

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

ISPO <UK>

1. List of Executive Committee members

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

Miss Rebecca Beltran
Honorary Treasurer & Membership Secretary
Occupational Therapist
Queen Mary's Hospital, London
Length of Service: 0 years (Appointed: 1 November 2008)

Miss Laura Burgess
Honorary Secretary
Physiotherapist
Holderness Rehabilitation Centre, Charing Cross Hospital, London
Length of Service: 8 years

Mr Paul Charlton
Chairman
Orthotist
Peacocks Medical Group Ltd, Newcastle upon Tyne
Length of Service: 6 years

Mr Colin Dance
Rehabilitation Engineer
Bowley Close Rehabilitation Centre, London
Length of Service: 7 years

Dr Michael Dewar
Bioengineer
(retired)
Length of service: 21 years

Dr Fergus Jepson
Rehabilitation Consultant
Royal Preston Hospital, Preston
Length of Service: 0 years (Appointed: 1 November 2008)

Dr T L Landham
Rehabilitation Consultant
Medway Maritime Hospital, Kent
Length of service: 7 years

Miss Melissa Leong
Occupational Therapist
Bowley Close Rehabilitation Centre, London
Length of service: 0 years (Appointed: 1 November 2008)

Dr Robin Luff
(ex-officio)
The Southwark PCT Rehabilitation Centre, London
Length of service: 6 years

Dr Rory O'Connor
Senior Lecturer & Honorary Consultant Physician
University of Leeds, Leeds
Length of service: 1 year

Mr Tom Wickerson
Prosthetist
Queen Mary's Hospital, London
Length of Service: 0 years (Appointed: 1 November 2008)

Mr Joe Wilkinson
Prosthetist/Orthotist and Senior University Lecturer
University of Salford, Manchester
Length of service: 13 years

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

2007: 8 March 2007; 17 October 2007; 12 December 2007

2008: 5 March 2008; 15 October 2008; 10 December 2008

2009: 4 February 2009

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

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

2007: ISPO UK NMS Annual Scientific Meeting & Commercial Exhibition; 2-3 November 2007;
Moat House Hotel, Stoke-on-Trent

Free paper submissions covering prosthetics and orthotics.

Special session covering "The Interface"

Guest lecture – "Functional Biomechanics of Gait, with Implications for Prosthetics

Research" – Steven A Gard, Northwestern University, USA

Guest lecture – "Does Rehabilitation Work" Robert C Wagenaar, Boston University, USA

Guest lecture – "Practical Motion Analysis for Evidence-Based Practice" Nerrolyn

Ramstrand, Jonkoping University, Sweden

Delegate numbers attending: 104

2008: ISPO UK NMS Annual Scientific Meeting & Commercial Exhibition; 31 October – 1
November 2008; Crowne Plaza Hotel, Chester

Free paper submissions covering prosthetics and orthotics

Guest lecture – "Biomechanics of Running, Sprinting and Jumping with Artificial Limbs"

Gert Peter Bruggemann, The German Sport University, Cologne

Guest lecture – "High Quality Care for All: Enabling Local Visions" S Morris, Department
of Health, Leeds, UK

Guest lecture & special session covering “The Osteoarthritic Knee” – R Banim, Orthopaedic Consultant, Countess of Chester Hospital, Chester
George Murdoch Prize Lecture – “The Importance of Being Earnest about Shank & Thigh Kinematics especially when using Ankle-Foot Orthoses”, Elaine Owen, North West Wales NHS Trust, Bangor

Delegate numbers attending: 155

2009: TIPS 2009 – Trent International Prosthetic Symposium & Commercial Exhibition: 18-22 May 2009; Burleigh Court Conference Centre, Nottingham, UK

International symposium for professionals working with upper extremity amputees & limb deficient children

A mixture of guest lectures; free papers; short clinical papers; commercial exhibition; manufacturers and instructional workshops. Full details available on ISPO UK NMS website at www.ispo.org.uk

Expected delegate numbers: 120 - 150

ISPO UK NMS Annual Scientific Meeting & Commercial Exhibition: 9-10 October 2008: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Chester

Conference programme currently being arranged. Details available at ISPO UK NMS website www.ispo.org.uk

Expected delegate numbers: 120 - 150

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

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

Both Universities have introduced significant changes to their undergraduate educational programmes. The University of Strathclyde have recently introduced a revised programme and the University of Salford are currently undergoing a review of their programme with a view to launching a new programme in September 2009. If you require more detail please reference Sandra Sexton at the University of Strathclyde and Alison Barlow at University of Salford.

6. International links such as twinning and collaborative meetings

We have had considerable dialogue with our professional colleagues in Norway. The dialogue has been primarily focused on assisting the Scandinavian group re-vitalize their National member Society of ISPO. The trans-European links have assisted clinical and technical information transfer and culminated in Norwegian representatives making significant contributions to the ISPO UKNMS Annual Scientific Meeting in 2007. The information exchange is on-going.

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

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

We would suggest an internet based forum is established to share information with other National Member Societies around the globe. We could perhaps share Newsletters, conference proceedings or indeed topical clinical information on developments in rehabilitation in each others countries. Such a forum could serve as an information highway for interested groups to disseminate important information relating to improving health care programmes related to prosthetic and orthotic treatment. We in the UK are always interested in clinical developments out with our shores and to such end we have limited funds to attract interested parties to share with our UK membership clinical expertise from overseas. We encourage ISPO Copenhagen to provide additional assistance, both financial and political, for such collaboration to take place.

Pressures continue on our membership as increased workloads and other competing societies make it difficult to commit time to ISPO. Since November 2007, two of our EC members who had key offices (Chair of scientific committee and treasurer) have had to resign due to work commitments

There continues to be a feeling of "distance" between the NMS and international committee. I suggest we consider ways in which we can make NMS members feel more part of an international society. We suggest making the NMS more involved in the dissemination of Consensus conference findings may go some way to helping.

The Education newsletter is most welcome

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