

OVERVIEW OF THE 14TH RUSSIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS “PEOPLE & HEALTH”

(October 21-23, 2009, St Petersburg, Russia)

XIV Russian National Congress “People & Health” was held in Saint Petersburg in accordance with a decree of RF Ministry of Health and Social Development # 840 of 20/10/2009, on October 21-23, 2009.

The congress program included:

- II Russian Scientific-Practical Conference "Therapeutic Problems in the Elderly"
- Scientific-Practical Conference "Topical Problems of Medical Care in Injuries and Diseases of Upper and Lower Extremities"
- Scientific-Practical Conference "Rehabilitation Today: from Function Reconstruction to National Health Improvement, Integration of Disabled People in the Society and Population Progress"
- Scientific-Practical Conference «Present Day Topical Problems of Medical-Social Examination»
- Scientific-Practical Conference «Topical Problems of Childish Trauma Care and Orthopedics"
- Scientific-Practical Conference «Adaptive Physical Training and Sports in the Disabled»
- International Session "Professional Training as a Key Factor of Orthopedic Industry Development: International Experience"
- Seminar "Orthopedic Footwear: Design and Technology"

A peculiar feature of the 14th Congress was a joint session of the All-Russian Prosthetists-Orthopedists Guild, ISPO, and FEDOP (Spain). The topic of discussion was vocational training in the world and Russia. A visit of ISPO and FEDOP Presidents to the Congress undoubtedly promote further cooperation between the Russian and international orthopedic community.

Besides, two supplementary events were held:

The Russian-Finnish seminar "How to increase independent living by the solutions of new technology" and the Round Table "Discussion of A State Standard Project "Vocational Rehabilitation of the Disabled". These events arouse much interest in the Congress guests.

Total number of congress guests was above 4019, 1325 of them being accredited delegates. Guests from Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, Uzbekistan, Latvia, Estonia, Finland, India, Germany, Spain, and Canada visited the event.

An exhibition of up-to-date orthopedic technologies and products gathered more than 90 manufacturers and dealers. Participation of foreign exhibitors was headed by the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Technologies. The fair of products made by the enterprises of disabled people included 32 organizations, supported by Saint Petersburg Committee on social policy. This committee organized a job fair with 1000 vacancies, which was visited by above 1200 disabled persons. 25 of them got assignments to a job.

More than 200 free medical consultations for the citizens were given at the congress by the leading Saint Petersburg physicians.

CONGRESS-2009 FIGURES

1. The number of exhibitor companies 92
Of them 78 Russian 14 foreign
2. Exhibition space
Gross 2750 sq m
Net 1280 sq m (People & Health 1076 sq m, Labor Potential of Disabled 134 sq m)
Net Russian exhibitors space 896 Net foreign exhibitors space 182
Registration, meeting room, working places 70
3. Number of registered delegates 1325 from 14 countries (90% Russia)
4. Total number of visitors 4019

