



ISPO UK MS INTERIM BULLETIN – JUNE 2017

Our programme for the **Annual Scientific Meeting** at Clare College, Cambridge on 8 & 9 September is almost complete and is included here in the bulletin. We look forward to an exciting, stimulating and informative event. We encourage you to share the programme and conference details with your colleagues and circulate within your networks. Registration is now open with special discount rates available for 'early birds' and ISPO members.

Our conference dinner will be held in the prestigious Clare College Dining Hall and, with special after dinner entertainment, is sure to be an enjoyable social event with opportunities to network with colleagues.

Special rates have been negotiated with the College for bedroom accommodation. We encourage you to book early to avoid disappointment. Parking has also been arranged in a nearby Sports Ground close to the college – again at special rates. Please help the admin team by including all your needs in your registration form and confirming your attendance as early as possible.

Our exhibition space is filling up and we're grateful to those commercial organisations who have already confirmed their attendance. We're also grateful to **Steeper, Opicare** and **North Sea Plastics** for their generous sponsorship support. Details on booking exhibition space and further opportunities to sponsor our event can be found in the information to follow.

The first of our **Short Courses** takes place on **Friday 14th July** in London – ***"Research in O&P: A Practical Approach to Generating Research and Clinical Evidence"***. The aim of this course is to provide the tools and information required to encourage rehabilitation professionals to disseminate their knowledge, work and experience – further details and a registration form are included in this bulletin. **This course is FREE to ISPO members.**

The success of the 16th World Congress in Cape Town is reported further in this bulletin, together with the first of our reports from UK bursary awardees who were supported to attend the event. The 17th World Congress will take place in Kobe, Japan in 2019 ... it's time now to start thinking about what and how you might contribute to that event. The short course in July is well-timed to set you on the right pathway.

There's never been a better time to consider membership of ISPO. Free registration at UK short courses, reduced registration at ISPO UK and International conferences as well as bursaries for ISPO membership! We have already awarded six bursaries for the 2017/18 period, and ***we are keen to offer more!*** Check out the application process on our website or in this bulletin. If you are already a member of ISPO, please share this information with your colleagues, tell them your experience of membership and the benefits you've gained, and encourage them to come on board.



Saeed Zahedi OBE

Chairman of ISPO UK MS and member of ISPO International committees



ISPO UK MS ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING & EXHIBITION

8 & 9 SEPTEMBER 2017

GILLESPIE CENTRE, CLARE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME – 16 June 2017

Friday 8 th September 2017	
0830 hrs	Registration
0930 hrs	Welcome – S Kirker, ISPO UK MS Scientific Chair and S Zahedi, ISPO UK MS Chair
0940 hrs	<p><u>Theme: Sports Prostheses</u></p> <p><i>Experience of trying all Paralympic sports, when four limbs are partially missing</i> Guest Speaker: Mr John Willis, Founder & CEO Power2inspire</p>
1020 hrs	<p><i>Research & Development plans and report following Government announcement of extra funding for children's prostheses</i> Guest Speaker: Dr Nicola Heron, Programme Director, NIHR D4D Healthcare Technology Co-operative, The University of Sheffield, UK</p>
1100 hrs	Refreshments, Commercial Exhibition and Poster Exhibition
1130 hrs	<p><i>Update on NHS England commissioning of microprocessor knees and service reviews</i> Guest Speaker: Carolyn Young, Lead Commissioner – Rehabilitation & Disability, CRG, NHS England (Midlands & East), UK</p>
1145 hrs	<p>Free Paper Presentations:</p> <p><i>Activity Limb provision for Upper Limb and Lower Limb Paediatric Amputees: Birmingham's Story – Our Race</i> Ms C Spencer, Physiotherapist, West Midlands Rehabilitation Centre, Birmingham, UK</p>
1200 hrs	<p><i>The effects of a 12-week exercise programme on stair walking performance and falls prevention in lower limb amputees</i> Ms Z A Schafer, PhD Researcher, University of Hull, Hull, UK</p>
1215 hrs	<p><i>How does attempting to walk symmetrically affect dynamic balance in unilateral transtibial amputees?</i> Ms M Bisele, Postgraduate Researcher, Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham, UK</p>
1230 hrs	<p><i>An Analysis of Agreement between Medicare Functional Classification Levels and The Amputee Mobility Predictor Assessment Tool: A Retrospective Study</i> Ms R McBride, P&O Graduate, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK</p>
1245 hrs	<p><i>Early Amputation vs Limb Salvation – Comparing the impact on Quality of Life (QOL) in short and long term</i> Dr R Munjal, Consultant, M&SRC, Northern General Hospital, Sheffield, UK</p>
1300 hrs	ISPO UK MS Annual General Meeting
1315 hrs	Lunch, Commercial Exhibition and Poster Exhibition
1400 hrs	<p><i>A Heavy Reckoning: War, Medicine and Survival in Afghanistan and Beyond</i> Guest Speaker: Emily Mayhew, Historian in Residence, Imperial College London, London, UK</p>

