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

**20th World Congress of the**

**International Society for**

**Prosthetics and Orthotics (ISPO)**

**16 - 19 June 2025**

Leipzig, 27 May 2025

**More than technology: How start-ups are shaping the I.S.P.O. World Congress 2025**

**Start-ups are setting new standards in orthopaedic treatment and care.** **At this year's I.S.P.O. World Congress,** **25 young companies from 16 countries** **will present their ideas for future-oriented and sustainable treatment and rehabilitation. The start-up area will be the innovation hub of the congress.**

More than 20 live pitches will offer direct insights into developments, products and visions – from AI-supported prosthetics and virtual reality training systems to individualised design and digital manufacturing processes.

Here is an overview of some of the start-ups represented:

* **Aidplex** (Greece): Develops ‘ScolioSense,’ an intelligent monitoring system for scoliosis therapies that records the wearing time of back orthoses, thereby improving therapy adherence.
* **Anatomic Studios** (Sweden): Combines aesthetics and function with customisable prosthetic covers in the style of fashion statements.
* **Esper Bionics** (USA): Multiple award winner for the world's first AI-based adaptive hand prosthesis.
* **Instalimb** (Japan): Uses 3D printing and machine learning to manufacture low-cost, customised prostheses to improve treatment in developing countries.
* **Virtetic** (Australia): Develops VR-based training methods for prosthesis wearers – realistic, adaptive and interactive.

### This selection shows that the next generation of assistive technologies is international, interdisciplinary and full of ideas. The start-ups at the World Congress make it clear that modern treatment and care is much more than just technology.

**About the Exhibition**

The international exhibition at the I.S.P.O. 20th World Congress 2025 will take place from 16 to 19 June at Stockholmsmässan, Scandinavia’s largest venue for trade fairs, conferences, and events, located in Stockholm, Sweden. The exhibition will showcase the entire spectrum of products and services in modern orthopaedic treatment and care, including key areas such as prosthetics, orthotics, assistive technology, digital manufacturing, robotics, movement analysis, and therapeutic equipment. A total of 184 exhibitors from 33 countries will be represented, underlining the truly global character of the event.

### Media contact & press material

An overview of the participating start-ups is available in the [start-up area](https://www.ispo-congress.com/en/exhibition/start-up-area/) on the congress website. For editorial enquiries, image material, background information and contact details for exhibitors can also be provided on 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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