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INTERBOR, what and why?

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As a member of your national association, you are automatically a member of INTERBOR and by this membership your interests are represented, through INTERBOR in different international organizations.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN WITHOUT INTERBOR?

Without INTERBOR we would not have any representation or influence at an international level.

Instead of ourselves, "outsiders" would decide on our professional problems. That is why INTERBOR strives to safeguard the interests of the P&O companies and workshops, at the international level by protecting and promoting the practice of the profession.

WHAT DOES INTERBOR TRY TO DO?

The **ambition** and the objective of INTERBOR is to co-ordinate the demands and needs of the na-

tional professional associations. INTERBOR also promotes and protects the interests of the individual orthopaedic workshops.

It is our duty to support national efforts, to organise meetings and to pass on important information and proposals to all interested parties.

MAIN TASKS

- Status of profession
- International directives on normalisation and harmonisation
- International directives in the interest of our customers
- Socio-economic, such as comparisons of prices and costs
- Nomenclature
- Education & Professional training
- Product expertise
- Relation with other organisations ISPO, IVO, UEAPME, FEPPD.

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Agreement between French Ministry of Health and professionals of medical devices

By UFOP (France)

After the scandal which underline lacks in the process of medicine agreement, the French Government, after a large consultation, has deeply reformed this process: modification of the former organism of control and increase of procedures and controls.

In the same way, the organism which fixes the price level of health care for medical devices is going to achieve the same process for our sector of activities. It consists in a formalization between the Ministry and the professionals unions and enterprises for market authorization, post authorization research, for medical devices, generics or not. For generics category, the main part of our activities, there is the professional union, UFOP, which will sign the agreement. The Ministry needs information about the constitution of the public

prices and about the European market. Transparency is a heavy trend of our occidental society and it is enforced with this agreement. UFOP, for the constitution of public prices, has produced a methodology founded on the same items of transparency.

On the other hand, before any demand of registration for new medical devices, the CEPS -for the economic aspects- and the HAS (High Authority for Health care) -for the medical aspects-, will be

consulted together. A new good practice for CPO, which optimizes coordination and avoids lack of time and energy.

Now we are waiting how this agreement is going to live before the evidence of its good impact. For the special case of new hi-tech P&O, we are waiting to see how CEPS and HAS hear that we are unable to describe clinics research or if they refuse these innovations using this argument. Wait and observe...





Payments situation in Spain

By FEDOP (Spain)

As we all know, the trend in these times of economic instability is late payment of invoices by the government and its partners, which is generating cash flow problems between the companies that provide products and services to the State.

In the case of Orthopaedics, many of the aids shops are suffering delays in the reimbursement of services offered to the citizen by the National Insurance, which stunts their development and competitiveness.

FEDOP, aware of the unsustainability of this abnormal situation, is serving, along with regional associations, with their duty to safeguard the

FEDOP works to solve the situation as soon as possible and to achieve Orthopaedics shops charge for their work

interests of its members, with the aim of achieving a real and effective solution.

In recent months, the Spanish Federation has held meetings with representatives of various regional administrations, with whom it develops lines of work to solve this untenable situation in economic times like the present ones.

We hope to reap the rewards of our efforts as soon as possible and to share good news about it.



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 - www.fedop.org) y FETOR (Federación Española de Técnicos Ortopédicos - www.fetor.org).