	Theme: Effort Using Prosthesis
1415 hrs	<i>Osseointegration: the Australian system; MoD/NHS evaluation and future plans</i> Guest Speaker: Group Captain Jonathan Kendrew, RAF, Consultant Trauma & Orthopaedic Surgeon, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, UK
1500 hrs	Invitation to companies supplying the four microprocessor knees commissioned by NHS to each talk for about their “unique selling points” - <i>to be confirmed</i>
1530 hrs	The Blatchford Lecture – to be confirmed
1610 hrs	Refreshments, Commercial Exhibition, Poster Exhibition
1630 hrs	<i>Oxygen consumption in gait</i> Guest Speaker: Dr Hannah Jarvis, School of Health Science, University of Salford, UK
1710 hrs	<i>Pattern recognition software to control a multi-articulating upper limb</i> Guest Speaker: Mr Geoffrey Andrews
1750 hrs	Conference closes
1830 hrs	Exhibition closes
1930 hrs	Drinks Reception & Conference Dinner – Clare College Dining Hall After-dinner entertainment
Saturday 9th September 2017	
0830 hrs	Registration
0900 hrs	The OETT Lecture: <i>Instrumented gait analysis: is it clinically useful in prosthetics and orthotics?</i> Guest Speaker: Mr Roy Bowers, Principal Teaching Fellow, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK
0940 hrs	<i>Developing services and training in gait analysis: Cambridge experience</i> Guest Speaker: Dr Thomas Stone, Clinical Scientist, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, UK
1030 hrs	Refreshments, Commercial Exhibition and Poster Exhibition
1100 hrs	Free Paper Presentations: <i>The longitudinal changes in functional and psychosocial outcomes after wearing a passive dynamic ankle-foot orthosis (PD-AFO) in UK military</i> Mr P Ladlow, Higher Scientific Officer and Mrs N Bennett, Lead Orthotist, DMRC Headley Court, Epsom, UK
1115 hrs	<i>Optimising plantar-pressure sensor distribution for centre-of-pressure estimation</i> Ms L A Raymond, Research Engineer, Chas A Blatchford & Sons Ltd, Basingstoke, UK
1130 hrs	<i>Prosthesis use outside the clinic – an objective approach</i> Ms Alix Chadwell, Medical Engineer/PhD Student, University of Salford, Salford, UK
1145 hrs	<i>The effect of a lower-limb prosthesis on skin temperature</i> Mrs L Diment, PhD Student in Engineering Science, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK
1200 hrs	<i>Use of a hydraulically articulating versus rigidly attached prosthetic ankle-foot device improves gait and walking performance in unilateral transtibial amputees with lower activity levels</i> Dr C T Barnett, Senior Lecturer, Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham, UK
1215 hrs	<i>Articulating, hydraulic prosthetic ankles compared to rigid attachments: a literature review</i> Dr M McGrath, Research Scientist, Chas A Blatchford & Sons Ltd, Basingstoke, UK
1230 hrs	<i>Advanced prosthetic components improve standing balance and limb load symmetry for transfemoral amputees</i> Dr M McGrath, Research Scientist, Chas A Blatchford & Sons Ltd, Basingstoke, UK
1245 hrs	<i>Amputee activity-monitoring through non-invasive prosthetic foot spring deflection measurements</i> Dr P Laszczak, Mechatronic Research Engineer, Chas A Blatchford & Sons Ltd, Basingstoke, UK
1300 hrs	Presentation of Prizes
1310 hrs	Lunch & Conference Close



