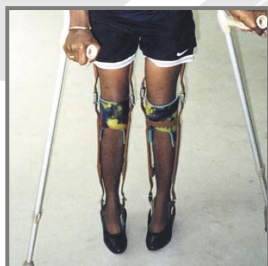


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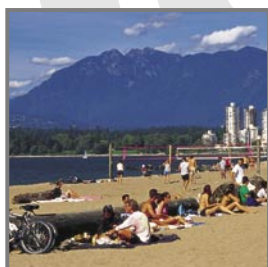
International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT



July 29 – August 3, 2007

Vancouver Convention
& Exhibition Centre
Vancouver, BC
Canada



Moving Beyond Disability



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The triennial ISPO World Congress is the premiere multidisciplinary, international event for prosthetic and orthotic care. Delegates attending the world congress will experience:

- Keynote lectures from elite members of the prosthetics and orthotics community
- New and innovative scientific presentations and posters
- Symposia with world-class experts covering topics across the prosthetics and orthotics field
- Instructional courses
- Technical courses
- An extensive, international trade exhibition
- Social program that takes advantage of Vancouver's exciting, multicultural atmosphere and breathtaking scenery
- A consumer day with a unique perspective on disability

ISPO World Congresses typically include over 350 free papers, 40 symposia, 40 instructional courses, 150 exhibitors and 2000 delegates.

INVITATION

As Chairman of the 2007 ISPO World Congress, I welcome the opportunity to meet you in Vancouver for a world-class event. The triennial ISPO World Congresses continue to be the premiere academic, educational, and social venue for multidisciplinary prosthetic and orthotic care. Our organizing committee is working hard to make the 2007 congress an enriching and stimulating experience for delegates, manufacturers, and consumers.

Selection of Vancouver as the conference city was an easy choice. Set between the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, Vancouver is one of the most picturesque cities in the world. Vancouver is easy to reach by air, sea, road, and rail. The rich multicultural heritage presents a wide variety of dining, entertainment, and social possibilities. For delegates interested in a more active adventure, the greater Vancouver area provides amazing sport and wilderness opportunities.

Our theme, Moving Beyond Disability, provides a base from which to create a varied and informative program. In addition to the scientific presentations, instructional courses, and technical workshops, focused symposia will cover topics ranging from state-of-the-art clinical applications to psycho-social aspects of prosthetic and orthotic care. Since ISPO is a multidisciplinary organization, delegates can interact and learn from other health professionals and technical experts. The consumer day will also provide a forum for people with disabilities to take advantage of learning opportunities and the trade exhibition.

In addition to the academic content, ISPO 2007 will provide extensive exhibition space for manufacturers, professional services, and health organizations. The Vancouver Convention Centre provides

accessible, world-class facilities for the trade show and academic program. Following a long session in the conference rooms or exhibit floor, you may enjoy a stroll around the Convention Centre for a spectacular view of Stanley Park, Vancouver Harbour, and the mountains.

Our congress organizing committee welcomes the opportunity to make your stay in Vancouver enriching, entertaining, and memorable. See you in 2007.

Edward Lemaire, PhD
Chairman, ISPO 2007 World Congress

ABOUT ISPO

ISPO is a multi-disciplinary organization involved with clinical, educational and research aspects of prosthetics, orthotics, rehabilitation engineering and related topics. ISPO presently has 2500 members worldwide in 75 countries. National Member Societies have been established in 28 countries. ISPO promotes improvements in the care of all persons with neuromuscular and skeletal impairments by:

- Acting as an international advisory body
- Promoting information exchange (Prosthetics and Orthotics International journal, seminars, courses, and conferences)
- Promoting and guiding research, development and evaluation activities
- Encouraging and supporting education and training activities
- Guiding and supporting clinical care activities
- Facilitating high-level uniform practice through international standards

VANCOUVER, CANADA

Vancouver is one of the premiere conference and vacation venues in North America. Tucked between the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, Canada's third largest city provides the features of a large urban centre with the wilderness waiting just out of town. After enjoying the excellent conference facilities and congress program, you may take time out to enjoy the multicultural entertainment, dining, and flavour of downtown Vancouver. If you are interested in physical activity, Vancouver offers world class golf, sailing, hiking, sea kayaking, and almost any adventure tour you can imagine. For a more relaxed time, you can take a ferry ride to Vancouver Island or ride out to Whistler village to see if there is still snow at the top of the mountain. We hope you take time to enjoy Vancouver around the ISPO 2007 World Congress and extend your stay to visit other parts of Canada.

VANCOUVER CONVENTION CENTRE

Our first-class facilities offer more than 150,000 square feet (14,000 square metres) of attractive, highly flexible function spaces, including 91,000 square feet (8500 square metres) of column-free exhibit space, a 16,600 square foot (1543 square metre) ballroom and 20 meeting rooms. Vancouver Convention Centre is renowned worldwide for service excellence, technical

capabilities and unique, high quality banqueting. The convention centre is within immediate access to more than 13,000 hotel rooms along with a wide range of restaurants, retail areas and entertainment.

EXHIBITOR / SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

As an exhibitor, you will be interacting with international decision makers within the realm of prosthetic and orthotic care. Since ISPO is a multidisciplinary group, you will have the opportunity to demonstrate your products and services to all members of the healthcare team. Reduced booth rates are available for early registration.

The congress offers your company / organization a great opportunity to enhance its image by sponsoring activities and delegate-centred services. A wide range of sponsorship options are available in support of the daily Congress proceedings, the Congress infrastructure, and individual components of the social program. The organizers welcome any other investment / advertising proposals.

Please contact the 2007 World Congress Secretariat to obtain an exhibitor / sponsorship kit.

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