



UK Bulletin



Chairman's Report

Joe Wilkinson has again done a fantastic job of galvanising efforts to produce what I believe to be a fantastic scientific programme together for this year's meeting. We are still working to finalise speakers but have changed the format and extended the programme in an attempt to attract more delegates and make this year's event one of the best in recent times. I hope this inspires all of us to take every opportunity to encourage others to attend and enjoy the event and help advertise it wherever we can.

I have negotiated some ISPO international funding to support the programme and bring in extra speakers for dissemination of the cerebral palsy consensus conference. This will give those attending our annual scientific programme a preview of a more extensive event. I am hoping to organise a two day workshop with ISPO international committee to fully share the results and findings of the consensus conference.

Bangkok hosted the ISPO international committee meeting on 11th February. This meeting consisted of 38 people from 17 countries, most of them chairman of national member societies. Internationally, the society is doing well and growing. I was interested to hear that Norway now has a NMS with a membership of 37. You may recall we had a visit from those looking to set up that group in 2007. Most new members however are from developing countries and it was interesting to hear most industrialised countries have problems similar to ours in that they are competing for members with so many other societies and professional bodies.



I went to Bangkok having suggested an agenda item asking how we can involve or show benefit to NMS members of international activities. My real aim was to get better dissemination of information from the consensus conferences. I am delighted to say they have agreed to publish future reports of such events on the web free of charge rather than hard copy which have proved infuriatingly difficult to get hold of in the past.



I believe the international committee are being increasingly open and trying harder to communicate their activities and would encourage you to use their website which is becoming well populated with information and newsletters.

May I remind you that deadlines are fast approaching for abstracts for both our UK meeting and the World Congress in Leipzig in 2010? We also have bursaries available and look forward to appropriate applications.

I am delighted to welcome Dr Fergus Jepson, Miss Melissa Leong and Mr Tom Wickerson onto our executive committee. They have already made significant contribution towards organising this year's meeting and we welcome the fresh ideas they bring to help forward the society

Congratulations should go to all involved in the Trent International Prosthetic Symposium. I understand this is due to be another successful year for this prestigious event whose reputation I come across wherever I go.

Meet the ISPO UK Committee Members



Colin Dance IPEM

Colin Dance is a Rehabilitation Engineering Manager based with the Rehabilitation Engineering Division in the Medical Engineering & Physics Department at King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust London.

Having worked in the Prosthetic Service for the past 32 years, initially with a commercial prosthetic company and for the past 16 years in the NHS. He is currently responsible for managing a team of Rehabilitation Engineers working in five Rehabilitation Centres in the South East of England.

Throughout his career he has served on various committees representing his profession and has been an ISPO member since 1992.

Dr Robin Luff FRCP, FRCS

Dr Robin Luff is a Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine at the Southwark Rehabilitation Centre. He is a past Chairman of the International Society of Prosthetics & Orthotics (UK) where he was responsible for several initiatives.



Joe Wilkinson

Joe Wilkinson is a Senior lecturer and Clinical Coordinator, at the University of Salford, Directorate of Prosthetics, Orthotics and Podiatry. In addition to teaching duties relating to prosthetic and orthotic science Joe is responsible for establish and administering a network of training facilities which provide clinical training for students undertaking the fourth year of the BSc (Hons) Prosthetics and Orthotic programme.



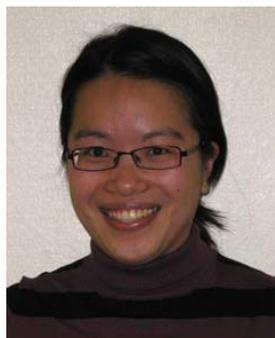
Joe also acts to fill the role of International Officer for the Europe and is actively involved in assisting and collaborating with a small number of European and International based P&O educational facilities.

Dr T Lal Landham

Dr Lal Landham is Clinical Director for Rehabilitation Services and Programme Director of the Specialist Training Committee in Rehabilitation Medicine for the London Deanery.



Prior to developing an interest in neurological and amputee rehabilitation he worked in Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston in a paediatric orthopaedic Unit where he developed his first interest in congenital limb deficiency. He has been an ISPO member since 1989 and was involved in writing the "Guideline for Amputee Care". He has served on various committees in the British Society of Rehabilitation Medicine, including specialist interest group for amputee medicine, Assistive Technology and the National Executive Committee.



Melissa Leong

Melissa Leong is the Clinical Lead Occupational Therapist in Prosthetics, working at Bowley Close Rehabilitation Centre, Southwark PCT. She has over ten years experience working as an OT, both in the UK and Australia. Her clinical experience involves working with adults and children in a variety of settings including acute, community and outpatients. She is committed to developing a high quality of OT service in prosthetic rehabilitation, both for upper limb and lower limb amputees. Her clinical interests include working in paediatrics and providing training/education. She is currently a member of the Trent International Prosthetic Symposium (TIPS) 2009 organising committee.

