



ISPO UK MS WINTER BULLETIN

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - December 2016



As 2016 is coming to a close, a few lines from an ancient philosopher can set our path for a new year.

Let the mind rest at peace.
The ten thousand things rise and fall while the Self watches their return.
They grow and flourish and then return to the source.
Returning to the source is stillness, which is the way of nature.
The way of nature is unchanging.
Knowing constancy is insight.

Welcoming a new executive committee to serve the 45th year of ISPO (UK), their effort is focused in meeting the needs of prosthetic and orthotic users through education and training of the multi-disciplinary rehabilitation team.

Before sharing with you extracts from our evolving strategy, it would be useful to reflect on the last few years and thank Dr Lal Landham for steering the society to this point in its journey. Great thanks also to our last year's scientific chair Professor Peter Kyberd who, at short notice, stepped in to organise TIPS 2016 jointly with the annual scientific meeting in Glasgow which was a very successful event continuing to catapult the society to the future.

We also welcome the new scientific chair of 2017 Dr Stephen Kirker who will lead a sub group to assist him in organising the Cambridge meeting to be held on September 8-9. This will be a joint O&P meeting with focus on neuromuscular measurement in use of gait movement analysis as a clinical or research tool, what it means after three decades. In addition, the theme of cognitive load in O&P, virtual rehabilitation, equity of provision/standards of practice and variations in outcome in examples such as life cycle of diabetic challenge. This promises to be a great event in sharing best practice across the UK.

At the first meeting of the new committee we took some time to start a process of developing and refining a targeted strategy for the coming duration of serving and drafted a three year strategy development for ISPO UK – 2017 to 2020. The discussion started with 3 questions, what we think the needs are? Who we think we can help? And why this team wants to do it? Getting orthotists engaged in the activities of ISPO and a joint meeting with BAPO is very important. We hope this event, planned to be held at Southampton in 2018, will focus on interfaces, advanced material & fabrication.

The next TIPS can be planned for 2019/2020 in Salford and then a Stanmore meeting as the key milestone to catapult UK ISPO beyond 2020. In time it is hoped to grow the organisation in the coming 3 years so that we will have a younger age profile of the membership and amore balanced mix of multi-disciplinary team for rehabilitation care. This vision is within the scope and mission of the ISPO UK constitution and encompasses the future education and training of multi-disciplinary teams for a modern rehabilitation in prosthetic and orthotics as set by ISPO internationally. Another key area is to ensure greater access as well as expanding our mentoring activities. Developing new digital dissemination offering of best available practice and where possible, and share experiences through joint activities with similar NMS (e.g. Norway, Italy, Canada, and international). These are in the form of additional offerings by the ISPO UK. To enable formation of other sub-committees to focus on these other offerings and enhancing website and online digital offerings and communications we need your help by volunteering for these sub groups. Their task will be in developing training in the form of webinars, providing recoded lectures for broadcast and access by the members for sharing best practice, and linking to international website for materials such as Standards and current practices in O&P at global level.

The analogy of a journey where the local activities can be developed in conjunction with district and aligned with national and international objectives aimed at sharing each others' experiences. Through interactive digital dissemination critical evaluation and review support as well as a targeted sponsorship bursary to fund training for raising the standard of care and rehabilitation across the UK and beyond. Active advocacy of these aims enables more new members to join.

This strategy is patient centric and initial focus is on NHS consistency of care in rehabilitation of physical disabilities. Establishing standards of practice as the 1st principle will be the measurable indication of success.

We plan to develop new local short courses while concurrently linking to existing research programs in UK universities and engage with graduates. Work alongside user association & industry with paediatric research to ensure future funding.

Engaging companies for training and enhancing technical degrees as per ISPO category 1, 2, 3 and future 4 aiming at using social media to attract the young professionals will be the task of another sub-committee.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, Peaceful festive season and Happy and Healthy New Year.



**International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics
United Kingdom National Member Society**

Membership of ISPO through UK National Member Society - 2017

We now invite existing members to renew membership subscriptions with ISPO for 2017 to ensure continuity of ISPO's many benefits including:-

- * free subscription to Prosthetics and Orthotics International (POI) <<http://www.ispoint.org/poi>>, one of the leading international scientific publications in the field of Prosthetics and Orthotics;
- * reduced registration fees at ISPO events, such as the ISPO World Congress <<http://ispo2017.org/>>, national events and congresses, workshops and seminars;
- * ISPO's bimonthly eUpdates <<http://www.ispoint.org/eupdates/>>, and enjoy free access to ISPO members-only online services, including educational resources, scientific content and past POI issues;
- * links to a worldwide network of professionals and exposure to the highest level of expertise and latest developments in the field of Prosthetics and Orthotics;
- * eligibility to serve on ISPO committees <<http://www.ispoint.org/committees>> and taskforces;
- * a membership certificate, reflecting your commitment to the global exchange of knowledge and participation in the leading worldwide Prosthetics and Orthotics network.

