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The 2019 World Congress
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Message of the President - Spring, 2019

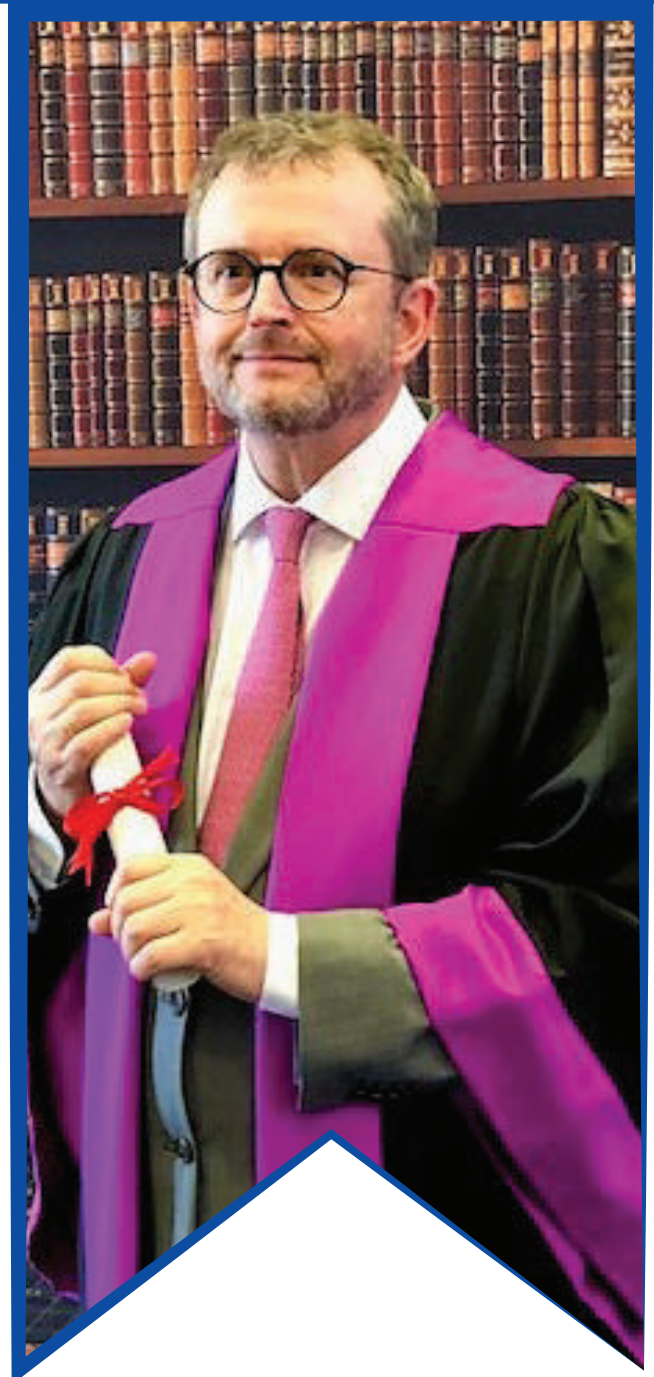
May 2018 Hong Kong. You elected me as the new president of the International Federation of Podiatrists. I promised you to enhance communication, to emphasize your needs as members, and work on the development of the Federation.

May 2019, already one year! And I can say that with the help of my board and the dedication of the executive director Mrs Caroline Teugels we are in the middle of a rising horizon for the coming years! Not only International Podiatry Day was recognized with a bronze award for best campaign but also a new model of organization will be suggested, proposed and adopted during our next General assembly. The “working together”-model is a great standard so I may ask you to get even more involved in the future to continue to reinforce the community around Podiatry. Today and tomorrow around the whole World.

I wish myself all the success you expect for FIP-IFP and I hope you will help for this success in sending as much participants as possible at our World Congress in November 2019 in Miami!

See you soon, not on the Moon but in Miami!!

President
Christian JÉRÔME



2019 World Congress in Miami



Global Voice of Podiatry

World Congress of Podiatry

November 14-16, 2019 • Miami – USA

A Congress for **PODIATRISTS** by **PODIATRISTS**

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INVITATION from The Congress Chair and FIP President



Christian Jérôme
FIP-IFP President

It is my great pleasure to announce the 2019 FIP World Congress of Podiatry in Miami, FL USA.

The FIP World Congress of Podiatry gathers the international podiatry community with the common goal of advancing podiatry worldwide.

During these three exciting conference days, you will experience a diverse program that includes Keynote and State-of-the-Art sessions, Interactive Workshops, Meet the Experts and Campfire sessions.

Join, learn and experience podiatry on a global scale, meet professionals from around the world, and discovering new techniques. Get involved in moving our profession forward.



Matthew G. Garoufalis
2019 Congress Chair
Immediate Past FIP-IFP
President

I am thrilled to invite you to the 23rd World Congress of Podiatry in Miami, Florida from November 14-16, 2019.

It has been 15 years since the World Congress of Podiatry has been held in the United States of America making the Congress the largest gathering of podiatrists on a global scale.

This unique congress brings together world leaders in the field of podiatry, in addition to featuring outstanding experts from all over the world. They will share cutting-edge innovations and address important needs for clinical and technologies using scientific and professional specialized knowledge.

