies
- ❖ Restorative Care
- ❖ Wright & Filippis

Organizational Exhibits

- ◆ Healing Hands for Haiti
- ◆ Sonrie Ministries
- ◆ Barr Foundation
- ◆ O & P Digital Foundation
- ◆ O & P Edge
- ◆ World Rehabilitation Fund
- ◆ Physicians for Peace
- ◆ ISPO Panama
- ◆ Global Help Organization

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