

REPORT OF THE RUSSIAN ISPO SECTION WORK IN 2008

The membership of the Russian ISPO section was revised in 2008, and now it is as follows:

K.K. Shcherbina, chairman

T.B. Chernova, treasurer

N.E. Lyapunova, secretary

A.A. Koryukov, A.V. Ostrovsky, members

In May we organized a tour of a group of the Russian orthopedists and prosthetists to Orthopaedie + Reha-Technik 2008, Leipzig. Two ISPO members delivered lectures there.

A meeting of the Russian members with ISPO President Mr. D. Blocka took place at Leipzig congress, where the pivotal tasks of our section were outlined. The foremost of them are education and vocational training in the field of orthopedics and orthotics.

Mr. Blocka planned participating in XIII Russian National Congress "People & Health" in Saint Petersburg, November 2008. (ISPO has been one of the congress's founders for the last years). At this meeting we also got a permission to reprint some papers from «Prosthetics and Orthotics International» in the Russian translation for our readers, for which we are very much appreciated. These publications were partially made this year.

We had believed that ISPO President would make his presentation at XIII congress "People & Health", which could have promoted ISPO activities, further to the membership in Russia, and strengthen the relations between the international and Russian ISPO. Unfortunately, Mr. Blocka had not opportunity to arrive.

Besides the meeting with ISPO President, in Leipzig the Russian ISPO members had negotiations with INTERBOR President Mr. E. Deschoolmeester and FEDOP President Mr. C. Cordoba, Spain.

The Russian National Congress "People & Health" in Saint Petersburg is the largest orthopedic event in Russia, assembling the leading scientists and the main manufacturers of orthopedic equipment and techniques. This year congress received above 1300 delegates and visitors from all over Russia and abroad, 16% working at the institutions of higher and vocational learning, and 6% being students. The guests had free access to several scientific sittings and the largest in Russia orthopedic fair "People & Health", in which about 80 companies took part. It was for the first time that the German exhibitors participated in our congress under the aegis of the German Ministry of Economics and Technology. This annual event facilitates the international exchange of opinions and spread of state-of-the-art technologies among orthopedists, prosthetists, orthotists, and rehabilitation doctors, both Russian and foreign.

Along with such large-scale projects, the Russian ISPO conducted some smaller ones. In March, accomplishing our main objective of improving professional skill, jointly with the All-Russian Prosthetists-Orthopedists Guild we organized a master class at Albrecht Orthopedic and Prosthetic Center in Saint Petersburg, which was kindly given by a prominent French specialist in brace technologies for scoliosis Prof. J. Cheneau. This allowed improving the skill of several Russian orthotists, who can now share their experience with the other specialists from the regions.

Publishing "All-Russian Prosthetists-Orthopedists Guild Bulletin", the only Russian journal for prosthetists and orthopedists, meets the same tasks of education and spread of new P&O knowledge in Russia. It is released 4 times a year and mailed to the state prosthetic-orthopedic enterprises for free. Also, the journal has above 400 individual and about 70 collective subscribers. It is in this journal that the papers from «Prosthetics and Orthotics International» are reprinted in Russian.

The 33d issue for 2008 contained the interviews with ISPO President D. Blocka and FEDOP President C. Cordoba, familiarizing the Russian readers and specialists with the main objectives and aspects of the international and national ISPO.

The last issue of the journal for 2008 was devoted to the abstracts of XIII Congress “People & Health”.

The chairman and members of the Russian ISPO section try to attract the new members from the Russian specialists.

The report is illustrated by the attached photos.

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INSCRIPTIONS TO PHOTOES

1. Orthopaedie + Reha-Technik 2008, Leipzig. Russian delegation and ISPO members at the stand of All-Russian Prosthetists-Orthopedists Guild
2. Leipzig, May 2008. A meeting of the Russian ISPO members with Mr. D. Blocka
3. Leipzig, May 2008. A meeting with FEDOP President C. Cordoba
4. Leipzig, May 2008. Talks between A.N. Keyer, the President of All-Russian Prosthetists-Orthopedists Guild, E. Deschoolmeester, INTERBOR President and C. Cordoba, FEDOP President
5. March 2008, Albrecht Center, Saint Petersburg. The audience of a lecture delivered by Prof. J. Cheneau
6. March 2008, Albrecht Center, Saint Petersburg. Prof. J. Cheneau with the Russian orthotists after he handed them the certificates of his master class
7. March 2008, Albrecht Center, Saint Petersburg. Prof. J. Cheneau (in the center) with a chairman of the Russian ISPO section K.K. Shcherbina (on the right) and ISPO secretary N.E. Lyapunova
8. November 2008, Saint Petersburg. Opening Ceremony of the XIII Russian National Congress “People & Health”
9. Presidium of the XIII Congress “People & Health”. Vice-Governor of Saint Petersburg L.A. Kostkina is the second from the left
10. XIII Congress “People & Health”. A chairman of the Russian ISPO section K.K. Shcherbina with K. Dittmer, Germany
11. XIII Congress “People & Health”. Awarding the conquerors at the contest of the young scientists
- 12-14. XIII Congress “People & Health”. An exhibition of the same name
15. The issues of “All-Russian Prosthetists-Orthopedists Guild Bulletin” in 2008. The issue # 31 contains the report of March master class and #33 contains two papers from «Prosthetics and Orthotics International»