



Winter Bulletin



Chair's Report ~ Christmas 2012

Seasons greetings to you all! It is the time of year when carols are sung, Christmas trees are decorated, cars need de-frosting and everyone rushes around planning for the festivities soon to come... The time has also come around for our ISPO UK MS Christmas bulletin.

It has been a busy second year of my term as Chair... mainly involved in organising the 40th anniversary collaborative scientific meeting and representing ISPO at a number of different meetings.

The 2012 Trent International Symposium was held on the 21st- 23rd May 2012 and was a great success. There were slightly reduced numbers of delegates but still a very international audience and the programme was well received. Huge thanks to Rose and her team for the organizing and running of a great meeting. Planning for the next TIPS is now starting – anyone with ideas for the programme or interested in taking part in organizing the meeting please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the committee.

Registrations are still welcome for the ISPO World Congress in Hyderabad, India (4th-7th February 2013) and the early bird discount has been extended until 20th December 2012 – more details are included in the bulletin and can be found on the website-www.ispo2013.org. There are already 700 delegates registered representing 58 countries so it will be a truly international event. Please ensure that you have the dates of the 2015 World Congress in your diary which will be held in Lyons, France on the 20th-25th June 2015.

In June and December I attended meetings run by NHS North West on prosthetics and orthotics workforce and education. There were representatives present from a number of different bodies including the Department of Health, Universities of Salford and Strathclyde, Centre Managers, British Healthcare Trades Association, BAPO, prosthetic companies, the Associate Parliamentary Limb Loss Group and the Centre for Workforce Intelligence. Kerry Hemsworth gave a presentation on the

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formation of Higher Education England (HEE) and the formation of 13 local education and training boards (LETBs) which will be representative of all health sectors and professions. Quality will be measured through the education outcomes framework and more information can be found at <http://www.hee.nhs.uk/work-programmes/education-outcomes/>

There was a great deal of discussion regarding the progress of a project now being led by Mr. Andrew Nicol (Salford University) which is due for completion in October 2013. The project remit is to develop a career framework guide for level 1-9 prosthetists and orthotists, an education framework with models of education delivery and write a preceptorship guide. Also an update has been provided on the training for technicians with the foundation degree in clinical technology at London South Bank University. Another meeting will be convened in the next few months to review progress with the project.

Our 2012 annual scientific meeting was held on the 27th and 28th September 2012 in Sheffield. The meeting was held for the first time in collaboration with BACPAR and BAPO. It was very well



attended and a highly successful meeting with 220 delegates, 18 exhibitors. Huge thanks to our sponsors- Blatchfords, Irwin Mitchell and North Sea Plastics for their generous contribution to the meeting. 170 people enjoyed the conference



dinner and it was wonderful to see that the “ruby” theme was truly embraced by many! The dance floor was packed for most of the evening which is often a good sign! The



executive committee will spend some time evaluating the “collaborative” aspect of our 2012 meeting to then plan for future events. However, general feedback that I have received personally is that there was a very positive view that more collaborative multidisciplinary prosthetic and orthotic meetings in the UK are the way forwards. If you have any further comments or thoughts about this meeting and the way our meetings should be developed in the future, then please do not hesitate to contact me at: laura.burgess@imperial.nhs.uk.



The president of ISPO, Jan Geertzen started the programme with a Presidential Ruby Anniversary lecture – “Sexuality and Disability with a Focus on Amputation” which proved to be a thought provoking presentation highlighting a topic that is so often

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neglected in our clinical practise. The Blatchford Lecture was delivered this year by Dr. Harmen van der Linde on “A Multidisciplinary Guideline in Lower limb Amputation, Future International Development” and the OETT lecture by Mr. Andrew Hansen on “Roll-over Shape as a Tool in Prosthetics and Orthotics”. We enjoyed 18 free paper presentations, a session on pain management in amputees – alternative approaches including graded motor imagery, acupuncture and the use of botulinum toxin. The first day concluded with an excellent presentation by Dr. Diane Playford on goal setting questioned which led us to consider the evidence for and myths and legends surrounding goal setting hopefully promoting reflection on how it is used in our own patient rehabilitation programmes. Breakout sessions were run and a poster presentation section with prizes – new developments for the ISPO UK meeting.



A multidisciplinary session on microprocessor controlled knees reviewed the current range of components available, some aspects of choosing the right component for each user and the rehabilitation implications and a literature review was presented to examine the evidence and the possible health, social and health economic impact of using these components. The session generated much discussion and debate and hopefully will lead on to further work.

Richard Hirons gave a fantastic presentation on prosthetics and preparing athletes for the London 2012 paralympic games and we were very fortunate to meet two of the UK Paralympic athletes - Richard Whitehead and Scott Moorhouse – hearing their views around paralympic sports and own experiences of the games. The session was completed by a very thought provoking and somewhat emotional talk by Mr. Carson Harte, the International



Director of the Cambodia Trust on “More Precious than Gold: When the ordinary is more valuable than the ultimate – the impact of prosthetics and orthotics on the lives of the poorest of the poor”. He gave an inspiring view of prosthetic and orthotic rehabilitation in the low income countries and how the work of ISPO impacts on the lives of people all over the world in such a positive way. It would be no surprise and in fact a pleasure to learn that some members of the audience will be moved to work with Carson and the Cambodia Trust in the future.

