



Dear Colleagues,

The Organising Committee for the 2007 World Congress of ISPO has been working to develop the Scientific and Social program for the Congress. As in past World Congresses, part of the program will consist of Basic and Advanced Instructional Courses and Scientific Symposia.

We are writing to members of the worldwide prosthetics and orthotics community to invite expressions of interest for presenting an Instructional Course or Symposium. At this stage, we are only interested in basic information about your proposed session: the title, a brief description of the content, and possible speakers. Based on the responses we receive, we will further develop our program. We may not be able to accommodate all proposals and we may ask groups to collaborate on the delivery of a session if there is overlap of material.

Each session will be one hour and 15 minutes. A session chair will introduce speakers and direct discussion. There are no limits on the number of speakers, the time allotted to each speaker or the structure of the session but time should be allowed during or at the end of the session for discussion.

The content of Basic and Advanced Instructional Courses and Symposia should conform to the following guidelines:

- **Basic Instructional Courses:** Basic instructional courses should present information on specific topics at a level suited to the beginning practitioner or practitioners *starting* a new topic area. These might be topics which receive limited coverage in undergraduate curricula.
- **Advanced Instructional Courses:** Advanced instructional courses should present information at an advanced level suited to experienced clinicians who have already specialized or who are entering a specialized area of treatment.
- **Symposium:** Symposia should present thematically related research addressing significant problems or controversies in prosthetics and orthotics. The symposia should bring together one or more of the world's leading researchers to present current developments and planned research directions. Where appropriate, Symposia should present differing points of view on a particular topic.

To submit a proposal for an Instructional Course or Symposium, send an e-mail to the Scientific Program Chair, Dr. Tim Bach (e-mail: T.Bach@latrobe.edu.au)

The deadline for submission of proposals is Friday, November 18th, 2005.

We look forward to hearing from you and we look forward to seeing you in Vancouver.

Sincerely,

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