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Yellow crosses for the Orthopaedics

By FEDOP (Spain)



Yellow Crosses (Cruces Amarillas) is a campaign from the Spanish Federation of Orthopaedics in order to let society know the profession of orthotics.

The first step was the creation of www.crucesamarillas.com, a web page that explains very simply the different ways orthopaedics can help us. There are also innovative products, new technological developments, interviews, curiosities...

In addition, the web has a powerful locator of orthopaedic shops in Spain so that the user always knows where to find a professional to treat him.

We are also present on Facebook with the group "Cruces Amarillas", which brings together all those interested in the world of orthopaedics, professional or not.

Join the group "Cruces Amarillas" on Facebook and take part of the yellow movement in favour of the orthopaedics and its professionals, where you can read curious news, comment on what interests you and be the first to know about interesting developments in the sector.



About the Belgian National Union

By BBOB/UFBOB (Belgium)

Belgium is a small country divided in 3 communities, with 3 different languages: French, Dutch and German. But we only have one professional Union representative for orthopaedic technicians and shoemakers.

Actually our professional union is the only one to discuss the allowed budgets concerning orthopaedic devices – prosthesis – wheelchairs – with the authorities represented by the national institution called INAMI.

Our association is composed of 15 board members all coming from 3 different communities and different working groups. These different working groups are specialised in



orthoses, shoes, wheelchairs, bandages, financial and economics.

In Belgium there is a bachelor degree (three years) and the bachelors have to follow an additional training of 2 years in enterprises. It takes five years all together to become a CPO. They need to pass an examination after these 5 years. They can pass an examination for a national jury.

In Flanders there is a bachelor school in Geel and the French bachelor school is in Brussels. Our profession has become the status of paramedical profession. Behalf of the bachelor degree there are 2 technical colleges to become a non recognized technician, a Dutch and a French school.



Fetor, present in the Health Commission of the Catalonian SMEs

By FETOR (Spain)

The Spanish Federation of Orthopaedic Technicians (FETOR) is part of the new Health Commission created by PIMEC (Small and Medium Enterprises of Catalonia). Entities included bring more than 1,600 companies together (about 20% of SMEs in the sector represented by the Commission) and they employ more than 30,000 workers.

The Health Commission has set itself as strategic lines of work different cores in order to enhance the health model and suit the health, social, economic and business today, with a special emphasis on the regulatory, financial and organizational aspects. At the same time, it aims to become a partner of the Government and to represent the interests of the sector before the Administrations.

Thus, this working group has already met with the Head of Health of Catalonia, Boi Ruiz, with the aim to present the Commission and its objectives, which include the possibility of offering to the user that, if desired, he can complement the economical difference for a service or product that he considers most appropriate.



Boi Ruiz, Head of Health of Catalonia



INTERBOR members

BELGIUM.- BBOB/UFBOB (Union Professionnelle des Bandagistes et Orthopédistes de Belgique - www.bbob-upbob.be).

FRANCE.- UFOP (Union Française des Ortho-Prothésistes - www.ufop-ortho.org).

JAPAN.- JOPA (Japanese Orthosists and Prothesists Association - www.japo.jp).

SLOVAK REPUBLIC.- APTO (Asociácia Pracovníkov Technickej Ortopédie - www.apto.sk).

SPAIN.- FEDOP (Federación Española de Ortesistas Protesistas -