

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

ISPO <JAPAN>

1. List of Executive Committee members

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

Function	Name	Profession ,title,place of work	Length of committee service
President	Takaaki Chin	Orthopedic surgeon, Dept.Director Hyogo Rehabilitation Center (Hyogo)	7years
Vice-President	Sumiko Yamamoto	Engineer, Proffessor International University of Health(Tochigi)	7years
Vice-President	Futoshi Wada	Orthopedic surgeon Proffessor Dept. Of Rehabilitation Medicine University of Occupational and Environmental Health(Fukuoka)	2years
Secretary	Mitsuhiko Uchida	CPO Deputy Head Kobe College Medical and Welfare(Hyogo)	7 years
Treasurer	Hiroshi Furukawa	Occupational Therapist, Proffessor Kobe GakuinUniversity (Hyogo)	7 years

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

2007: November 16, Fellow meeting, Board meeting

November 18, Annual Assembly

2008: November 18, Fellow meeting, Board meeting

November 20, Annual Assembly

2009: October 29, Fellow meeting, Board meeting

November 1, Annual Assembly

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

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

There are three societies which are related to prosthetics and orthotics in Japan. ISPO JAPAN has no own conferences/etc ,but ISPO Japan plays a role in international affairs collbarated these associations:

- JSPO (Japanese Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics)—multidisciplinary association
- JOPA (Japanese Orthotics and Prosthetics Association)—members are prosthetics and orthotics company owners
- JAPO (Japanese Academy for Prothetists and Orthotists)—consists of licensed prosthetists and orthotists

JSPO and JAPO held conferences/scientific meetings which were in collaboration with ISPO Japan:

2007:

- JSPO—The 23th annual scientific meeting at Matsue (November 17–18 2007, New developments in P&O, about 1,200 participants). ISPO Japan organized a booth to advertise the ISPO Germany World Congress.
- JOPA—The 14th annual scientific meeting at Nagoya(May 26-27 2007, Learnig future through craftsmanship, about 1,200 participants). ISPO Japan organized a booth to advertise the ISPO Canada World Congress

2008:

- JSPO—The 24th annual scientific meeting at Tokyo (November 17–18 2008, Dayly life with P&O, about 2,000 participants). ISPO Japan organized a booth to advertise the ISPO Germany World Congress.
- JOPA—The 15th annual scientific meeting at Sendai(May 31,June 1 2008, Learnig fitting theory from future other diciplines,,about 1,200 participants). ISPO Japan organized a booth to advertise the ISPO Germany World Congress

2009:

- JSPO—The 25th annual scientific meeting at Hyogo (October 31-November 1 2009, a fusion of Hardware and Software). Dr.Chin.president of ISPO Japan will organize this congress and ISPO Japan will arrange a booth to advertise the ISPO Germany World Congress.
- JOPA—The 16th annual scientific meeting at Nagasaki (July 18-19 2009, Expansion of the field). ISPO Japan has assisted with inviting a guest lecturer, Dr.Wetz as a representative from ISPO German. A booth to advertise the ISPO German World Congress will be donated.

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

A new law has ushered in a major change in government policy toward the disabled, shifting the emphasis from mere protection to making them more self-reliant.

As a result of this policy change, P&O professionals are required to ask the disabled to shoulder 10 percent of the charges for the welfare services they receive, the same percentage as charged under the publicly run nursing care insurance program. The P&O user is now permitted to choose the P&O company they wish to use, as well as the ability to choose a wider variety of P&O componentry and materials.

Before the law, the government had a duty to supply adequate P&O care for the disabled and P&O companies were required to make service contracts with each city government. Now that the new law is in place, the government supports the fee of P&O for the disabled, so P&O users can choose any P&O company, even if the company is without a contract with the city government. The P&O user must take responsibility for their choices by themselves. The P&O professional will need to explain the new situation carefully to the P&O user, so the patient can make an informed decision based on the evidence.

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

One new 4 year advanced diploma equivalence Bachelor degree has started in Kobe College of Medical Welfare Sanda Campas. Japan has a total of 10 prosthetic and orthotics schools with total combined enrollment of 248 students each year. The Japanese total population is 120 about million now. The openings of these new schools will increase competition for students in P&O schools throughout Japan. Some P&O schools are finding it difficult to fill the intakes each year. The increase in the number of P&O students will also increase the competition among students when finding a job after their graduation. But Competitions with P&O schools has pushed themself to develop their unique program and curriculum.

Kobe College has developed the upgrade to bachelor course with LaTrobe University.Australia for students in 3 years cours of P&O shool in Japan.It is successing and sent about 20 students to course in NCPO,LaTrobe University.

6. International links such as twinning and collaborative meetings

ISPO Japan has collaborated with Leipzih Messe to advertise ISPO World Congresss 2010. ISPO JAPAN is also oraganizing a tour for our members to attend ISPO 2010.

7. An update on active International Organizations and Non Government Organizations in your country

The Nippon Foundation has supported to Cambodia school of P&O,B.of P&O in Mahidon University in Thailans,SriLanka school of P&O,Prostheses foundation in Thailand.

The aim of these support project is to develop the education of P&O in South West Asia and bringing up leaders for P&Os in the future.Also the Nippon Foundation has continued to donate artificial legs to citizens of Vietnam who lost legs in the Vietnam War or in incidents afterwards involving landmines or other causes.

JICA has organized annual 6 month short course in JAPAN for P&O technicians in developing countries science 1981.

8. Any additional information you wish to share with other National Member Societies

Please forward your report and powerpoint presentation electronically (ispo@ispoint.org). Presentations should highlight key points only and be limited to 5 minutes.