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Chairmans Report Our fast approaching conference has a lot to offer to a wide range of disciplines. I would ask all members to share the programme with their colleagues and encourage attendance. The quality deserves a good audience and our membership has declined this year requiring us all to make a concerted effort to promote the society and its activities to ensure our continuation in the future.

In addition to our annual scientific meeting, I have pleasure in announcing a major event in the New Year to disseminate and further discuss the findings of the consensus conference on cerebral palsy. There is a taster for this in the ASM.

You will all have received the compendium from the Trent International Symposium that was a fantastic success and we have already begun plans for the next one.

Laura Burgess has taken the position of Vice Chair for our society with Fergus Jepson taking the position of honorary secretary vacated by Laura. I wish them well in their new posts.

Your executive committee has had considerable discussion on content of the annual scientific meeting giving consideration to short presentations on multi-disciplinary clinical presentations rather than research based work. I would be very interested to hear members' views on such a consideration. I look forward to hearing your comments.

Paul Charlton

A major national multi-disciplinary meeting on the findings of an international consensus conference on cerebral palsy

The International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics

“RECENT CONSENSUS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF CEREBRAL PALSY”

Thursday 14th and Friday 15th January 2010

**The Centre for Life
Newcastle Upon Tyne
UK**

In autumn 2008 the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics (ISPO) organised its second international consensus conference on cerebral palsy. The full published report is available in full at http://www.ispoweb.org/HTML/2009/ispo_cp_report.pdf This detailed report covers the wide ranging findings of the multi-disciplinary group of experts who reviewed current evidence on the major therapy, medical and surgical interventions in use today.

This event brings together an international faculty who will not only be reporting the conclusions but will also continue the dialogue. It will be instructive but also provide a forum for exploring remaining unsettled issues. This will examine the evidence on surgery, medication, therapy and use of orthoses, seating and posture management upon which we should base our treatments for those with cerebral palsy.

This event will be of greatest appeal to multidisciplinary teams involved in the management of cerebral palsy. Further information and application forms from Info@ispo.org.uk

TRENT INTERNATIONAL PROSTHETIC SYMPOSIUM 2009... for all professionals involved in upper limb prosthetics

TIPS2009 attracted the largest gathering of Healthcare Professionals in the world, who practice in the field of upper limb prosthetics, which was held at the Burleigh Court Conference Centre in May 2009. This event proved a great success with extremely good feedback from delegates, guest speakers and manufacturers. Almost 200 delegate registrations were received which was around 40% greater than the previous event and included around 90 delegates from outside the United Kingdom representing some 16 different countries. A balanced program of Scientific and Clinical input, plus Instructional workshops retained delegate's attention throughout the three-day event. The Symposium was fortunate to secure both International and UK distinguished guest speakers with **Kristin Gulick USA**: Occupational Therapist and certified Hand Therapist, **Stephanie Lacour UK**; Research Fellow Kings College Cambridge, **Frank Lectch UK**: Member of REACH and last but not least **John Miguez USA**: Fellow of the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists. Support from 12 Exhibitors involved in the field of upper limb prosthetics provided an excellent Commercial Exhibition demonstrating arrange of upper limb prosthetics. Thanks go to Otto Bock Healthcare and Touch Bionics who sponsored the social events as well as all exhibitors and speakers plus the small committee who worked hard to make the meeting a success. The next Symposium is planned to be held in 2012.



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

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

Volunteer/Work Experience opportunity in Manta, Ecuador

Have you ever wanted to use your skills to help those in need or to travel to Latin America? The Foundation el Rostro de Jesus cares for the physically and also mentally disabled people of Manta, Ecuador. The amount they achieve on extremely limited funds is astounding, but one of the things they are most lacking is a qualified orthotist. In fact these skills are lacking in the country as a whole, which is why they are now looking abroad.

The Foundation el Rostro de Jesus in Manta, Ecuador, <http://rostrojesus.weebly.com> is in need of orthotists and prosthetists. Accommodation and food is provided. Basic Spanish required. If you are interested in finding out more about these opportunities, please contact: rostrodejesusmanta@gmail.com