Mike Dewar

Mike Dewar is a retired bioengineer. Having started as a biologist working on animal biomechanics he moved into prosthetics in the 1970s at the Department of Health's Research Unit at Roehampton. He moved to the Department of Mechanical Engineering, UCL (University College London) where, in addition to teaching bioengineering, he continued research in both prosthetics and orthotics. He was involved in the early development of CAD systems for prosthetic sockets and more recently in UCL's ITAP programme - the direct attachment of limb prostheses to bone. He retired in 2007. He joined the UK NMS committee more years ago than he cares to remember and has been Public Relations Officer and has edited the Newsletter for the last ten.



Paul Charlton

Paul Charlton is an orthotist with Peacocks Medical Group and delivers orthotic services in the North East and London. He also delivers orthotic education across all disciplines at venues across the country. He set up and ran the multi-disciplinary orthotic interest groups in London and Yorkshire before taking his post as chair of ISPO. Having developed a special interest in adult neurology and delivered the orthotic clinical service to the National Hospital for Neurology in Queen Square in London he focused his research on impact of orthotic intervention on hemiplegia and gained his MSc.



As well as being a regular presenter to BAPO conferences and publications, he is an associate member of the association of chartered physiotherapists with interest in Neurology (ACPIN) and the Northern Paediatric Interest Group.

Professor Rajiv Hanspel. FRCP, FRCS

Professor Rajiv Hanspel is a Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine at the Hillingdon Hospital, Uxbridge and at Stanmore Disablement Services Centre, Royal National Orthopedic hospital, Stanmore. He is a past Chairman of the International Society of Prosthetics & Orthotics (UK) where he was responsible for several initiatives. He is a past President of the British Society of Rehabilitation Medicine and of the Amputee Medical Rehabilitation Society and has served on several Department of Health Committees. He has been active in research and teaching. Currently, he serves on the Protocol Committee of the ISPO and is involved in redrafting the society's constitution.





Dr Rory O'Connor

Rory O'Connor is Senior Lecturer in Rehabilitation Medicine at the University of Leeds and Honorary Consultant Physician in Rehabilitation Medicine at the National Demonstration Centre for Rehabilitation in Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and NHS Leeds.

Having completed an MD at the Institute of Neurology in Queen Square in London, his research focuses on outcomes from rehabilitation interventions.

His clinical interest is the management of acquired and congenital disabling conditions. He is also involved in developing and delivering learning and teaching programmes in undergraduate and postgraduate rehabilitation and sits on the

Education Committee of the British Society of Rehabilitation Medicine.



Rebecca Beltran.

Rebecca Beltran qualified as an Occupational Therapist BSc (Hon) in 2002 from Brunel University College, London. She has recently worked as part of the amputee rehabilitation team at Queen Mary's hospital, Roehampton. Actively involved in the assessment and prosthetic treatment of upper and lower limb clients with limb absence.

Her special interest within prosthetics is the rehabilitation of multiple amputees and upper limb clients.

She has previously worked in the areas of Trauma and Orthopaedics, Elderly Inpatient Rehabilitation, Neurosciences and Neurosurgery, Oncology and Palliative Care.

Sandra Sexton

Qualifying from the University of Strathclyde's first Honours Degree cohort, Sandra Sexton began a career as a prosthetist/orthotist in 1988. With experience in the field as a clinician, she is now Director of the National Centre for Prosthetics and Orthotics at the University of Strathclyde. Her interest in international development has led her to serve as chairperson of the ISPO Education Committee and as External Examiner with the University of Tumaini, Tanzania. She is also a founding member of the charity PORT-ER.



Thomas Wickerson

Thomas Wickerson is the Clinical Lead Prosthetist at the Roehampton Rehabilitation Centre, Queen Mary's Hospital, London.

He completed a degree in Prosthetics and Orthotics at the University of Salford in 1996.

Clinical interests are in congenital/acquired, hip-disarticulation, paediatric and hi-activity prosthetics. He is involved with the Salford University undergraduate training programme along with lecturing for the amputee rehabilitation courses held at Roehampton. He will soon be embarking on an MSC in Motion Analysis.

Laura Burgess

Laura Burgess qualified from St. Thomas' Hospital, London in 1990 and has been working in the field of amputee rehabilitation and prosthetics for fourteen years. Her current position, held for 9 years, is a Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist at Charing Cross Hospital, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, London, which is both a regional vascular and plastics/ trauma unit. She has been involved in research investigating the use of compression therapy in the UK and prosthetic use following discharge from rehabilitation. She has been an active member of the British Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Amputee Rehabilitation for many years and is currently the Honorary Secretary for the United Kingdom National Members Society of the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics.