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DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT YOUR DETAILS USING BLOCK CAPITALS

Title:	First Name:	Last Name:	
Company/ Organisation:			
E-mail:			
Your name, company details and e-mail address will be published in the conference compendium. If you have any objection, tick the box and your name and city only will be included. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Correspondence Address:			
Tel:		Profession:	
Special Needs/Dietary Requirements:			
<u>TRAVEL & PARKING</u>			
For travel directions visit http://clareconferencing.com/information/how-to-find-us/			
Clare College Conferencing has access to a number of parking spaces at a nearby sports ground. All spaces must be booked in advance. http://clareconferencing.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/SportsgroundparkingMap09PostcodeCB30EQ.pdf			
To reserve your parking space at the special rate of £6 per vehicle per day, complete the section below:			
	No. of spaces @ £6 per vehicle per day	Total	
Thursday 7 th September			
Friday 8 th September			
Saturday 9 th September			
Total Parking			
<u>ACCOMMODATION</u>			
A limited number of twin and single, en-suite rooms are available at Clare College at specially negotiated rates (bed & breakfast), for the nights of Thursday 7 th and Friday 8 th September. To reserve your accommodation, complete the section below:-			
	No. of twin en-suite rooms @ £150 per room per night	No. of single en-suite rooms @ £103 per room per night	Total £
Thursday 7 th September			
Friday 8 th September			
Total Accommodation			

CONFERENCE DINNERFriday 8th September 2017 - Clare College Dining Hall

	No of Tickets @ £39 per ticket	Total - £
Three course dinner, including wine and coffee plus after dinner entertainment (magician)		

REGISTRATION

Reduced registration rates are available to ISPO members. Membership application forms are available online at www.ispo.org.uk or by e-mailing info@ispo.org.uk

Are you a member of ISPO? Yes ☐ No ☐ Membership No: _____

	Registrations received on or before Friday 11 th August 2017		Registrations received after Friday 11 th August 2017	
	Member	Non Member	Member	Non Member
Full Registration (2 days)	£ 190 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 250 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 250 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 290 <input type="checkbox"/>
Day Delegate				
Friday 8 th September	£ 130 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 180 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 155 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 215 <input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday 9 th September	£ 95 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 145 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 130 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 180 <input type="checkbox"/>
Student Full Registration (2 days)				
Friday 8 th September <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 70 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 70 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 70 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 70 <input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday 9 th September <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 45 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 45 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 45 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 45 <input type="checkbox"/>

Summary of Registration Charges

Parking - £	Accommodation - £	Conference Dinner - £	Registration Fees - £	Total - £

Method of Payment (please choose one option)

By cheque made payable to ISPO UK NMS and forwarded with your registration form to ISPO UK NMS, Secretariat, PO Box 7225, Pitlochry, PH16 9AH

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By online bank transfer to: The Royal Bank of Scotland Sort Code: 83-28-39 Account No: 00146801
BACS remittance advices to info@ispo.org.uk

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By invoice. Please provide Purchase Order Number and Address for Invoicing below:

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EXHIBITION AND SPONSORSHIP

Confirmed exhibitors – Steeper, Ortho Europe, Chas A Blatchford & Sons Ltd, Ossur

To reserve exhibition space complete the attached exhibition booking form and return it to info@ispo.org.uk no later than Friday 11th August.

ISPO UK MS is grateful for the support of commercial organisations at our annual meeting and is pleased to confirm sponsorship from **Steeper (Platinum Sponsor), Opcare and North Sea Plastics**. Additional sponsorship opportunities remain available and are listed below. Contact Irene Cameron at info@ispo.org.uk for further details or to discuss options.