There is something for everyone.

Registration Information

REGISTRATION CATEGORIES	2019 Dates - in USD		
	Early until May 6	Standard until Oct. 21	Onsite as of Nov. 13
Podiatrist FIP-IFP Member Association**	\$400	\$495	\$595
Podiatrist FIP-IFP Non-Member	\$495	\$595	\$795
Medical Assistants	\$200	\$250	\$300
Resident	\$120	\$120	\$150
Student	\$50	\$50	\$100
Other Healthcare Professionals MD/Nurse/Pedorthist	\$550	\$625	\$800

** FIP-IFP Member Association. There are 28 National Associations of Podiatry represented by the FIP-IFP. If your country is a current member association you may register as a member. To know if your association is an active member, [click here](#).

Networking Activities

- Welcome Reception
- Lunch & Learn sessions; Campfires, Meet the Expert, Learning Lounge
- Congress Networking Event – tickets for purchase
- First-timer meet-up

Group Registration

Group registration is available for groups of fifteen (15) or more. Please contact info@qualitymeetingsinc.com to get started with your group registration.

Congress Workshops

Registration to the Congress workshops is required. While there is no additional fee to attend the workshops, space is limited and will be honored on a first come first reserved basis.

4 Great reasons to attend

1. Contact with the next generation of key leaders
2. Participation in a meeting environment about the latest products and services available
3. High-impact networking opportunities
4. Access to the global audience and key leaders

Welcome Reception

On Wednesday, Nov. 13, Don't miss the Excitement of this meet-and greet kickoff event featuring great cocktails, music and conversation with a surprise Master of Ceremonies.

Exhibit Hall

Shop the showfloor and connect with leading companies specializing in new products and industry trends in a face to face meeting opportunity.

First-Timers Meet-Up

The first ever "First-timer meet up" will be scheduled before the congress. Join other first-timers and plan the best ways to enjoy the congress together.

Accommodations

The 2019 World Congress of Podiatry will take place at the Hyatt Regency Miami Hotel.



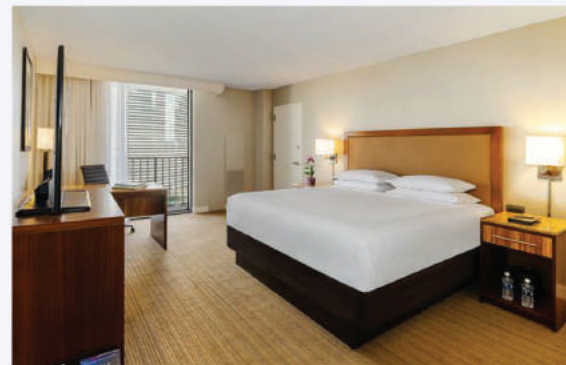
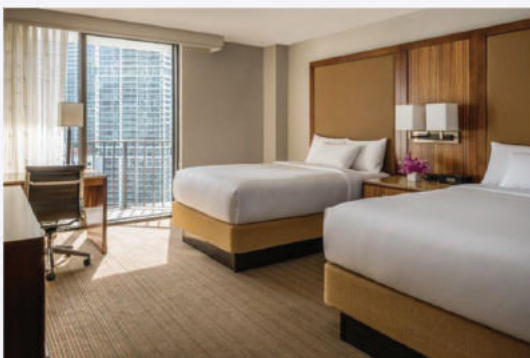
Hyatt Regency Miami
400 South East Second Avenue
Miami, Florida, USA, 33131

ROOM TYPE	ROOM RATE
Single or Double	\$219
Triple	\$244
Quadruple	\$269

All rates are per night, in USD currency and exclusive of 13% room tax

Please be advised in order to receive this exclusive room rate for the 2019 World Congress of Podiatry use the information below link to access the online booking.

[Click here to book your room](#) - (The link auto-populates the group access code: **G-IFPO**)



Thinking of booking a room elsewhere? consider this before committing;

- Traffic in Miami, getting around may be easy although consider your time in traffic, at times 45-minutes
- Cost for taxi service to and from the Hyatt Regency Miami hotel

The Hyatt Regency Miami Hotel is located on a Riverwalk facing Miami River and overlooking Biscayne Bay, ideal for morning walk or jog, and it is in the heart of Brickell, one of the trendiest neighborhoods in Miami. You are also a few steps from the free Metromover station with rides to Coral Gables or the Wynwood Arts District. Visit Little Havana to experience authentic Latin cuisine, or explore the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science.

