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INTERBOR meets ISPO International

By INTERBOR

Tuesday, September 10th Eddy Deschoolmeester accompanied by Philippe Fourny were received at ISPO International headquarters in Brussels by President Bengt Soderberg and his team to study the terms and subject to possible cooperation. About modes of representation within each institution it was decided that for open boards, a representative would be invited. On the launch of the Council of industrial partners which will be inaugurated on November 14 in Lyon, it is clear that it is for the moment a discussion forum that doesn't deal about tariffs and competition. It was not desired that INTERBOR part, the statutes do not provide for this day an association of trade unions or companies can sit. A common site was selected, the defense of paramedical status prosthetics and the training component in business: validating training and coaching diploma courses.

The Spanish initiative Cruz Amarilla now reach on European level by INTERBOR is greeted by President Soderberg. He also referred to the issue of clinical research, but at this stage INTERBOR is unable to respond favorably. This could be a topic for discussion at the next General Assembly INTERBOR in addition to, now shared, professional status and training.



A recognition for the intense dedication

By BBOB (Belgium)

Each year, during the month of March the Yearly general meeting of the Belgian Professional Association for Orthopedic Technologies (B.B.O.T.) is being held, which reunites the orthotics, prostheses, truss-makers and orthopedic shoe technologies.

During this event the laureates of labor received their award. At the same time the election for the new Board members was also held. It was the Deputy Commissioner-General Mrs. S. du Bled and Mrs. Voets General-Director at the Royal Institute that handed out the 20 medals to the laureates.

Mrs. du Bled emphasized that all the laureates were very talented and experi-

enced people: "They are a wealth for our society which is more than ever in need for such skills, enthusiasm and motivation". The President described receiving this honorary award as recognition of the intense dedication with which the laureates practice their profession.



Laureates with the Board members.

Mr. Raes Benny, Chairman of the BBOT, passed over the Torch of Honorary to Mr. Edmond Deschoolmeester, which dedicates a lot time to the sector, both nationally and internationally. Both of them have again expressed their desire to continue their commitment for the development of the Federation. There is no doubt that the laureates will continue the slogan of the sector << Comfort in discomfort >> with much zest for life.



Spanish Orthopedics in AOPA Congress

By FEDOP (Spain)

Recycle knowledge and see what 's new in the U.S. market have been the objectives of the delegation from the Spanish O&P Federation who have come to the Congress of the American Society of Orthotists Prosthetists (AOPA).

From 18th to 21st of September, the city of Orlando (Florida) hosted the biggest annual orthopedics event in the U.S. More than 2,500 professionals from 43 countries had the oppor-

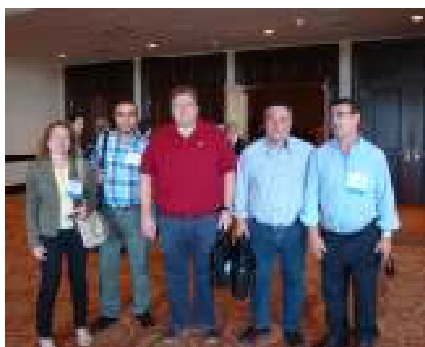
tunity to visit a trade show full of innovations.

Alongside the exhibition, with the participation of over 250 exhibitors, an extensive program was developed by scientific top international speakers who addressed a variety of fields related to orthoprosthesis.

Luis Gallego and Pablo Pérez Aragon-di, president and vicepresident of FEDOP respectively, took the opportunity to meet with their American

counterparts to share experiences about the work they do in both countries, setting new channels of communication and professional exchange for the future.

The Spanish O&P Federation has organized this trip, because such occasions give professionals the opportunity to retrain and learn how orthopedics is lived and worked elsewhere in the world, which undoubtedly enriches their work.



Imágenes de la delegación española durante el Congreso de AOPA.



Satisfaction survey

By UFOP (France)

To form a coalition of interests may be better understood by the public authorities as a professional union isolated, UFOP meet for the first time several heads of patient associations and learned societies.

The aim is to produce a questionnaire to patients fitted to highlight the expectations unsatisfied by the current system supported.



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