Gold - £2,500	Silver - £2,000
Sponsorship of delegate bags with company logo Opportunity to deliver five minute company presentation from conference podium Acknowledgement of sponsorship on podium each morning by conference chair Acknowledgement of sponsorship in conference compendium Acknowledgement of sponsorship on all conference programme and marketing literature including ISPO UK website Priority positioning in exhibition area	Sponsorship of pre dinner drinks reception Opportunity to deliver five minute company resenatation from conference podium Acknowledgement of sponsorship on podium each morning by conference chair Acknowledgement of sponsorship in conference compendium Acknowledgement of sponsorship on all conference programme and marketing literature including ISPO UK website Priority positioning in exhibition area

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EXHIBITOR BOOKING FORM

Please complete and return to ISPO UK MS Secretariat, PO Box 7225, Pitlochry, PH16 9AH
E-mail: info@ispo.org.uk Tel: 01796 473556

The ISPO Secretariat Office will then acknowledge receipt of your booking and issue an invoice for payment.
Please note exhibition space cannot be guaranteed until payment is received in full.

Company Name:		
Address:		
Contact Name:		
Telephone:	E-mail:	
Your company details and logo will be published in the conference compendium. Please e-mail your company logo to info@ispo.org.uk . If you do not wish your company's details to appear in the compendium please tick this box. <input type="checkbox"/>		
Exhibition Space		
Exhibition Space (2.0 m x 1.5 m) @ £500 per space	No. of Spaces	Total £
Please indicate the names of the representatives who will attend your stand. You are allowed two representatives per stand space. Additional representatives should register as full conference delegates.		
Advertisements in Conference Compendium		
Exhibitors are invited to advertise in the conference compendium. A4 colour advertisements should be e-mailed in pdf or high res format to info@ispo.org.uk to arrive no later than Friday 11th August 2017 .		
Full page A4 colour (£150 per advert)	No. of Pages	Total £
Delegate Bag Inserts		
Exhibitors may submit literature (maximum size A4) for inclusion in delegate bags. All literature to be delivered to the ISPO Secretariat Office, Arvingerne, Edradour, Pitlochry, PH16 5JW to arrive no later than Friday 25th August 2017 .		
Do you wish to provide literature for inclusion in delegate bags?		Yes / No



ISPO UK MS SHORT COURSE

Research in O & P: A Practical Approach to Generating Research and Clinical Evidence

Friday 14th July 2017 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Friends House, 173-177 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ

(click on the link to view full details of the venue)

Confirmed contributors

Dr John Head, Senior Lecturer, School of Life Sciences, University of Salford

Dr Michael McGrath, Research Scientist – Clinical Evidence, Chas A Blatchford & Sons Ltd

Dr David Moser, Head of Research & Principle Research Engineer, Chas A Blatchford & Sons Ltd

Dr Imad Sedki, Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine, RNOH, Stanmore

Course Aim and Outline

The aim of this course is to provide the tools and information required to encourage rehabilitation professionals to disseminate their knowledge, work and experience. Limited clinical evidence is available in the field of P & O rehabilitation to support current practice. The course is designed to encourage active participation and facilitate a logical approach to the dissemination and presentation of clinical evidence to support best practice. Topics for discussion will include:

- ***What is evidence?***
- ***Forms of evidence?***
- ***Why is evidence so important?***
- ***Defining research and the process***
- ***Getting started, formulating research aims and objectives***
- ***Formulating a hypothesis***
- ***Study design and planning***
- ***What to measure and why?***
- ***Analysis and dissemination of research***
- ***Appropriate formats and forums – case studies, free papers, poster presentations, peer reviewed journals***
- ***Barriers and pitfalls***
- ***Seeking support***
- ***Disseminating research***
- ***Discussion and the role of ISPO in this area***

This course is suitable for all disciplines under the remit of ISPO.