Program HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, Nov 14

- 9:00 – 10:00 **Plenary**
Dr. David Armstrong, Los Angeles, CA USA
- 10:30 – 11:30 **Track 1: Biomechanics / Sports Medicine**
Dr. Howard Dananberg, Stowe, VT USA
- Track 2: The Rheumatoid Foot**
Dr. Margreet Van Putten, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Dr. David Yeager, Morrison, IL USA
- Track 3: Podiatric Surgery, A Tale Of Two Continents**
Dr. Andrew Belis, Fort Myers, FL USA
Dr. José Luis Lazaro Martinez, Madrid, Spain
- Track 4: Podiatric Dermatology**
Dr. Tracey Vlahovic, Philadelphia, PA USA
- 11:30 – 12:30 **State of the Art 1: Podiatric Management of High-Performance Athletes**
Dr. Mark Retali, Altkirch, France
- State of the Art 2: Wearable Technologies**
Dr. Breanne Everett, Calgary, Canada
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Friday, Nov 15

- 8:30 – 9:30 **Plenary**
Dr. David Dunning, Hong Kong
- 9:30 – 10:30 **State of the Art 3: Patient Centered and Holistic; The Body And Mind Connection**
Ms Pauline Wilson, Dublin, Ireland
- State of the Art 4: Technology For Prevention**
Dr. David Armstrong, Los Angeles, CA USA
- 11:00 – 12:00 **Track 1: Tendonopathy**
Dr. Margreet Van Putten, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Dr. David Dunning, Hong Kong
- Track 2: TBC**
Dr Marc Janin, Poitiers, France
- Track 3: Biofilm**
Dr. Matt Regulski, Toms River, NJ, USA
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Saturday, Nov 16

- 8:30 – 9:30 **Plenary**
Dr. Benjamin Wallner, Bethesda, MD USA
Dr. Norina Gavan, Romania
- 9:30 – 10:30 **Track 1: Biomechanics /Sports Medicine**
Dr. Edward S Glasser, Florida, USA
Dr. Louis DeCaro, West Hatfield, MA USA
- Track 2: Vascular Assessment Of The Diabetic Foot**
Dr. Cynthia Formosa, Msida, Malta
Dr. Matt Garoufalis, Chicago, IL USA
- Track 3: Management Of The Plantarflexed First Ray**
Dr. Andrew Belis, Fort Myers, FL USA
Dr. Paul Borgions, Brussels, Belgium
- 9:30 – 10:30 **Track 4: Global Vision Of Podiatry**
Mrs. Caroline Teugels, Brussels, Belgium
Dr. Patricia Nicholas, Miami, USA
Dr. Carles Verges Salas, Barcelona, Spain
Dr. James E. Fullwood, Bangor, ME USA

For more information visit the congress website

<https://podiatry2019.org/>

Week at a glance

Time	Day 1 - Wednesday, Nov. 13	Day 2 - Thursday, Nov. 14	Day 3 - Friday Nov. 15	Day 4 - Saturday, Nov. 16	
6:30			5K RUN		
7:00			Morning Satellite Symposium	MORNING YOGA	
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9:00		OPENING ADDRESS	Plenary Symposium 2	Plenary Symposium 3	
9:30		Plenary Symposium 1			
10:00		Coffee Break	State of the Art 3	Track 1: Biomechanics / Sports medicine	
10:30		Poster Viewing		Track 2: Wound Care & Diabetic foot	
11:00		Track 1: Biomechanics / Sports medicine	Coffee Break	Track 3: Surgery	
11:30		Track 2: Wound Care & Diabetic foot	Poster Viewing	Track 4: General Podiatry	
12:00		Track 3: Surgery	Track 1: Biomechanics / Sports medicine	Track 2: Wound Care & Diabetic foot	
12:30		Track 4: General Podiatry	Track 3: Surgery	Track 4: General Podiatry	
13:00		State of the Art 1	Lunch Break	Parallel Interactive Workshop 17	
13:30		State of the Art 2	Product Theatre	Parallel Interactive Workshop 18	
14:00		Lunch & Learn	MEET THE EXPERT SESSIONS	Parallel Interactive Workshop 19	
14:30		Lunch Break	CAMP FIRE SESSIONS	Parallel Interactive Workshop 20	
15:00		Parallel Interactive Workshop 1	Parallel Interactive Workshop 9	Oral Abstract Session 5	
15:30		Parallel Interactive Workshop 2	Parallel Interactive Workshop 10	Oral Abstract Session 6	
16:00		Parallel Interactive Workshop 3	Parallel Interactive Workshop 11	Oral Abstract Session 7	
16:30		Parallel Interactive Workshop 4	Parallel Interactive Workshop 12	Oral Abstract Session 8	
17:00		Coffee Break	Parallel Interactive Workshop 13	PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS & FIP 2021 WORLD CONGRESS OF PODIATRY PRESENTATION	
17:30		Poster Viewing	Parallel Interactive Workshop 14		
18:00		Parallel Interactive Workshop 5	Parallel Interactive Workshop 15		
18:30		Parallel Interactive Workshop 6	Parallel Interactive Workshop 16		
19:00		Parallel Interactive Workshop 7			
19:30		Parallel Interactive Workshop 8			
20:00		SPONSOR & EXHIBITOR NETWORKING COCKTAIL RECEPTION (By Invitation only)			
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World Congress agenda for FIP-IFP Delegates

FIP-IFP Annual General Meeting – Business meeting – by invitation only

“The General Meeting meets once per year in the first six months or at the time of the FIP World Congress following approval by the prior General Meeting” Section XI – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS FIP-IFP Articles.

As decided by the FIP-IFP General Meeting last May 2018, the AGM will take place prior to the 2019 FIP World Congress. Two delegates per country are invited to join the meeting, others may be invited by the President. Each country is entitled to a single vote.

On the 13th November the day will start with an Open Committee meeting of the European Council of Podiatrists. This is for delegates from full member associations only. The ECP board will present the work achieved and the plans for the future.