The ISPO UK executive committee has had 5 new George Murdoch medals made and we were delighted to present one of these at the 2012 meeting to Dr. H. Meulenbelt who has been involved in research and presented on “Skin Problems of the Stump in Lower limb Amputees”. There have been some changes to the executive committee structure and we welcome Mr. S. Laird and Dr. R. Singh on to the committee.

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Many thanks to Mr. Tom Wickerson who has now left the committee for his work and participation in ISPO UK business and events.

Potential dates for your diary for the meeting are early September or October 2013 and as soon as we have the dates finally confirmed we will e-mail all the members and will be publishing them widely. The meeting will be held in Preston, exact location to be confirmed. We plan to return to our format of Friday and Saturday and will endeavour to improve the Orthotic content of the programme. If you have any ideas for the programme, topics or key speakers then please do contact me by e mail – laura.burgess@imperial.nhs.uk

I am extremely pleased to be able to report that I have been successful in being elected on the International Executive Board of ISPO for a two year term starting in February 2013. This is an exciting opportunity for me personally and I am very much looking forward to working with other members of the board to continue the fantastic work of our international organisation.

No doubt with changes in the way our services are commissioned and the drive to reduce our budgets, 2013 will be an interesting year full of challenges. However, as we journey to the end of 2012, a year full of celebration and of course our 40th anniversary of the ISPO UK member society, may I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year in 2013!

Laura Burgess
Chair ISPO UK MS



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Cost: £600.

Presented by: **Lisselotte Hermansson**
PhD, Reg Occupational Therapist,
Dept of Prosthetics and Orthotics,
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Cost: £85

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Welcome to the training course in



Assessment of Capacity for Myoelectric Control

Place: Oxford, England

Date: January 22- 23, 2013

Course instructor: Liselotte Norling Hermansson, PhD, reg OT

Programme: Tuesday, January 22

09.00 Presentation.

Background and development of ACMC

10.00 ACMC test items

10.45 Refreshment break

11.15 ACMC test items, cont

12.00 ACMC four-point rating scale

12.30 Lunch

13.30 ACMC rating scale and items, examples of scoring

14.15 ACMC tasks development

15.00 Refreshment break

15.30 Psychometric properties of ACMC

17.00 End of day

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Programme: Wednesday, January 23

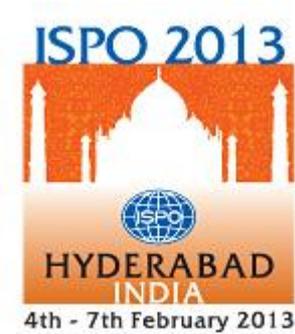
- 08.00 Questions, repetition
- 08.30 Introduction to the website www.ACMC.se
Preparing for an ACMC assessment
- 09.30 Refreshment break
- 10.00 ACMC tasks
Make your own observations, discussion
Practising assessments, entering data
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.00 ACMC tasks, cont.
Make your own observations, discussion
Practising assessments, entering data
- 14.30 Refreshment break
- 15.00 ACMC tasks, cont.
Make your own observations, discussion
Practising assessments, entering data
- 16.30 Final discussions. Evaluation of the course
- 17.00 End of day

Note:

Participants who complete and submit three assessments from video and three clinical assessments to the website become certified users of ACMC.

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ISPO World Congress 2013 – Registrations and Abstracts Submission Now Open



SPO-ISPO India Member Society, ISPO International and the P&O fraternity in India are delighted to invite you to India for the [ISPO 2013 World Congress](#), taking place from 4 to 7 February 2013 at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre.

In line with ISPO's mission, the ISPO World Congress is a multidisciplinary event and contributes to providing best rehabilitation options to persons with disabilities to assist them in regaining functions and independence.

The ISPO World Congress offers a unique opportunity for further professional development and exchange of expertise in orthotic and prosthetic care amongst researchers, technicians, manufacturers, teachers, clinicians, doctors, therapists and all professionals in the P&O field.

The tradeshow held alongside the conference represents an exclusive platform for P&O equipment manufacturers, system and service providers, rehab finance and investment centres, educational institutions and other market players to demonstrate and access latest advances in P&O technology, designs, products and materials.

Registrations, Abstract Submissions, Trade Show and Sponsorship Submissions are now open! Click [here](#) to learn more about the event, to register online, submit your abstract or indicate your companies' interest in sponsorship.

We look forward to welcoming you at the ISPO World Congress in India!

ISPO 12013 World Conference

Incredible India ISPO 2013 World conference, Hyderabad International Convention Centre, Hyderabad, India. 4th -7th February 2013.

Please click the link for information - www.ispo2013.org

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would like to wish all our members a very
merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