Registration essential: ISPO members: FREE Non-members: £50 Students: £25

To register, complete the attached form and return by e-mail to info@ispo.org.uk, or post to ISPO UK MS Secretariat, PO Box 7225, Pitlochry, PH16 9AH Tel: 01796 473556

Full details available at www.ispo.org.uk



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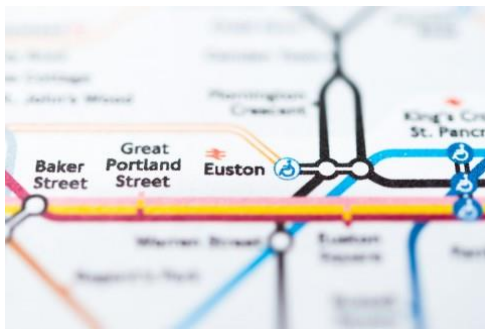
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By invoice Purchase order number: Invoice address if different from above:		<input type="checkbox"/>
Please note that ISPO UK MS is not able to accept credit card payments.		

Travelling to Friends House

Friends House is located in the heart of Euston, directly opposite Euston Station, and a stone's throw away from King's Cross and St Pancras International Stations. How to reach us:

Address: Friends House, 173-177 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ

By rail: From its position opposite Euston's rail and tube stations, it is a ten minute walk from [King's Cross Station](#) and [St Pancras International](#) Terminus. All major rail terminals are easily reached by tube.



By tube: The nearest tube stations are Euston and Euston Square, which are on the Northern, Victoria, Metropolitan, Circle, Hammersmith & City lines and overground.



By bus: Numbers 10, 18, 30, 73, 205 and 390 pass the door whilst 59, 68, 91, 168, and 253 stop nearby.

By car: Friends House is within a meter parking zone (Monday to Friday 08:30 - 18:30 and Saturday 09:00 - 13:30). There are alternative, longer-term parking facilities under Euston Station. Please note that Friends House is within the congestion charge zone.



ISPO UK MS Membership Bursaries

ISPO UK MS is committed to supporting interested individuals working in the fields of prosthetic, orthotic, mobility and assistive devices as well as students studying prosthetics and orthotics or carrying out research and development in this area. One way we do this is by awarding membership bursaries. Membership bursaries for 2017/18 have already been awarded to six successful applicants; **more bursaries are still available!**

Successful applicants will receive a contribution of £55 from ISPO UK MS towards the cost of the annual membership fee for two consecutive years. Successful applicants must contribute the balance payment of £50 each year for two consecutive years, and will receive all benefits of ISPO membership including:-

- **FREE** registration to ISPO UK Short Courses
- **FREE** subscription to *Prosthetic and Orthotic International* (POI), one of the leading international scientific publications in the field of prosthetics and orthotics
- Reduced delegate registration fees for ISPO International and UK conferences
- Bi-monthly eUpdates and quarterly E-newsletters
- Full access to the ISPO International members' only online services (including e-learning)
- Eligibility to serve on ISPO committees and taskforces
- Membership certificate, reflecting your commitment to global exchange of knowledge and participation in the leading worldwide prosthetics and orthotics network.

Criteria for Application

- Individuals working in the relevant fields of prosthetics/orthotics/ rehabilitation/ wheelchairs
- Individuals who have not been a member of ISPO in the last 5 years
- Students studying, carrying our research and development in prosthetics and orthotics who have not previously been an ISPO member

Application Process

- Applicants should complete a membership application form along with a written statement of not more than 150 words outlining the benefits membership would offer them personally, their organisation and team including areas of interest.
- Statements and contact details should be e mailed to:- info@ispo.org.uk
- **The closing date for applications for 2017/18 membership is 31st August 2017**



APPLICATION FORM

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR PROSTHETICS AND ORTHOTICS

Personal Information

Organization/Institution/Company					
Title		Last Name		First Name	
Address					
City			Postal Code		
County			Country		
Phone1			Phone2		
Email			Fax		
Nationality		Date of Birth		Gender	

Professional Information

Present Position					
Qualification1					
Qualification2					
Professional Category					
	if other, please specify:				

Language Information

Mother tongue				
Language1		Level		
Language2		Level		
Language3		Level		

Other Information

Type of Membership requested	Full		Student
Willingness to work for ISPO	Yes	No	Time available

Current Activities

please provide a brief summary here

Subscription Fees - £105 (full member) £27 (student member)

Payment may be made by cheque, made payable to ISPO UK NMS or by online bank transfer – please e-mail info@ispo.org.uk for bank details.