This meeting will be followed by an Executive Meeting for FIP-IFP Member delegates only. At this working lunch, the delegates will have the opportunity to discuss pressing issues regarding the future of the Federation.

The AGM will take place from 2pm to 4:15pm.

Member organizations will be called by the President, in agreement with the Secretary General, no less than two months prior to the date of the meeting. The agenda is stipulated in the meeting call together with the registration link. The invitation is accompanied by the President’s management report, the Treasurer’s balance sheet for the year just ended and the Treasurer’s budget forecasts.

Two delegates per country are invited to join the meetings. There is no delegate fee (this has been abolished by the Board in 2017). If an association would like to be present with more delegates, a participation fee will be asked of 30EUR. Associations can invite up to 3 additional persons.

All delegates will be invited to the welcome reception from the World Congress in the Exhibition hall on the 13th after the AGM (reception starts at 5:30pm).

All the events will take place at the main venue, the congress host hotel : *Hyatt Regency Miami*.

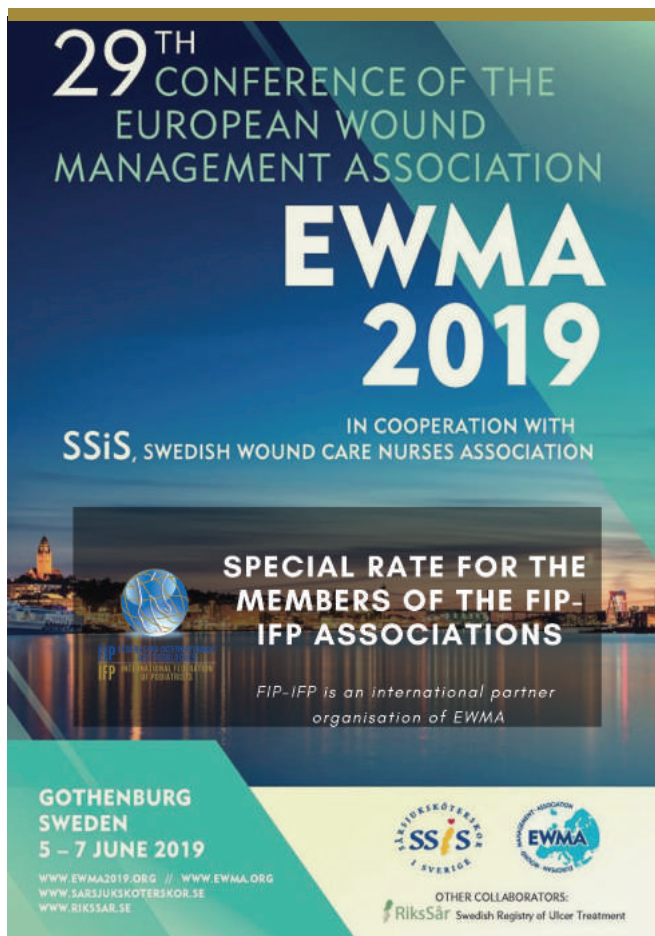
To reserve a room; [Click here to book your room now](#) – This link auto-populates the group access code: G-IFPO which provides the discounted rate to congress attendees

Wednesday 13 November 2019

Time	Activity
8am - 11am	European Council of Podiatrists - Open committee meeting
11am - 2pm	Executive Meeting with Working lunch (delegates only)
2pm - 4:15pm	Annual General meeting
4:30pm - 5:30pm	World Congress first attendee session
5:30pm-7:30pm	Welcome Reception

All meetings will take place at the Hyatt Regency Hotel

EWMA Conference 5-7 June: Podiatry track & reduced rates



As you probably already know, the European Wound Management Association or EWMA organizes a 29th Conference on the 5th, 6th and 7th of June. The EWMA 2019 Conference will be held in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Theme of the EWMA 2019 conference:

Person-centred Wound Care. Who is in Charge of the Wound?

A wound is always part of someone's body; a person has to live with it. The patient hereby qualifies for being an important member of the team, focusing on wound healing. When all professionals, with their specific competences, work together with the patient, progress can be made and clinical knowledge and competences can be developed and shared. A multidisciplinary inter-professional team and person-centered wound care approach will support the wound healing process, increase patients' quality of life and be more cost effective.

A podiatry track is scheduled

Like the last 2 years the FIP-IFP is a partner organization of EWMA. A podiatry track is scheduled on

Thursday 6th June, 17.15-18.30

A Special Rate for FIP-IFP members

Podiatrists from FIP-IFP member associations will also enjoy a very special rate.

See below for the prices for the 3-day participation. EWMA was able to offer you the reduced price which is normally only available to EMWA members and collaborating organization members:

	Until and incl. 3 April 2019		4 April - 26 May 2019		After 26 May 2019	
	incl. VAT	excl. VAT	incl. VAT	excl. VAT	incl. VAT	excl. VAT
Full 3 day registration						
<i>EWMA members</i>	483 €	386,40 €	570 €	456,00 €	636 €	508,80 €

To register, [click here](#).

The FIP-IFP hopes to see you there!

European Association Award

The EAA recognizes excellence and exceptional quality delivered by associations across Europe and celebrates the vital work that European Associations do for and on behalf of their members to ensure their voices are heard.

