OVERVIEW OF THE 17TH RUSSIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS
“PEOPLE & HEALTH”
October 24-27, 2012, St Petersburg, Russia

The congress program included:
- ISPO Short Course “Amputation surgery, prosthetics, and rehabilitation”
- IV Congress of the All-Russian Prosthetists-Orthopedists Guild
- Scientific-Practical Conference «Present Day Topical Problems of Medical-Social Examination”
- Scientific-Practical Conference “Topical Problems of Pediatric Trauma Care and Orthopedics”
- Scientific-Practical Conference «Adaptive Physical Training and Sports in the Disabled»
- Seminars "Technical rehabilitation facilities providing accessible home and independent living for disabled and elderly people", “Orthopedic Footwear for Children”, and “Functional Clothes for Disabled People”, “Functional orthotics: from theory to practice”
- Discussion Area “Actual issues of traumatology and orthopedics” with a Competition of the Young Scholars in the Specialty “Trauma care and Orthopedics”
- Presentations of the leading world P&O manufacturers on technical novelties in P&O

Total number of congress guests was above 4500, 1600 of them being accredited delegates. Guests from Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, Iceland, France, and China participated in the fair, sessions or visited the event.

An exhibition of up-to-date orthopedic technologies and products gathered more than 70 manufacturers and dealers. Participation of foreign exhibitors was provided by the partner of the congress Leipziger Messe International GmbH. The fair of products made by the enterprises of disabled people was supported by Saint Petersburg and Leningrad Region Employment Committees and included 30 organizations. This committee organized a job fair for disabled persons.

More than 100 free medical consultations for the citizens were given at the congress by the leading Saint Petersburg physicians in ophthalmology, trauma care and orthopedics, cardiology, and neurology.

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The number of exhibitor companies 70
Of them 65 Russian 5 foreign

Exhibition space
Gross 2750 sq m 
Net 797 sq m (People & Health 667 sq m, Labor Potential of Disabled 130 sq m) 
People & Health Net Russian exhibitors space 597 Net foreign exhibitors space 70 
Open exhibition space 26 

Number of registered delegates 1600 from 11 countries (95% Russia) 
Total number of visitors 4500 

CLASSIFICATION OF DELEGATES BY PLACES OF WORK 

Bodies of medical-social examination 32% 
Educational institutions 17% 
Hospitals and out-patients medical bodies 13% 
Scientific research institutions 10% 
Prosthetic-orthopedic enterprises 8% 
Manufacturing, supplying, and other companies 7% 
Medical, rehab, and orthopedic centers 5% 
Organs of social assistance 3% 
Health governing bodies 2% 
Press, specialized schools, non-governmental organizations 2% 
Non-working and retired population 2% 

CLASSIFICATION OF DELEGATES BY POSITIONS AND SPECIALTIES 

Medical-social examination experts 29% 
Physicians of therapeutic profile, GP 12% 
Lecturers and other staff of medical educational bodies 11% 
CEO, directors, associate directors, senior doctors of medical institutions and companies 10% 
Research workers, graduates, interns, students 9% 
Trauma and orthopedic surgeons 8% 
Social officers, psychologists 8% 
Engineers, prosthetists 5% 
Neurosurgeons 3% 
Health administrators 3% 
Other specialties 2%