Membership subscription rates for 2017 are £105 for full membership and £27 for student membership. Your payment may be made:-

- By cheque, made payable to ISPO UK NMS, and returned together with your renewal form, to ISPO UK MS Secretariat, PO Box 7225, Pitlochry, PH16 9AH
- By online bank transfer to Royal Bank of Scotland, Sort Code: 83-28-39 Account No: 00146801. When paying online please ensure you include your name and membership number as reference to the payment.
- By Standing Order made payable to Royal Bank of Scotland Sort Code: 83-28-39 Account No: 00146801. If you currently have a standing order mandate in place please review this with your bank and ensure that the payment amount is increased to reflect the new membership rate for 2017 - £105 (full member) or £27 (student member).

Whichever method of payment you choose, **please ensure that you return a completed membership renewal form (attached) to the Secretariat office by 31st January 2017.** To improve efficiency and reduce admin costs both ISPO UK NMS and ISPO International actively seek to communicate to members online. It is really important, therefore, that you keep us up to date with current contact details, and in particular, ***your e-mail address.***

We also invite interested parties to consider membership of ISPO - full details of all ISPO activities are available on our websites. For local UK information visit: www.ispo.org.uk and for international information visit www.ispoint.org. To apply for membership, please complete the application form on the next page and return to our secretariat office. Note also ISPO UK is offering up to ten membership bursaries for 2017/18 - full details of how to apply are listed in this e-bulletin and also on our website at www.ispo.org.uk

We thank you in advance for your support for the coming year. We have an exciting programme of activities in 2017 and look forward to your contribution and participation!



Steve Secombe
Honorary Treasurer & Membership Secretary
ISPO UK MS



Please complete and return to
ISPO UK NMS Secretariat, PO Box 7225, Pitlochry, PH16 9AH by 31st January 2017
e-mail: info@ispo.org.uk

➤ I will continue to pay by Standing Order ☐
(Please ensure that your standing order is updated to reflect the appropriate membership rate (£105 or £27) and that payment is made by 31st January 2017)

To ensure our database is kept up to date and all communications are delivered to you promptly, please complete the section below including your preferred e-mail address

Membership No:	<i>(if you do not know your membership number leave blank)</i>
Name:	
Address (for correspondence):	
Telephone:	
E-mail:	
Profession:	



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR PROSTHETICS & ORTHOTICS

Membership Application Form 2017

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

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ISPO Contact Information

Please return the completed application form via e-mail, fax or post to:- ISPO UK MS Secretariat, PO Box 7225, Pitlochry, Perthshire, PH16 9AH E-mail: info@ispo.org.uk Fax: 01796 473556		
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ISPO UK MS Membership Bursaries

ISPO UK MS is keen to support interested individuals working in the field and students studying prosthetics and orthotics or carrying out research and development in this area, by awarding membership bursaries. A total of TEN membership bursaries are available for 2017/18.

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 Prosthetic and Orthotic International scientific journals; full access to the ISPO International members' only website; regular e-bulletins; and reduced delegate registration fees for both ISPO International and UK conferences.

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 out research and development in prosthetics and orthotics who have not previously been an ISPO member

Application Process

- Applicants should provide 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 21st April 2017**



#ISPOWER is ISPO's call to action for improved access to Assistive Health Technology (AHT) & care to help people with impaired mobility contribute fully to society. [Get involved.](#)

#ISPOWER is about **empowerment** and **social inclusion** of people with impaired mobility through **improved access to P&O and AHT** care -- empowered to be **independent** and empowered to reach their full **potential** in society.

Through #ISPOWER, **together we will raise public and decision makers' awareness** and understanding of the importance of P&O and AHT care in helping to transform the lives of people with impaired mobility and integrate them into society

Who is involved?

#ISPOWER is supported by a number of key stakeholders in the field of P&O, rehabilitation and Assistive Health Technologies. Read more about [campaign founders](#).

What is happening on the ground?

- #ISPOWER was launched in 2015 in 5 Pilot Countries. [Read more.](#)
- #ISPOWER will be present through you at the [Rio 2016 Paralympics!](#)

Get involved!

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday 8 & Saturday 9 September 2017
ISPO UK MS Annual Scientific Meeting & Exhibition
Clare College, Cambridge



ISPO UK MS ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING & EXHIBITION
8 & 9 SEPTEMBER 2017
CLARE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

Key Themes

- Neuromuscular measurement in gait movement analysis
- Cognitive load in O&P
- Virtual rehabilitation
- Equity of provision/standards of practice/variations in outcome

Guest Lectures
Blatchford Lecture
Invited Speakers
Free Papers
Posters
Commercial Exhibition

To register your interest in attending/participating/exhibiting e-mail: info@ispo.org.uk



A MESSAGE FROM ISPO INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, RAJIV HANSPAL

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Another year has passed and once again it is time for reflection over the past months. While world politics continues to suggest major changes around the globe, for most people life seems to continue with its daily routine, its trials and tribulations and people's hope for a better life for them and their children. This Hope for Peace remains the persistent message every year and in the words of a patient of mine, now an international advocate of peace – *Doves Can't, We Can*. As a Global Society, we retain our Vision of Equal Opportunity for All.

