



Report to the ISPO International Committee (IC17)

## ISPO <RUSSIA >

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### **1. List of Executive Committee members**

(incl. name, function, profession, place of work, length of service, end of term)

Konstantin Shcherbina – chairman, orthopedist-prosthetist at Albrecht Center of Examination, Prosthetics, and Rehabilitation of Disabled, St Petersburg, since

Tatiana Chernova – treasurer, project manager, All-Russian Prosthetists-Orthopedists Guild

Natalia Lyapunova – membership coordinator, development manager, All-Russian Prosthetists-Orthopedists Guild

### **2. Number of ISPO members and break down by profession (if available)**

33 members 21 of whom are medical doctors, 4 orthopedists-prosthetists and 8 - other specialties

### **3. Dates of committee meetings (February 2010 – January 2012)**

February 27, 2010

February 14, 2011

### **4. List of conferences/scientific meetings/seminars/etc. 2010-2011**

(event, dates, place, topics, numbers attending)

#### **“People & Health” (prosthetics, orthopedics, traumatology, rehabilitation)**

Saint Petersburg, October 27-29, 2010 with official ISPO Training Course on Cerebral Palsy;

Saint Petersburg, October 26-28, 2011 with International Training Course on Vertebral Diseases

#### **“Treatment of Congenital Foot Deformities in Children and Adolescents”**

##### **IV international conference**

Saint Petersburg, May 29-30, 2010

### **5. Developments in the prosthetic/orthotic service in your country**

Development of prosthetic-orthopedic industry in Russia in relation to the manufacture of individual articles is generally extensive and in overwhelming majority of cases is concentrated at large federal of prosthetic-orthopedic enterprises, which are located in every federal subject. A proportion of services rendered by private orthopedic enterprises and firms is unfortunately very small. Powerful bureaucratic barriers and corruption, which against the declarations authorities, do not ease, but even grow, are the main constraint for progress. The absence of clear and transparent normative and legislative base is another obstacle for development.

### **6. Update of prosthetic/orthotic and related professional education in your country**

At the state prosthetic-orthopedic enterprises advanced technologies in prosthetics and orthotics are implemented extremely slowly and unfortunately selectively or irregularly. Education and creation

of advanced training system is undoubtedly a task number one for the Russian prosthetic-orthopedic industry. This work has no ideological or concrete support from the state; it is accomplished by different institutions and organizations fragmentarily and with a narrow-corporate concern. Creation of an education system subject to today knowledge and European experience, first of all, German and British, is urgent.

#### **7. International links such as twinning and collaborative meetings**

ISPO Russia has been organizing the visits of the Russian professionals to the major orthopedic European forums, i. e. in Budapest, Dusseldorf, and Leipzig. Russian delegations visited Orthopaedie und Reha-Technik in 2006, 2008, and 2010. Also, in August 2011 ISPO Russia organized a visit of the Russian delegation to the 6<sup>th</sup> ISPO Central European Conference, Hungary. In October 2011 a group of Russian orthopedic doctors was taken to Helsinki, Finland to see a spinal surgery and was acquainted with the activities of the largest Finnish prosthetic-orthotic company Respecta Oy and a rehab center ORTON.

The leading world orthopedists (for example, Jacque Cheneau, Klaus Dittmer) delivered lectures at the Russian National Congress “People & Health”. International courses were held in St Petersburg under the aegis of SICOT and INTERBOR. The first in Russia ISPO course “The Team Management of Cerebral Palsy” was held on October 28-29, 2010 at the 15th Russian National Congress “People & Health”. The International Scientific-Practical Course “Diseases and injuries of vertebral column: evaluation, treatment, and rehabilitation” took place on October 27-28, 2011 at the 16<sup>th</sup> Russian National Congress “People & Health” in St Petersburg with participation of the members of DUFSCoS (Dutch-Flemish Spinal Cord Society) .

#### **8. Any additional information you wish to share with other National Member Societies**

ISPO Russia will be glad to contact with all national member societies in relation of organizing any international courses or conferences in the field. We are ready to prepare an appropriate venue in Russia for holding a scientific or practical meeting and also coordinate its program and schedule. We can organize the visits of our foreign guests to the leading Russian orthopedic centers. Above that, we suggest our foreign colleagues the services of accommodation, visa support, meals, etc.

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