Please return the completed application form via e-mail to info@ispo.org.uk or post to ISPO UK MS Secretariat, PO Box 7225, Pitlochry, Perthshire, PH16 9AH



16th World Congress of the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics

For four days, over 2,000 prosthetists, orthotists, medics, therapists and engineers met in Cape Town, South Africa, to discuss the future development of treatments using orthopaedic aids such as prostheses and orthoses and other assistive health technology. Particular emphasis was given at the event to reaching out to the health services in Africa and for the companies, to the African market. A particular goal was to raise awareness of the need to provide treatment for every person with a disability.

As well as personal professional development, delegates from 106 countries took advantage of the ISPO World Congress to exchange ideas and experiences across global national borders. Two special guest lectures, three keynote lectures, 53 symposia, 22 instructional courses and around 500 free papers and posters provided stimulating research and ideas. 120 exhibitors from 31 countries presented their new products and developments in the exhibition centre.

A major highlight was the launch of the WHO standards in Prosthetic and Orthotic Services, developed in collaboration with ISPO and funded by US Aid. These standards will soon be available to ISPO members on our website.

The ISPO UK Member Society supported delegates from lower income countries to attend the World Congress by way of a donation to the ISPO International Travel Grant Fund. In addition, travel bursaries were awarded to four ISPO UK members to support their attendance in Cape Town. Below is a report from **Cassandra Haber**, one such recipient. Look out for further reports in our next e-bulletin.

And, take note – the 17th World Congress of ISPO will be held in **Kobe, Japan from 5th – 8th October 2019** – and, again, we'll be supporting more members to attend that event too!



I am a clinical physiotherapist. I read for a Masters Degree in Biomechanics at the University of Roehampton and graduated at the beginning of this year. I have a special interest in amputee biomechanics and the implications on rehabilitation. My dissertation research project involved the analysis of the BladeXT (Blatchford & Sons Ltd.) for dynamic movement performance in transtibial amputees. I presented the findings of my research at the ISPO Cape Town Congress in the form of an oral presentation ***titled 'Does prosthetic spring stiffness have an effect on the biomechanics of a start-stop movement in unilateral transtibial amputees when using a running-specific prosthesis?'*** and also as a poster presentation ***titled 'An analysis of dynamic forward movement performance in transtibial amputees using a running-specific prosthesis'.***

This was my first experience of presenting my research at such a large international conference. It was a wonderful opportunity to share and exchange findings and

interpretations with fellow researchers and experts in the field. I believe that one major benefit of the ISPO conference is to discover and discuss research that has yet to be published and to meet people with the same research interests as yourself. Furthermore, I was delighted to meet a few of the authors of research papers I have analysed when formulating my own study.

I attended several other presentations, some of which focused on the extensive pool of research whereas others aimed at imparting knowledge and skills. One example of the latter is the keynote lecture on outcome measures in amputee rehabilitation by Professor Robert Gailey which was very instructive. Thus, I found this conference to be beneficial to me both as a researcher and as a physiotherapist. The knowledge and skills I gained through this opportunity can now be applied in amputee rehabilitation and allow for best practises.

This conference allowed members to network with other professionals and vendors in the industry. I was able to learn about new advancements in orthotic and prosthetic technologies and I became aware of new concepts in research. Through this conference, I was able to meet people of different nationalities with different areas of expertise such as academia, research, clinical, marketing or prosthetic user, all with the aim of advancing the field.

This ISPO World Congress was hosted under the theme ***“Assistive Technology for All”***. I was shocked to learn that only about 15% of individuals who require orthotic or prosthetic devices actually have access to them. In the words of Mr Rajiv Singh Hanspal, the ISPO president, ***“ensuring increased access to assistive technology for users worldwide forms part of ISPO’s vision to contribute to a world where all persons have equal opportunity for full participation in society”***. The ISPO congress provides the opportunity for international organisations, P&Os and rehabilitation professionals, and the users to work together and support this worthy cause - to improve access of orthotics and prosthetics worldwide.

I would like to formally thank ISPO UK MS for the travel bursary which was of substantial assistance to attend the ISPO conference in Cape Town and present my research. I am very grateful for the opportunity and the experience that I obtained.

