

IVO delegates meet in Paris on March 18

As well as on the IVO congress 2012 in Sydney, Australia, the IVO will use the 19th IVO congress in Paris to hold its annual general meeting. Delegates from many countries and associations have already confirmed their participation.

The agenda for the meeting includes the election of the President IVO. However, it comprises again current issues, problems, and questions from the member countries to be discussed and debated. Furthermore, transnational issues are on the agenda: uniform guidelines for diabetes protective footwear, as well as International standards of training in orthopedic shoe technology. The meeting is topped off with a dinner.



In Paris the new IVO President will be elected. (Foto:pixelio.de)

Investment in research and education

The "Zentralverband Orthopädienschuhtechnik" (ZVOS) (German Central Association for Orthopedic Shoe Technology) initiated a project that can be important beyond German borders. With the "Verein zur Förderung des Forschungs- und Bildungsmanagements für Orthopädienschuhtechnik in Deutschland e.V." (Association for the Promotion of Research and Education Management for Orthopedic Shoe Technology in Germany), an independent platform with new impulses for the professional education and the daily practice in the field of orthopedic shoe technology, the conceptual and financial support of the orthopedic shoe technological trade is supposed to be reached by founding a specialized competence center.

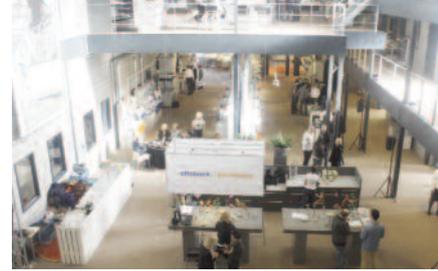
The goal of the research within the framework of the

competence center "newOST" and of the institute "forSCHU" is to generate objectified knowledge. Within the skilled crafts, a big store of experience has been collected over decades. Many of these insights, being obvious to the users within their daily work, have not been proven scientifically. But these proofs of effectiveness are getting more and more important. A place like the competence center "newOST" is supposed to bring together the important experience of the practitioners with necessary scientific structures in order to investigate issues that are important for the treatment practice also in an international context.

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Convincing planning and equipment at IMIT 2014

The inhouse fair IMIT that took place at the headquarters of Ottobock | Jos America in Nieuwkuijk (The Netherlands) on the 9th and 10th November 2014 was the perfect occasion for the company to present the latest developments of the cooperation bet-



There was a lot to see in the demonstrations in the showroom, in OrthoPodoLab, and at lamination.

ween Ottobock and Jos America to a big audience.

In the newly designed showroom for orthopedic technology the visitors could discover a completely replicated medical supply store. Apart from the exhibition of the latest products, demonstrations of products and materials in the new rooms attracted the interest of the visitors. Amongst the newly developed products, especially the automatic plaster dosing unit and the deduster "Vacuum V80 Mini", suitable after the use of a "Flexam" – milling and grinding machine for orthopedic shoe technology drew the attention.

During the two days, many visitors used the possibility to test at first hand a generous variety of grinding machines in the exhibition room of orthopedic shoe technology. Materials brought from home for that purpose, could be ground and worked at by the customers at the machines.

Additionally, the visitors could watch the process from a consultation via a scan to the finished orthotic in the



showroom "New Technology", equipped with an "OrthoPodoLab" for the production of orthotics.

Those visitors who were visiting Ottobock | Jos America in Nieuwkuijk for the first time could get an impression of the grand production facilities during an extensive tour of the premises. Ottobock | Jos America used the IMIT days to present themselves as an innovative and reliable overall supplier for orthopedic workshop equipments.

If you are interested in visiting the exhibition rooms, you can still do that, they are open year round. Following the successful IMIT of 2014, Ottobock | Jos America will again open its doors to customers in November of 2015.