Judges 2019



Because of the big success of International Podiatry Day 2018 we decided to apply to the category Best Communications Campaign. Soon after that we discovered we were finalists. During the ceremony at Hotel Le Plaza in Brussels, the 2019 European Association Awards were announced. To our great joy we won the Bronze Award in the category Best Communications Campaign.

This award couldn't have been possible without the support of our members, ambassadors and everyone who shared this day with us.



Ambassadors



Thank you!

Special Olympics – World Games

Thousands of Athletes and Unified Partners Were Given Vital Medical Screenings as Part of Special Olympics Healthy Athletes Program

- Abu Dhabi 2019 breaks record for the largest number of screenings to take place at any World Games
- 23,350 individual health screenings conducted at World Games
- Over 7,000 pairs of shoes and 254 hearing aids were distributed to athletes for free

UAE, 9 April 2019: A record-breaking number of Special Olympics athletes from around the world, as well as unified partners and members of the local community, received free medical screenings as part of the Special Olympics Healthy Athletes program.

Held at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Center (ADNEC) throughout the World Games, teams of medical professionals carried out more screenings than ever before as part of the program. 23,350 individual screenings in various specialized areas such as overall fitness, weight and well-being, **podiatry**, hearing, sight and dental were conducted.

Based on the Memorandum Of Understanding the FIP-IFP and SOI collaborated regarding the Fit Feet Program. Former FIP-IFP President Carine Haemels, who's the FIP-IFP contact person regarding Special Olympics and regional Clinical Director was in Abu Dhabi to perform the FIT Feet screenings.

Over 5,000 people received screenings, including 5,027 athletes from 194 Special Olympics programs as well as 880 non-athletes, unified partners, coaches and members of the community.

“In line with our commitment to ensuring a healthy life for all, we are pleased to have been able to support Carine to be at the Games to provide athletes of determination and their delegations with valuable health information. We hope that

through our work, we can help them to lead a healthier life.” says Christian Jérôme, President of the FIP-IFP.

The 2019 FIP World Congress will host a workshop where a Train the Trainer event will be organized with some Special Olympics athletes from California. The scientific committee has agreed to have a presentation on the subject as raising awareness regarding feet problems for that specific population is very important.

We invite all to watch the video on Healthy Athletes preparing for 2019 and be amazed:

<https://www.abudhabi2019.org/media/healthy-athletes-preparing-for-2019>

Learn more: <https://www.abudhabi2019.org/thousands-of-athletes-and-unified-partners-were-given-vital-medical-screenings-as-part-of-special-olympics-healthy-athletes-program>



ENPODHE Conference

On Thursday 28th March, more than 400 podiatrists and podiatry students from Belgium and the European Union met in Brussels to participate at the 8th ENPODHE meeting, the European Network of Podiatry in Higher Education.

The differences in the scope of practice of Podiatry, education and training systems in Europe are worth examining within and beyond borders to create transparency and recognition of knowledge, qualifications and skills in the field of Podiatry.

Every year, the ENPODHE meetings bring together Podiatry teachers from each ENPODHE member university in a European city, accompanied by 2nd

year students. This year, Brussels was elected as the host city for the 8th edition. Parnasse-ISEI - Department of Podiatry (HELV) formed in 2005 with Prigogine (HELB) and the Artevelde high school of Ghent, a partnership between the various Belgian training institutions in order to share their methods of teaching podiatry. These meetings between the 3 schools will last 2 years and then the University of Saxion and Fontys in the Netherlands will join the project.

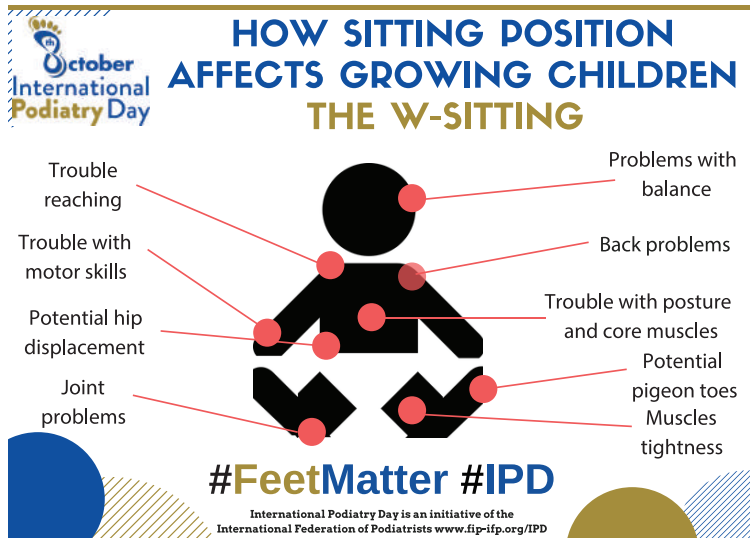
This is the first time in Belgium that an event of such a size has brought together so many professionals and students in podiatry. This is a great recognition for the profession, which remains relatively unknown to the general public in Belgium.

