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INTERBOR will present its new strategy in Leipzig

Coinciding with the celebration of the Reha Technic Fair in Leipzig (Germany), INTERBOR will present its new strategy in Europe.

On March 20th, INTERBOR Board met in Paris to develop the program of the conference that will be held in the course of the Germany's most important fair. The conference, with two hours' duration, will take place in Leipzig on May 18th, during the Reha Technic.

FEDOP, occupying the vice-presidency, joined the French meeting providing information about its professional campaign "crucesamarillas.com", what was included in the conference program for Leipzig.

PROGRAM

- Welcome words (Objective of this meeting)
Mr. Edmond Deschoolmeester, President of INTERBOR
- Rappel of the mission of INTERBOR and Statistic of our sector
Mr. Michel Pierron, UFOP France
- Paramedical status of CPO and Example of Slovakia Republic
Mr. Robert Wagner, NEOPROT Slovakia Republic
- The Goal of the INTERBOR Nomenclature (Why and how)
Mr. Theo Bougie, Coordinator of the Nomenclature
- Concept of medical device with low prevalence and Coalition of interest
Mr. Philippe Fourny, General Secretary of UFOP France
- UEAPME, an umbrella for Coalition
Dr. Ludger Fischer, UEAPME Belgium
- Yellow Cross, New emblem for CPO's Company's and Newsletter INTERBOR "INTERBOR NOW"
Mrs. Rosa Fernandez & Mr. Carlos Córdoba, FEDOP Spain
- Conclusion of this symposium
Edmond Deschoolmeester, President of INTERBOR



Relationship between UBPTO and the National Health Services INAMI-RIZIV

By BBOB/UFBOB (Belgium)

INAMI is the national institution where all the decisions about Health are made in Belgium; decisions between the Ministry of Welfare and Health and the different medical and paramedical professions.

Each fraction has its own convention commission. This commission decides about the rights and obligations from each Health representative. The different nomenclatures are also discussed. The convention commission delegates to a

working group the proposals for a new nomenclature and also treats all problems and questions regarding to the existing nomenclature. These working groups are composed by representants of INAMI, a professional medical organisation of control and social partners.

When a new nomenclature is set up, the professional organisation calculates the prices in regard of the different perfor-

mances. Sometimes, experts (medical, economic and legal advisors) are needed for specific items. When a file is ready, it needs to be approved by the convention commission. Afterwards it passes the commission of budget; and, at last, a positive advice is needed by the social commission.



At the end, the text file is published as a Royal Decree – signed by the King and becomes effective 2 months after signature.



ORTO MEDICAL CARE 2012, a unique event



By FEDOP (Spain)

Because health is everyone's business, ORTO MEDICAL CARE brings together in the same place all professionals involved in orthopaedics, geriatrics, rehabilitation and hospital equipment. From September 27th to 28th, 2012, Spain's most important trade show for the sectors of orthopaedics, technical aids and geriatric care will take place at Feria de Madrid fairground at the very heart of Madrid.

ORTO MEDICAL CARE 2012 is the meeting point between manufacturers and suppliers in the sectors of orthopaedics, technical aids and professional services for the elderly; and

new this year, the hospital medical equipment's area too. It is the ideal marketing platform and the opportunity to develop new contacts with companies in the Spanish care sector.

Year after year the project has been going over, incorporating in 2004 the sector of care and assistance to the elderly. Since then, the most important companies in geriatrics, and in the next edition of hospital equipment, come to promote their products and services to the whole sector.

Nowadays, ORTO MEDICAL CARE, Orthopaedics, Geriatrics and Hospital equip-

ment fair, brings together leading companies in these sectors, providing professionals a broad overview of the commercial reality and an update of expertise.

Betting on a multidisciplinary team, all the professionals have an appointment at ORTO MEDICAL CARE 2012.

In previous editions

- 6,500 sqm of exhibition
- 150 exhibitors
- 11,000 professional visitors
- 175 attendants to the Congress (2 days)



UFOP publishes "Homo erectus, the struggle of a profession"

By UFOP (France)

This book was not expected, it was essential. Indeed the orthopedic profession is less known than unknown and even from its supervisory administrations. Hence an association with other professions: dental equipment manufacturer or series. Description each time and once production regulations too often unsuited to our specificities. It was therefore necessary to clarify the guardianship, medical professionals, patients and partners on the uniqueness of this profession. But this business of communication is also global because it is also the general public and the media so that finally a sympathetic light and responsive is on the orthopedic profession and its chal-

lenges. This book was the "tool" ideal for achieving these objectives. This is why the profession as a whole has validated the principle and has commissioned its Secretary General, Philip Fourny, to write and edit it. Professor Yves Coppens, Professor Emeritus at the College de France, Chair of Paleoanthropology, has agreed to write the preface and the book publisher Le Cherche Midi, one of the largest French publishers, has agreed to ensure the publication and distribution.

Richly illustrated with previously unpublished documents, the book traces the ancient times to future prospects, the long process of disability compensation: replace an amputated limb, trunk twists...

The book was very well received first by the professionals (nearly 1,300 copies sold to members of the UFOP in two months) but also appreciated by the Media.

Title: "Homo erectus, the struggle of a profession"

Author: Philippe Fourny, Secretary General of UFOP

Publisher: Le Cherche Midi editeur

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Price: 42 €



VI Edition of FETOR Grant called

By FETOR (Spain)



The Spanish Federation of Orthopaedic Technicians (FETOR) has announced the VI edition of the FETOR Grant, a recognition created to reward the effort and dedication of young prosthetics professionals.

Consolidated and recognized in the industry as an initiative to promote training in the sector, FETOR Grant presents in this edition an important novelty: until now the grant was aimed to Orthoprosthesis Tech-

nician students in their last year (from schools in Spain), but since this issue it is also open to recent graduates who have completed their studies in the last two academic years (2009-10 and 2010-11).

FETOR wants to expand the options to participate in an award which seeks to encourage the entry of young people in the labor market. Santiago Maza, president of FETOR, stresses the importance of "the involvement of schools and students in all initiatives aimed to promote and develop the training. It is essential to have well-trained

professionals in order to achieve an accepted and valued sector".

The theme of the papers presented to the FETOR Grant must be related to orthopaedics and/or disability support products (assistive technologies), and its reception has to be before June 30th, 2012. Its endowment is 500 €. The award ceremony will take place most likely during the show Orto Medical Care 2012.

More information in www.fetor.org or phone 93 496 45 07.