MAJOR EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARIES

ISPO UK NMS Annual Scientific Meeting & Commercial Exhibition 9-10 October 2009:
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Chester. www.crowneplaza.co.uk

You are invited to submit abstracts for the free paper sessions. The deadline date for receipt of all abstracts submissions is Friday 12th June 2009. In hard copy and E-Mail format to: ISPO UK NMS Secretariat, PO Box 2781, Glasgow. G61 3YL Email: info@ispo.org.uk

Regular updates to the conference programme, together with full details of the event and registration forms are available from the web site at www.ispo.org.uk

Trade Show and ISPO World Congress 2010

The two most important events in a single place!

In May 2010 the ISPO 13th World Congress and Orthopadie + Reha-Technik 2010 will both take place together in Leipzig: the latest products and systems: innovative medical, therapeutic, and technical solutions: trend setting interdisciplinary approaches; international meeting takes place.

To be considered for presentation at the ISPO World Congress, abstracts must be submitted on line for review by September 15th 2009.



Research and Innovation for Human Technology
ISPO - The 13th World Congress
 of the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics
10th - 15th May 2010 - Leipzig - Germany
 Go to web site: www.ispo-2010-leipzig.de



NIHR Clinical Academic Training Pathway for Nurses, Midwives and Allied Health Professionals

Invitation for Nominations for NIHR / CNO Clinical Lectureships

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and the Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) for England are pleased to announce the launch of the NIHR / CNO Clinical Lectureship scheme. This scheme is the third major joint initiative launched to support the Clinical Academic Training Pathway for nurses, midwives and allied health professionals (AHPs). This scheme, managed by the NIHR Co-ordinating Centre for Research Capacity Development aims to develop research capacity to support the NHS.

Applications are invited from Institutions to support postdoctoral (post PhD) nurses, midwives and allied health professionals who wish to be nominated for NIHR / CNO Clinical Lectureships.

Nominees will:

- Be employed by an English institution, NHS, or other healthcare organisation.
- Have at least 1 year's experience of post registration clinical practice.
- Hold a relevant PhD or will have submitted their PhD at the time of the application.
- Be committed to undertake postdoctoral research, whilst continuing to develop clinical skills.
- Demonstrate a role in, or contribution to, improving health or health care delivery.

The NIHR / CNO Clinical Lectureships provide support for postdoctoral level research training combined with the continuing development of clinical expertise. The balance of clinical and academic commitments will normally be 50:50.

Applications on behalf of AHPs will only be accepted for members of the AHP disciplines defined as such by the Department of Health (www.dh.gov.uk/chpo).

Application packs and further information are available on the website of the NIHR Co-ordinating Centre for Research Capacity Development (NIHR CCRCD: www.nccrcd.nhs.uk). Please note applications are made by nominating institutions: Individuals, who believe they may be strong candidates for NIHR / CNO Clinical Lectureships, are urged to contact appropriate organisations.

Closing date for completed applications: **1 pm on Friday 24th July 2009.**

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- ✚ **2009 George Murdoch Medal winner Elaine Owen** has generously provided ISPO UK NMS with an electronic copy of her winning presentation. Available to all ISPO UK NMS members, please e-mail info@ispo.org.uk if you wish to receive a copy. Elaine will be pleased to discuss any areas of her work directly with you. To contact Elaine, e-mail: luggger@talk21.com



- ✚ The **ISPO 2009 Cerebral Palsy Consensus Report** is now available to download from the ISPO international website at www.ispo.ws. This was in no small way as a result of the International Committee Meeting held earlier this year in Bangkok, the minutes of which are also available on the website.

ISPO UK NMS plan to host a two-day workshop in January 2010 with an international faculty from the meeting to present and discuss the work. Further details will be announced as the programme develops.

✚ **TIPS 2009**

ISPO UK NMS is pleased to report TIPS 2009 proved a huge success with total delegates registered just tipping the 200 mark over 14 different countries represented. A copy of the compendium is enclosed with this newsletter and a full report will appear in the next edition.

✚ **2009 BACPAR Conference**

BACPAR's National Study Event and AGM - a two day conference - will be held at Shrigley Hall Hotel, Macclesfield, Cheshire (close to Manchester) on Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 November 2009. Following the success of last year's event, BACPAR has the privilege of setting the stage for one of the first of the UK's Graded Motor Imagery (BMI) seminars presented by the Neuro Orthopaedic Institute. GMI is an emerging new rehabilitation strategy that has been shown to offer substantial gains in pain and disability for people with pathological pain syndromes such as phantom limb pain and complex regional pain syndrome.

Additionally, there will be workshops covering movement dysfunction, outcome measures and recent developments with amputee and prosthetic rehabilitation.

Favourable rates for a practical and attractive venue familiar to hosting events for health professionals have been negotiated with the Shrigley Hall Hotel.

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