In 2016, ISPO has continued its efforts to advocate for better access to assistive health technology by supporting the WHO GATE Initiative, and to raise awareness about the benefits of Prosthetic & Orthotic services through the #ISPOWER campaign. The Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro provided a good platform for visibility, during which various activities to promote #ISPOWER occurred. The real need however may be far more personal and local for most communities around the world.

ISPO's Committees have been very busy with the work in their respective areas, and I wish to highlight in particular on the activities of the Education and Scientific Committees, which have both been steadily increasing. 2017 will see the launches of a number of important standards and guideline documents, which will help to further advance the education, service provision and professional care in the P&O rehabilitation. This introduction of new and updated reference documents for our field will be another major step towards ISPO's mission to improve the quality of life for persons with physical impairments.

All of this work is in line with the new Strategic Plan, which the ISPO Executive Board adopted earlier this year. The document lays emphasis on the following four work pillars, based on which the work plan for the next years has been developed.

- Advocacy & Awareness
- Improving Education, Training, Knowledge Exchange
- Standards & Accreditation
- Innovation & Evidence

ISPO now counts a total of 3,300 members in 120 countries, and has, after this year's addition of Bangladesh, Malaysia, Palestine and Tanzania, increased its number of national Member Societies to 69. However at the center of our work is 'The User' and we will recognize this formally with the introduction of the *ic2a* Lecture at the opening ceremony of the next World Congress in Cape Town.

Without you, the ISPO's membership, none of the above-mentioned progress and achievements would have been possible. On behalf of the ISPO International Executive Board and staff at the ISPO Head Office in Brussels, I thank you all very much for your dedication and commitment towards the P&O field, and wish you all a happy and festive Holiday season, and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

I look forward to seeing you in May 2017 at the [16th ISPO World Congress in Cape Town](#), the first one ever to be held on the African continent!

Best wishes,

Rajiv Hanspal
President, ISPO International



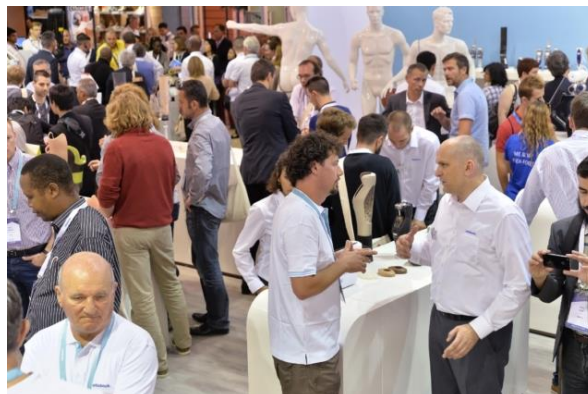
Assistive Technology for All

ISPO International's bi-annual congress is a unique interactive forum where the global community of professionals involved in the care of persons in need of prosthetic, orthotic, mobility and assistive devices comes together to learn about the latest scientific and clinical advances, products, innovative technologies, designs and materials in prosthetic and orthotic care.

For the first time organised on the African continent, the congress aims to ensure increased access to assistive technology for users worldwide through a broad and interactive programme, an international trade show and social events.

Participants will include orthotists, prosthetists, physiatrists, orthopaedic surgeons, physical and occupational therapists, rehabilitation engineers, caregivers, clinical psychologists, social institutions and many others from all corners of the world.

For full details visit <http://www.ispo2017.org/>



ISPO UK MS Travel Bursaries

16th World Congress
Cape Town, South Africa

8-11 May 2017



ISPO UK MS is pleased to offer up to four £500 travel awards to ISPO UK members to attend the 16th World Congress - **“Assistive Technology for All”** - to be held in Cape Town, South Africa from 8 – 11 May 2017.

Criteria for Application

- Applicants must have been fully paid up members of ISPO UK MS for the last two years (2015 & 2016).
- Applicants must not have received any other bursary awards from ISPO UK MS in the last five years (2012-2016).
- Applicants must have *either* a **poster** or **paper** accepted for the 16th World Congress (free paper session, symposium or instructional course).

Application Process

- Applicants should provide a written statement providing the following information:-
 - Reason for application including details of poster or paper presentation
 - Estimated costs (travel, hotel, accommodation)
- Applications should be e mailed to:- info@ispo.org.uk
- **The closing date for applications is 31st January 2017.**

*ISPO UK MS
would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas,
and a happy and healthy new year!*