The European Network of Podiatry in Higher Education is a non-profit organisation providing an organisational framework, which aims to unite the podiatry educational institutions in the European region.



fltr: Javier Torralba Estellés, Mieke Fransen, Dr. Alfred Gatt, Veronica Newton, Yves Lescure and Gabriel Gijon

International Podiatry Day 2019



International Podiatry Day every 8 October, an initiative of the International Federation of Podiatrists (FIP-IFP), exists for this very specific purpose: to bring podiatry into sharp focus by raising global awareness and to support our members in strengthening public literacy and political action around podiatry.

Objectives: Awareness, Engagement, Impact

The purpose of IPD is of course to create **awareness** and to reach as much people as possible. This is possible by brand awareness of the day and adoption of the campaign among all members which will expand the reach to other podiatrists and associations.

By achieving member **engagement** and grow the community we are going to be able to drive engagement, increase positive conversations, build relationships and grow our community of members and supporters.

We want to position the value and perception of FIP-IFP and International Podiatry Day as a powerful and leading platform for awareness and **impact**. This will be possible by achieving a majority of members who believe that IPD is effective in positively changing behaviors and attitudes and influencing policy change.



Here we are again, organizing the second International Podiatry Day which will take place on Tuesday October 8th, 2019. As the year before, we need your help to join us and help us by participating and sharing and hope to include more podiatrists and associations by participating on this day.

Starting from June there will be weekly posts on the website of IPD and social media leading up to the day. Below you will find all the posts that will be posted.

As in 2018 we plan on making some infographics and video's about podiatry (see communication plan on pg. 5). In regards to the actual day there will be one theme which will be a workselfie from podiatrists worldwide. The FIP-IFP invites you to post on your social media. We are planning on using a Facebook Frame with the logo of IPD so it makes it easier to post. This will be a good way to include everyone and give the possibility to interact with each other.

Place a post or repost our posts, but don't forget the Hashtags

We want to know you! Share your story with us!

To reach as much people as possible, it is important to use hashtags. We have some standard hashtags, but of course you can use some of your own. We have three hashtags we always use and which we want to ask you to use when you post:

#FeetMatter #InternationalPodiatryDay #FIPIFP

Be prepared for a great day!



Supporting partner for
International Podiatry Day



The message from the Executive Director

Blossom by blossom the spring begins (Algernon Charles Swinburne). This means European Elections on 26 May, a spring Board Meeting in Amsterdam and some important events where podiatry will be represented (like ISDF and EWMA). May and June are definitely the busiest months for the Federation, notwithstanding this year November when the biggest Podiatry Conference will take place, our very own World Congress in Miami.

Spring adds new life and new beauty to all that is (Jessica Harrelson). For one year the Federation can rely on a newly elected president. Under his auspice we have focussed on communication and collaboration, and we can already reap the benefits. I'm happy to mention the bronze award International Podiatry Day received for best communication campaign and the collaboration throughout the members of the Federation regarding the green paper produced to secure a future-proof Federation. I have been proud to receive this recognition at the European Associations Award, it shows the FIP-IFP can be an actor when it comes to community building.

Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's Party! (Robin Williams). The upcoming months will be a celebration for all that are involved in Podiatry. I mentioned earlier the important presence of Podiatry at the international Symposium of the Diabetic Foot and the European Wound Management Conference but the ECP will also hold a Nordic Countries meeting to set the pace for a bachelor degree in Podiatry. And finally, Podiatry will be celebrated for 3 days at the 2019 FIP World Congress of Podiatry in Miami. The Scientific Committee has done the best they could to put together an amazing program. Together with the Professional Congress Organiser, the Organisational Committee is highly involved in every aspect of the Congress. This is going to be a fantastic event and I invite all to take advantage of the early bird extension for registration to June 3!

Stay tuned with our social media channels and the monthly newsletter to follow what is going on!



The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence

- Confucius

SWEDEN – Sveriges Fotterapeuter



The Swedish organisation, Sveriges Fotterapeuter, have had the annual meeting in Umeå. Umeå lies in the northern Sweden but still there were almost 200 members present. Thanks to the many hostesses from Norr- and Västerbotten we felt warmly welcomed.

Beside the meeting there was time for a sleighride with dogs, eat sour hering and kickdriving on ice. Very appreciated.

Three doctors from the footteam at the University hospital learned us about neuropathy - diagnosis, causes and treatments.

Friday evening we had a great dinner celebrating 20 years as one big foot organisation in Sweden. Good music, dance in all varieties and great food from Norrland made the evening memorable.

Saturday was the annual meeting. We discussed proposals from members and held the elections. The Foot health day the 8th of October and continuing the work to get an higher education was of course among the subjects. Nowadays Marie Kjellman is President and I, Karin Nordvall, have become Past president.

I wish the new board good luck in their work.

SPAIN – Consejo General de Colegios Oficiales de Podólogos of Spain

The 50th National Congress of Podiatry and the VI Ibero-American Meeting of Spain will take place in the Santander Congress Center on October 18 and 19, 2019.

We have been working on organising a congress that gathers all the possible attractions to achieve the greatest number of attendees: from an interesting scientific program developed by a large group of speakers and professors of national and international prestige, to a complete social offer of activities and visits to Santander and Cantabria that we hope will surprise you very pleasantly.

In addition, the year of our Golden Jubilee, we want to point towards New Challenges, the motto chosen for this fiftieth edition, which mainly goes through the recognition of our work by both society and government.

