

## ISPO Outreach Committee: Member Opportunities

The ISPO Outreach Committee has been extremely active in providing education and development assistance in the Pacific Islands for the last decade. Successful projects have included;

- Fiji 99 Education Workshop,
- Republic of the Marshall Islands Orthotic Training Program in 2003,
- Development of the Tungaru Rehabilitation Centre in Kiribati and assisting with volunteer placements,
- 2004 Stroke Workshop held in Kiribati and
- Assisting with numerous clinical placements and conference attendances in Australia for Pacific Island P&Os.

The Outreach Committee has seen significant member changes over the last few years and following a short period of inactivity, has recently reformed. The committee is now in the early stage of assessing and developing short and long-term goals for the delivery of education and support to P&Os and Rehabilitation staff working within the following Pacific Island countries; Kiribati, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Solomon Islands and Fiji.

An exciting opportunity exists for 2 ISPO ANMS members to join this committee. Key tasks of Outreach Committee members are the planning, development and management of education events for Pacific Island P&O and Rehabilitation staff. We are a multidisciplinary group, who meets approximately 8 times a year by phone dial-in. We are seeking enthusiastic people, who are prepared to make at least a one-year commitment to the committee.

Essential skills and experience include;

- P&O and/or rehabilitation based work experience of at least 2 years,
- strong communication skills,
- previous experience volunteering on a small committee
- ability to independently complete administrative tasks and provide progress reports at regular meetings

Desirable skills and experience include;

- an understanding of the unique education needs of the Pacific Island P&O and rehabilitation community,
- a previous overseas volunteer experience (preferably but not essentially in P&O and/or rehabilitation)
- an ability to develop project plans and grant applications

Please submit a brief letter of interest addressing the above points in less than one page to the ISPO Secretary at [secretary@ispo.org.au](mailto:secretary@ispo.org.au) by July 10<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Further information regarding Outreach Committee activities can be found at <http://www.ispo.org.au/outreach/index.html> or by emailing the Committee Chair at [Leigh.Clarke@health.sa.gov.au](mailto:Leigh.Clarke@health.sa.gov.au)