

Interim Report to the International Committee (IC16)  
Bangkok, February 2009

## ISPO <Chinese Taipei>

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### 1. List of Executive Committee members

(name, function, profession, place of work, length of committee service)

#### Executive Committee Members of ISPO, Chinese Taipei (Taiwan) National Member Society (December 2007 - November 2010)

<b>President</b>	Wong, Alice	Professor and Superintendent, Dept. of Rehabilitation Medicine, Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Taoyuan, Taiwan
<b>Secretary General</b>	Tang, Simon	Professor and Program Director, Dept. of Rehabilitation Medicine, Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Linkou, Taiwan
<b>Executive Committee Member</b>	Lien, I-Nan	Emeritus Professor, Dept. of Rehabilitation Medicine, National Taiwan University Hospital, Taipei, Taiwan
	Lin, Ming-Chuan	Chief & Attending Physician, Dept. of Rehabilitation Medicine, Tzu Chi Hospital, Hsin-Tien, Taiwan
	Chen, Shen-Jung	CPO and President, Teh Sen Technology Inc.
	Huang, Biing-Shiun	Chief, Rehabilitation Center, Taipei Veterans General Hospital, Taipei, Taiwan

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### 2. Dates of committee meetings (August 2007-2009)

2007:

<b>Date of Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Place of Committee Meeting</b>
August 25, 2007	Taipei, Taiwan
November 17, 2007	Taipei, Taiwan
November 24, 2007	Taipei, Taiwan

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2008:

<b>Date of Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Place of Committee Meeting</b>
February 16, 2008	Taipei, Taiwan
June 28, 2008	Taipei, Taiwan
September 20, 2008	Taipei, Taiwan
November 1, 2008	Taipei, Taiwan

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2009: (schedule)

<b>Date of Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Place of Committee Meeting</b>
February 7, 2009	Taipei, Taiwan
June 6, 2009	Taipei, Taiwan
August 22, 2009	Taipei, Taiwan
November 21, 2009	Taipei, Taiwan

### 3. List of conferences/scientific meetings/seminars/etc.

(event, dates, place, topics, numbers attending)

2007:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Numbers attending</b>
Symposium on Foot Orthosis	June 30, 2007	Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Taoyuan, Taiwan	Foot Orthoses	121
Annual Meeting, 2007	November 24, 2007	Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Taoyuan, Taiwan	1. Introduction to Prioprio Foot 2. Orthoses for Knee Arthritis	176

2008:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Numbers attending</b>
Core Instruction Course for certification of P&O (I), 2008	Mar 8-9, 2008	Taipei Veterans General Hospital, Taiwan	Limbs Orthoses: Lecture & Practice	30
Core Instruction Course for certification of P&O (II), 2008	Mar 15-16, 2008	Taipei Veterans General Hospital, Taiwan	Spinal Orthoses: Lecture & Practice	29
Core Instruction Course for certification of P&O (III), 2008	Mar 29-30, 2008	Taipei Veterans General Hospital, Taiwan	Upper Limb Prostheses: Lecture & Practice	27
Core Instruction Course for certification of P&O (IV), 2008	Apr 12-13, 2008	Taipei Veterans General Hospital, Taiwan	Upper Limb Prostheses: Practice	28
Core Instruction Course for certification of P&O (V), 2008	Apr 19-20, 2008	Taipei Veterans General Hospital, Taiwan	Lower Limb Prostheses: Lecture & Practice	26
Core Instruction Course for certification of P&O (VI), 2008	Apr 26-27, 2008	Taipei Veterans General Hospital, Taiwan	Lower Limb Prostheses: Practice	26
Core Instruction Course for certification of P&O (VII), 2008	May 3-4, 2008	Taipei Veterans General Hospital, Taiwan	Lower Limb Prostheses: Practice	27
Advanced Course of Spinal Orthosis for Scoliosis	Aug 23-24, 2008	Taipei Veterans General Hospital, Taiwan	Spinal Orthoses for Scoliosis	41
Seminar on Modular Lower Limb Prostheses	Aug 28-30, 2008	Taipei Veterans General Hospital, Taiwan	Modular Lower Limb Prostheses: Ossur TT and TF Training Program	37
Diabetic Foot Symposium	Sep 20, 2008	Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Taoyuan, Taiwan	Orthotic Management for Diabetic Foot	84

Workshop on Modified OMC Brace	Nov 1-2, 2008	Taipei Veterans General Hospital, Taiwan	Modified OMC Brace for Scoliosis	40
Annual Meeting, 2008	Nov 22, 2008	Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Taoyuan, Taiwan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Development of Lower Limb Prostheses: Past, Now, and Future</li> <li>2. Contemporary Approach and New Research of Lower Limb Prosthetics</li> <li>3. Orthoses for Common Lower Limb Disorders</li> </ol>	196

2009: (schedule)

Event	Date	Place	Topic
Core Instruction Course (I – VII) for certification of P&O, 2009	March-May, 2008	Taipei Veterans General Hospital, Taiwan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Limbs Orthoses</li> <li>2. Spinal Orthoses</li> <li>3. Upper Limb Prostheses</li> <li>4. Lower Limb Prostheses</li> </ol>
Annual Meeting, 2009	November, 2009	(To be determined)	(To be determined)

#### 4. Developments in the prosthetic/orthotic service in your country

In Taiwan (Chinese Taipei), the prosthetic and orthotic services have been well developed based on the highly appraised health care infrastructure with advanced medical standard. The National Health Insurance provides reimbursement of the basic requirements of prostheses/orthoses for the medical purpose. For certain patients/consumers who need the cutting edge products, several large scale prosthetic/orthotic providers are able to meet their needs. In addition, because Taiwan (Chinese Taipei) had evolved into a WHO defined aging country since 1994, the specialized prosthetic/orthotic design for the geriatric population is undergoing development.

#### 5. An update of prosthetic/orthotic and related professional education in your country

The Chinese Taipei (Taiwan) National Member Society, collaborated with Prosthetics and Orthotics Society of Taiwan, holds Certification Examination for Prosthetists & Orthotists on an annual base. Every year before the examination, we offer a series of comprehensive instruction courses for the examinees. The examinees have to pass both the written and practice examination to become a certified Prosthetist & Orthotist. It is our goal that all workers at different levels of medical facilities and P&O companies have the certification of P&O in the near future.

Continue educations are required to maintain the certification and keep updated in the P&O field. To fulfill the requirements, we organize and give many lectures, symposiums, and workshops for the certified Prosthetists & Orthotists every year. Nowadays, the P&O related postgraduate programs are also available for university/college students.

#### 6. International links such as twinning and collaborative meetings

The Chinese Taipei (Taiwan) National Member Society encourages our members to participate in the international activities. For example, we had a group of over twenty participants joining the ISPO 12<sup>th</sup> World Congress held in Canada, 2007 and scientific papers were presented there. Our Secretary General, Prof. Simon Tang, had been invited twice to the Pedorthic Footwear Association of the United States to share his experience in the field of foot orthoses during the past two years. On the other hand, we often invite experts in P&O from all over the world to expand our view by giving us a lecture or workshop. Regionally, we have closer links with Japan and Hong-Kong. To hold a regional or international meeting will be our next goal.