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Welcome words of the President, Edmond Deschoolmeester

As President and on behalf of the members of the world organisation INTERBOR, I want to thank the Spanish union, FEDOP, for the coordination and organisation of this INTERBOR Newsletter.

We will try to publish it every 3 months by mail; the goal is to inform you about the activities of INTERBOR and of the national members unions. I hope that this Newsletter will be welcomed by you, and will provide an ideal platform to all people in the field of orthopaedics for an international exchange of information. Don't hesitate to send us your comments, ideas, proposals...

For this first issue, I would like to give (or remind) each reader of this letter a few information about the main goals and purpose of INTERBOR. We will go further in the next newsletters.

INTERBOR is the umbrella organisation of P&O national Associations and Unions and it has been working for many years on socio-economic is-

suues, common tools and definition of standards in order to defend, develop and promote the P&O Profession.

An international approach and a common strategy, combining resources, defining common goals and common tools seems, in many aspects, most appropriate for the future of our professions. Within the European Community, it is increasingly important for P&O to unify their efforts. Member UE countries have many similarities in socio-economic and economic developments; especially since national regulations are transposing EU Directives.

The weight of socio-economic issues has significantly increased these last few years in our domain. Every day, the P&O professionals of any country are facing these issues and have to work out solutions. Therefore, an international exchange of ideas, experiments and proposals seems very useful.

How to join the Newsletter

**"We move. We do .
We communicate".**

This newsletter will be published by the Spanish Federation every three months, and we would like to share the activities done by every member country. The first issue will be published in September, so we will be glad to receive your short texts before the 15th of August. If possible, it would be useful to include a photograph (minimum 300 ppp). Please send your texts to periodista@fedop.org

Thanks to join INTERBOR NOW!!



Interbor meeting in Paris

Latest INTERBOR Board meeting was held in Paris the 9th of July. Representatives from France, Belgium and Spain discussed several subjects regarding to the future projects of the association. The main agreements were:

- Spain will contact with the Portuguese O&P associations inviting them to become INTERBOR members.
- INTERBOR webpage will be updated and translated into Spanish by the Spanish Federation.
- France will design a European communication campaign in order to let people know INTERBOR tasks and goals.
- An INTERBOR Bulletin will be published every three months to share the most important national news with other colleagues.

Thanks to all the participants for their work!



**Next INTERBOR meeting will be held
in Marseille the 5th of November,
coinciding with ISPO France Congress.**

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