

**Report**  
**of**  
**ISPO Netherlands**  
**2007 - 2009**

## Introduction

In 2008 there has been a small increase in the membership numbers of ISPO The Netherlands compared to 2007. We now have a total number of 456 committed members (April 2008). Historically the large majority is constituted by Medical Doctors in Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine. Especially therapists and other MD's are underrepresented in our NMS (see Table 1).

Our board continued with 9 members. Board members as well as the chair are elected for a term of three years with a maximum of two terms. Only the chairman can be re-elected for more periods after his term as regular Board member.

## ISPO Board – the Netherlands

<i>Names</i>	<i>Function</i>	<i>Elected until</i>	<i>Outgoing</i>
H. van der Linde	chair	2004 – 2010	2009
	vice-chair	2003 – 2004	
	member	2001 – 2003	
J. Harlaar	vice-chair	2005 – 2009	2012
	member	2003 – 2005	
C.H. Emmelot	secretary	2006 – 2012	2012

R. Mulders	treasurer	2006 – 2012	2012
L. Klaus	member	2002 – 2009	2009
R. Jansen	member	2008 – 2014	2014
F.C. Holtkamp	member	2006 – 2012	2012
Mrs E. Bonhof	member	2006 – 2012	2012
Mrs. Y. Heerkens	member	2005 – 2011	2011
Jos Deckers	member	2005 – 2011	2011

Harmen van der Linde and Jaap Harlaar are the Dutch International Committee members.

*The professions of the board members:*

Harmen van der Linde	Physiatrist (rehabilitation medicine) MD PhD, St. Maartenskliniek and University Hospital, Nijmegen
Cees Emmelot	Physiatrist (rehabilitation medicine) MD PhD, Isala klinieken, Zwolle
Ruben Mulders	Orthopaedic Shoe Technician, Hanssen Footcare, Heerlen
Lambert Klaus	Orthotist/Prosthetist and lecturer Bachelor, Nieuwegein
Rob Jansen	Orthopaedic Shoe Technician
Elske Bonhof	Occupational Therapist, Bachelor, Den Haag
Fred Holtkamp	Engineer, Lecturer MSc, Eindhoven
Jaap Harlaar	Biomedical Scientist, PhD, Head of the Laboratory on Motion Studies, Free University Amsterdam
Yvonne Heerkens	Human Movement Scientist and Lecturer, MSc, PhD, Amersfoort
Jos Deckers	Physical Therapist, Bachelor, Hoensbroek

*Board meetings*

In 2008 we started with a new board meeting scheme with 4 face to face meetings and two telephone conferences. We changed the scheme of conferencing for practical reasons. Instead of discussing every topic with the whole group specific tasks are assigned to board members in order to prepare the subjects that are to be discussed in the face to face meetings. These topics are accreditation, international matters, twinning/research policy/project applications, website, newsletter, evaluation of courses and symposia, sponsoring and contact with the industry.

*Communication board and national members*

Once a year ISPO matters are discussed with the national members during a face to face Annual Meeting within one of our symposia. Further contact with the members takes place by written correspondence regarding courses and symposia, the website ([www.i-s-p-o.nl](http://www.i-s-p-o.nl)) and a Newsletter (4 issues a year). The Newsletter contains information regarding the program of courses and symposia, specific topics discussed in the board and advertisements.

As mentioned in earlier reports, ISPO the Netherlands still gets support from Dutch companies, both (groups of) orthopedic workshops as well as the Dutch orthopedic industry (NIVO). The contribution exists of general sponsoring of activities, advertisement in the Newsletter and boots during the symposia and courses. This financial support is necessary to continue the service for the members of ISPO The Netherlands.

## Symposia/scientific meetings and instructional courses

### ISPO INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES AND SYMPOSIA

	2006				2007				2008				2009			
	voorjaar		najaar		voorjaar		najaar		voorjaar		najaar		voorjaar		najaar	
INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES <i>(once every 3 years)</i>	jan-mrt	apr-juni	sept-okt	nov-dec	jan-mrt	apr-juni	sept-okt	nov-dec	jan-mrt	apr-juni	sept-okt	nov-dec	jan-mrt	apr-juni	sept-okt	nov-dec
Multidisciplinary amputation and prosthetics (9 days)									10/01 tot 01/11				zie jan/mrt			
Neuropathic foot - diabetes							X		15/03							
Neuropathic foot - HMSN														X		
Orthopaedic Shoes in childhood		20/05												X		
Topics in orthotics (3 days: UE/ LE / SPINE)	18/03 OE			25/11 OE <sup>2</sup>									X			
Topics in prosthetics (3 days)					31/03	02/06		24/11		19/04						
<b>SYMPOSIA</b>																
Vancouver in the Netherlands <i>(1 maal per 3 jaar)</i>							X									
NIVO, symposia with orthopaedic industry <i>Yearly till 2008</i>	21/01				20/01											
ISPO Netherlands Congress Neurostimulation, a new domain in prosthetics and orthotics											03/10					
ISPO Netherlands Congress															02/10	

Amputation Surgery an Post-operative Treatment																	
3D scanning in CAD/CAM																	

## Service to members

The Dutch board has the intention to initiate the development of a knowledge database for professionals in the field of prosthetics and orthotics in order to make this knowledge more easily available. We experience that professionals trained at a University level get this information quit easily, however, professionals with a lower level of education have more difficulties to find this information. Therefore, the knowledge input for professionals in P&O in the Netherlands is believed to be different.

The aim is a system that guide's through the scientific literature and other knowledge sources.

The latter meaning technical notes, protocols, blue prints of products and clinical experience.

The development and maintenance is believed to be related to an educational institute. The Orthopaedic Engineering training program of the Fontys University of Applied Sciences seems to be an appropriate option. ISPO the Netherlands will support this fully and make int available exclusively for their members. The website could form the medium to enter this database with links to international sites.

## Web site [www.i-s-p-o.nl](http://www.i-s-p-o.nl)

In the beginning 2002 the Association launched its internet site under the internet address [www.i-s-p-o.nl](http://www.i-s-p-o.nl). It is used to provide general information about ISPO the Netherlands and to announce the regular activities and reports for a wide public as well as reports of finished activities like presentations of speakers on regular symposia. The closed part is only accessible for the members who have access to the member list. Members can change their own data, like address and occupation.

Table 1

	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	31-dec <b>2006</b>	31-dec <b>2007</b>	9-4-2008 <b>2008</b>
Rehabilitation MD	177	171	165	169	174	180	208	175	179
orthop.surgeon	8	8	7	7	7	5	3	3	3
Physical therapist	38	37	35	38	39	40	30	26	27
Occupational therapist	13	11	9	8	7	6	5	5	5
engineer	9	10	8	7	7	7	4	4	4
orth. Schoe technician	80	84	78	80	81	84	88	77	78

Prosthetist/orthotist	88	85	81	82	82	85	87	85	88
Technical adv.insurance									
companies	10	7	6	6	5	5	4	4	3
industry	11	13	10	10	10	10	14	12	12
other medical profession	12	12	10	10	10	9	2	6	5
other	22	21	15	13	13	12	28	50	52
student					6	7			
<b>total</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>456</b>

Board of ISPO The Netherlands

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