**I.S.P.O. 2025**

**20th World Congress of the**

**International Society for**

**Prosthetics and Orthotics (ISPO)**

**16 - 19 June 2025**

Leipzig, 12 May 2025

### ****Future innovators: How the I.S.P.O. 20th World Congress empowers the next generation in assistive technology professionals****

**The I.S.P.O. 20th World Congress, taking place from** **16–19 June 2025** **in Stockholm, will not only showcase cutting-edge research and global collaboration – it will also serve as a stepping stone for the next generation of professionals in the development and provision of prosthetics, orthotics, wheelchairs, other mobility devices and rehabilitation. With its growing student community and a strong focus on early-career support,** **the World Congress is setting the stage for the future of the mobility and rehabilitation sector**.

### Spotlight on emerging talent

**Healthcare systems worldwide are facing a rising demand for innovation and skilled professionals** in rehabilitation technology. ISPO is responding to this need by offering a targeted programme for students and early career professionals – to help them connect, contribute, and co-create the future of mobility and assistive technology.

**Key elements of the student & early-career-professional programme**:

* **New format: 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) student competition**
Students present their research live in just 180 seconds and one-slide-only presentation – concise, inspiring, and judged by an expert panel.
* **Fika & Get-together for early career professionals**

Students and early career professionals have the opportunity to meet and connect with peers from around the world and kickstart their congress experience.

* **Reduced student fees**
Reduced registration fees are offered to students lowering barriers to participation.
* **The ISPO Student Hub**
A new dedicated online platform for networking, learning, and events available to ISPO student members.

###  “ I feel it is very important to encourage young innovators, so at this Congress we have created a special area for innovators and start-ups so that they can showcase there ideas and innovations.“

### David Constantine, President ISPO 2023-2025

### A strong student presence

Around **ten percent of all attendees at the I.S.P.O. World Congress are expected to be students**. Whether they are presenting their research, exploring the latest prosthetic technologies, or building international networks – **the congress offers an unparalleled opportunity to grow professionally and be part of a global movement**.

**Join the movement**

**Students and early career researchers** are warmly invited to register and contribute to shaping the future of mobility and rehabilitation. More information and registration are available [online](http://www.ispo-congress.com/en).

### Media contact & press materials

Press photos, expert contacts, programme highlights and logos are available upon request.

**About the ISPO World Congress**

Every two years, the global prosthetics and orthotics sector meets for the World Congress of the [International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics (ISPO)](https://www.ispo-congress.com/en/about/organisers/). The I.S.P.O. World Congress is a unique event where professionals come together to learn about the latest scientific and clinical advances, products, innovative technologies, designs and materials.

Every two years, the [International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics (ISPO)](https://www.ispo-congress.com/en/about/organisers/) invites professionals involved in the support of persons in need of mobility products (prosthetics, orthotics, and wheelchairs), assistive technology, and rehabilitation services to its unique and interactive flagship meeting, the I.S.P.O. World Congress. The global ISPO community meets to learn about the latest scientific and clinical advances, products, innovative technologies, designs, and materials in prosthetic and orthotic care.

**About** [**ISPO**](http://www.ispoint.org)

The International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics (ISPO) is a global, multidisciplinary, non-governmental organisation aiming to improve the quality of life for persons who may benefit from the rehabilitation practice of prosthetic, orthotic, mobility, and assistive technology. ISPO provides an effective platform for the exchange and communication on all aspects of the science, practice, and education associated with the provision of prosthetic and orthotic care, rehabilitation engineering, wheelchairs and therapy, and related areas.

Prosthetics and orthotics services enable people with mobility deficits to achieve greater function and independence to participate in society. Alarmingly, according to the World Health Organisation, such services are not available to an estimated 9 out of 10 people with disabilities globally due to a shortage of personnel, service units and health rehabilitation infrastructures. To address this, the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics (ISPO) has worked to develop the prosthetics and orthotics sector worldwide since its inception in the 1970s.

The society has approximately 3,300 members of different professional disciplines in over 100 countries. ISPO membership includes all rehabilitation professionals along with industry partners and users of assistive technology services.

**About** [**Leipziger Messe**](http://www.leipziger-messe.de/en/)

Leipziger Messe is one of the ten leading German trade fair companies and one of the top 50 worldwide. It organises events in Leipzig and at various locations all over Germany and abroad. With its five subsidiaries and the Congress Center Leipzig (CCL), Leipziger Messe is a comprehensive service provider covering the entire chain of the events business. It is due to this level of professionalism, that customers and visitors in 2024 voted the Leipziger Messe the service champion of the trade fair industry in Germany's largest service ranking for the 11th time in a row. The Leipzig fairgrounds comprise an exhibition area of 111,900 m² and an open-air exhibition area of 70,000 m². Every year, over 250 events with more than 7,800 exhibitors and over 1.2 millions visitors take place – from trade fairs, exhibitions and congresses to events. Leipzig was the first German trade fair company to be certified according to the Green Globe standards. Sustainability is a recurring theme in the Leipziger Messe's corporate activities.

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