We hope everyone present feels at home. We will do everything possible to make it so.

See you in Santander!



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GREECE - Hellenic Society of Podiatrists



The Hellenic Society of Podiatrists organised one of the most important events for podiatrists in Greece, the third Hellenic conference of Podiatry. The conference, which took place between 20th and 21st of October 2018, was held at the Royal Olympic Hotel in Athens and it featured an array of great speakers from far and near and exemplary papers and presentations. It was a great opportunity for attendees to collaborate and network with speakers, podiatrists and other health care professionals and be informed of the latest in research and clinical practice with state-of-the-art workshops, panel discussions and exchange of views.

CZECH REPUBLIC – Czech Podiatry Association

Starting from 1 January 2019, thanks to the negotiations led by MUDr. Marie Součková, the former President, the Czech Podiatry Association managed to push forward the provision of support from the Prevention Fund of the General Health Insurance Company in the form of partial reimbursement of at least four procedures of machine dry pedicure per year for diabetic patients. It is the very first step taken by one of the health insurance companies which is well aware of the importance of necessary professional foot care for diabetic patients.

The Czech Podiatry Association is responsible for lifelong education of its members and foot care providers which is why it regularly organises the Podiatry Days for its members and supporters, which are met with great acclaim. A special thank you goes to Jana Výmolová, the organiser and the Chairperson of the Podiatrist Section of the Czech Podiatry Association. The current President of the Association, MUDr. Miroslav Koliba MBA, cooperates intensively with the FIP on the D-FOOT project and will very soon present the content and goal of an intensive course for our pedicurists to be held in collaboration with IKEM in Prague in line with the requirements of the D-FOOT project.



Photos from the Podiatry Day on 16th March 2019

Photo from D-Foot evening - MUDr. Miroslav Koliba, MBA, (the President of CPA) Frederico Del Puerto Galeano MD., Maria Del Rocio Aparicio M.D. (Paraguay) a prof. MUDr. Alexandra Jirkovská Csc. - IKEM Prague



GERMANY – Verband Deutscher Podologen (VDP)

The new year 2019 started very busy for our association.

In January the national congress "Quality Conference" in Stuttgart with exhibition occurred with a surprise visit of FIP-IFP executive director Caroline Teugels, the Podiatrists also demonstrated again for their rights and had a lot of recognition, this time in Leipzig.

Secondly the minister of health is considering about reorganising the professions of healthcare providers like Physio Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Dietitian, Logopaedics/speech correction and Podiatry.



The VDP president and board have sent their views and statements and therefore participated in a large amount of meetings taken place in the capital Berlin at the ministry of health.

In addition almost all regional parliaments in Germany discuss about introducing the omission of tuition fees for podiatric education. On the whole, the VDP association was busy in visiting expert discussions and representing our professions' situation. Podiatrists in Germany have an overload of work and the educational institutions do not qualify enough entrants for the future with the demographic change and a lot more elderly people and the metabolic disease Diabetes mellitus.

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Award of Appreciation for president of VDP Volker Pfersich, for outstanding work and dedication to his work in Verband Deutscher Podologen for 22 years

BELGIUM - Belgian Association Of Podiatrists (BVP-ABP)

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This year is a festive year for the Belgian Association of Podiatrists. On March 7, we celebrated our 3rd year of the recognition of the profession.

The association works really hard to defend podiatry in Belgium and will continue to do so in 2019.

We will also celebrate the 60th anniversary of the existence of the association. At the next National Congress, which will take place on December 14, we will raise glasses to the future and all the other projects we have planned for the upcoming years.

ITALY – Associazione Italiana Podologi (AIP)

Italian Podiatrists, the new professional Order, the new President.



Italian Podiatry has finally been regulated by its professional Order, Law n. 3 March, the 18th 2018, after many years of increasing efforts, responsibilities and high education programs.

The Aip, Associazione Italiana Podologi lived an inner and deep revolution last month of May: a new presidency, new challenges and a lot of work for the new President Dr. Valerio Ponti.

A new era has begun: important associations aims, tradition but renovation at the same time. “We have great expectations – said President Ponti- we are now living a new historical period; the birth of the professional Order has changed everything, especially with reference to the fight against the increasing unregulated professional activities. It's necessary to fight illegal non-healthcare professionals, by applying laws”.

The Aip and Podiatry are now part of a unique professional Order of the TSRM (Healthcare Radiology Technicians), which includes all healthcare technician professionals, rehabilitation and health prevention professionals as well.

The Podiatry professional profile will so be kept up-to-date with a common awareness that foot care regards everyone's Health.

CANADA – Canadian Podiatric Medical Association (CPMA)

We are preparing for our Annual General Meeting, taking place June 1, 2019 in Toronto, Ontario Canada.

We will again be recognizing our Foot Health Awareness Month in May, on social media and in the traditional media with a series of media releases highlighting aspects of the importance of foot care, from birth right through life.

We are working on several in-country initiatives to strengthen the profession and build links with various segments of the healthcare industry. We continue to work on relationships with the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association and will be presenting on Innovations in Podiatry at their upcoming conference. We are working closely with Wounds Canada on initiatives regarding Diabetic Foot and Limb Preservation.

We would like to extend a hearty congratulations to the new graduates of the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, Doctorat en médecine podiatrique cohorte de 2019. Twenty-two newly minted podiatrists will be joining the ranks of podiatric doctors. We welcome them to the profession!

SWITZERLAND - Société Suisse des Podologues (SSP)



THEIR FEET, THEIR WOUNDS, YOUR HELP

In Africa, the management of foot at risk, like wounds, is a growing public health problem that is a real challenge because:

- ❖ The problem is poorly identified and non-priority.
- ❖ The prevalence of diabetes is increasing.
- ❖ Knowledge and resources are lacking.



CHU-Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Lomé, Sylvanus Olympio, 2018.



Training of carers, "Care of a foot wound" - CHU Lomé 2018.

Diabetic patient without specific care, due to lack of knowledge:



Before the treatment → our patient's hyperkeratosis with a scalpel.

After treatment - HUG 2018



Precarious care situation - Togo 2018:
1) Sun-dried, hand-washed and reused bandages.
2) Treatment room - Africa.
3) Care and food provided by the families of hospitalized patients.



Stand de chaussures au marché de Lomé, janvier 2018:

Podiatry in these parts of Africa is by no means a luxury! By walking in sandals or barefoot, the population easily injures their feet.

«**Togologie**» - creation of a practical "foot care" course for health workers in Togo, in collaboration with the Association Nationale des Infirmières et Infirmiers du Togo (National Association of Nurses of Togo).

For the first time, a "podiatry" module will be integrated into a "wound care" course led by Tropical and Humanitarian Medicine of the University Hospitals of Geneva, with the aim of:

- ❖ Sensitize the nursing staff to the problem of wounds.
- ❖ Transmit new basic knowledge in wound care and foot care.
- ❖ Provide wound care and "discharge" techniques, targeted and adapted to a local context.
- ❖ Train future local trainers.
- ❖ Provide care equipment.
- ❖ Prevent, control and minimize the number of amputations.

«**Collection of donations**» of money and podiatry equipment to enable:

- ❖ The implementation of this project.
- ❖ The giving of a second life in Africa to European healthcare equipment that is still functional.
- ❖ The creation of a job in Togo for the management of this equipment (sharpening, storage and distribution).

The PodoAfrica Association was created with the aim of promoting and developing podiatry in all its forms across the African continent.

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- 11** Annual Meeting of Czech Podiatry Association
- 22-25** 8th International Symposium on the Diabetic Foot
- 24** 28th Podiatry Congress (SSP)
- 26-27** FIP Spring Board Meeting

- 5-7** European Wound Management Conference
- 8** ECP Meeting
- 13-15** The 3rd Congress in Podiatry

- 11-14** The National 2019
- 18-21** Association of Podiatry – Summer School Podiatry

- 9-11** 12th Biennial Congress 2019 PASA

- 4-5** 44th National Congress, Entretiens de Podologie
- 8** International Podiatry Day
- 18-19** 50th National Congress of Podiatry of Spain

- 7-8** Diabetic Foot (Le Pied Diabétique)
- 13** FIP-IFP Annual General Meeting Hyatt Regency Downtown
- 14-16** FIP World Congress of Podiatry

- 14** Belgian National Congress of Podiatrists

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- The Hague, The Netherland
- Lausanne, Switzerland
- Amsterdam, The Netherlands

- Gothenburg, Sweden
- Gothenburg, Sweden
- Bucharest, Romania

- Salt Lake City, USA
- Sinaia, Romania

- Cape Town, South-Africa

- Paris, France
- Worldwide
- Santander, Spain

- Montpellier, France
- Miami, USA
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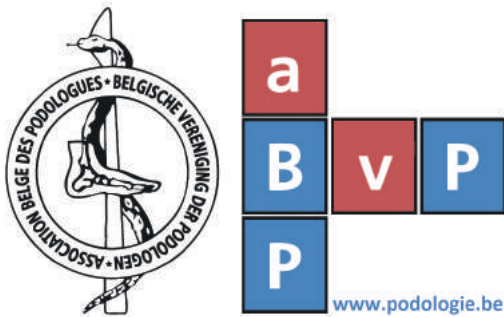
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On Sunday, March 17, David G. Edwards, DPM, was installed as APMA president by Mark F. Rogers, DPM. Dr. Edwards stated that his vision for the coming year is tied to the pioneering spirit of our country that is embodied in the profession. The FIP-IFP wishes Dr. Edwards good luck!

In December 2018 podiatry was officially recognized as a profession in Romania. What a fantastic work and achievement! Congratulations!



On March 7, the podiatrist in Belgium has been enjoying the recognition of the profession for 3 years.

In 2019, the Belgian Association of Podiatrists will continue to work on a quality label for podiatrists. Lobbying for a better consideration of podiatry in the reimbursement of recognition by governmental of social security will also be on their agenda this year.

Also, this year the Belgian Association of Podiatrists will celebrate their 60th anniversary on the National Congress of Podiatry which will take place on December 14, 2019.

VDP President Volker Pfersich, receives an award for the 25th anniversary of the Verband Deutscher Podologen and all the great work he has achieved to advance Podiatry in Germany the last 22 years! Congratulations!





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