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THE ANNUAL PODIATRY COMMUNITY’S MEETING
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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

Spring is here, already, and that must mean that it is time for the FIP AGM. This year our meeting will be in Tubingen, Germany, just outside of Stuttgart. There, we will be celebrating the 70th Anniversary of FIP with a Gala and a reflection upon our past and a view to the future. Podiatry has changed dramatically over this time as our education and training continue to evolve. Our profession is in great demand because of the services we provide, the limbs we save, and the quality of life that we can improve for our patients. Looking forward, FIP and our ECP committee will be the designers of the Common Training Framework for Podiatry within the European Union. While this is a great undertaking, it will insure that we, the practicing podiatrists, will be in control of our future. The work of our Membership Task Force will be reviewed at our AGM. This will allow FIP to undertake a growing involvement in spreading the seeds of our profession around the world and in doing so, strengthen our organization and our profession.

Within this issue, you will find information about our new relationship with EWMA, the European Wound Management Association, as well as our participation in the European Society of Vascular Medicine Conference in May. I would urge as many of you as possible to take advantage of our special rates for EWMA in Amsterdam and join us during our FIP Lecture track there.

Take time to enjoy this issue of Footsteps, as it includes much useful information. I also would like to take this opportunity to issue the first “Save The Date” for the next FIP World Congress. It will be October 31-November 2 in Cancun, Mexico.

Matt Garoufalis
This year AGM is a very special for the FIP-IFP as the Federation will celebrate its 70th Anniversary. There are a lot of activities on the agenda with the opportunity to visit a school in Stuttgart, to meet with the colleagues over a traditional welcome drink offered by the VDP, and finally close off with a gala dinner after the hard work has been done at the AGM.

The documents for the AGM can be accessed through the FIP-IFP website: http://www.fip-ifp.org/governance/general-assembly

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: 15 APRIL 2017
PLANNING

FRIDAY 5 MAY 2017
9:00am - 1:00pm: Visit of a Podiatry school in Stuttgart (for the early arrivals not part of the official program)

Start of the official program
2:00pm - 6:00pm: European Council of Podiatrists (AGM: 2:00pm-3:00pm CTF Workshop: 3:00pm-6:00pm)

7:00pm: Evening hosted by the Verband Deutscher Podologen

SATURDAY 6 MAY 2017
9:00am - 11:00am: Delegate session: Global perspective on the treatment of the diabetic foot
11:30am - 5:30pm: FIP-IFP 2017 AGM
7:30 pm: 70th Anniversary FIP-IFP Gala dinner

SUNDAY 7 MAY 2017
Departures

http://fip70thanniversary.com contains all the information you need to be well prepared for the trip. You will have access to the different documents, be able to register yourself and your colleagues and make the online payment.

AWARDS

The FIP-IFP feels it is of utmost importance to support and recognise individuals who, through their vision and commitment to their profession, are making outstanding contributions to the fields of podiatric practice. As such, each year FIP-IFP honours those who have demonstrated commendable work and dedication in areas which parallel the overall FIP-IFP mission. The FIP-IFP awards should be submitted 30 days before the AGM to m.garoufalis@fip-ifp.org and director@fip-ifp.org with a letter of support and the nomination form.

Four recognitions can be awarded:
- the FIP-IFP Lifetime Achievement Award,
- the FIP-IFP Distinguished Service Award,
- the FIP-IFP Humanitarian Award and
- the Certificate for Recognition.

Go to the FIP-IFP website and download the documents.

BOARD ELECTIONS

At the 2016 AGM the members have voted to include an election calendar for the open board positions. At this year AGM the board position for Secretary-General and Treasurer will be open for elections.

SECTION III – EXECUTIVE BOARD

It is recommended candidates take into account seniority in the organization or the executive board when applying for open Board positions.

No candidacy from the floor is allowed unless the position wasn’t open until the AGM.

Any sitting Board member, who applies for an open position, and who still has time at their current term after the termination of the AGM, must resign their current position prior to election.

A candidate can only submit for one position except in the circumstance election are called for the floor.

During the Fall Board Meeting, the upcoming board vacancies are identified and published with the Board Meeting Minutes. The open Board positions will be notified with the meeting call for the AGM.

No later than one month before the AGM the Candidate Forms must be submitted.

The candidates for the open Board positions will be published within one week after the deadline for submission.

If the situation requires it and in exceptional circumstances, the board may differ from this procedure and will report about it at the AGM.
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

21 APRIL 2017
- Finnish National Congress
  Tehy-talo,
  Asemamiehenkatu 4,
  Helsinki
  https://www.sjjl.fi

3-5 MAY 2017
- EWMA 2017 Conference Amsterdam, The Netherlands
  http://ewma.org/ewma-conference/2017/

5-7 MAY 2017
- FIP-IFP 2017 Annual General Meeting
  Tuebingen, Germany

6 MAY 2017
- VDP-Qualitätskonferenz
  Tuebingen, Germany

12-13 MAY 2017
- Congreso Anual de Podología - Mexico
  Hacienda Galindo - Querétaro

1-3 JUNE 2017
- 1st National Congress Podiatry - Romania
  Ramada Parch Hotel, Bucharest, Romania
  https://www.podiatrie.ro

2-3 JUNE 2017
- 10th year of the MEDsport symposium - Czech Republic
  Hotel Tereziánský dvDr, Hradec Králové, Czech Republic

27-30 JULY 2017
- APMA Annual Scientific Meeting
  Nashville, Tennessee
  www.apma.org/thenational

18-20 AUGUST 2017
- Biennial Podiatry congress South-Africa
  Misty Hills Hotel, Muldersdrift, Johannesburg
  www.thepodiatrist.co.za

5-7 MAY 2017
- EWMA 2017 Conference Amsterdam, The Netherlands
  http://ewma.org/ewma-conference/2017/

13-14 OCTOBER 2017
- 42eme Congrès Nationale de Podologie de la FNP
  Hacienda Galindo - Querétaro
  www.entretiensdepodologie.com

20-22 OCTOBER 2017
- 48 Congreso Nacional de Podología
  Salamanca, Spain
  http://www.congresopodologia.com

21 OCTOBER 2017
- Nationale Podiatry Congress The Nail
  Brussels, Belgium
  www.congrespodologie.be

16-18 NOVEMBER 2017
- UK - College of Podiatry
  ACC Liverpool
  Paris Event Center , Paris, France

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THE FIP-IFP INVITES YOU TO JOIN THE SPECIAL SESSIONS ON PODIATRY ON THURSDAY MAY 4 AT EWMA:

8:00AM-9:30AM
Care of the diabetic foot by podiatrists: a comparative study on a global scale.

Speakers:
- Vince Hetherington: USA
- Christian Jérôme: France
- Ekaterina Kalýkakis: Greece/Australia
- Brad Sonnema: Canada

10:00AM-11:00AM
The collaboration between the FIP-IFP and Diabetic Foot International: standardized high level competence packages for dedicated practitioners in the area of diabetic foot care.

Speakers:
- Dr. Matthew G. Garoufalis: USA
- Dr. Kristien Van Acker: BE

Followed by a panel discussion with Neil Baker, Esther Garcia Morales and Pauline Wilson

2:30PM-3:30PM
Podiatry practice on wound management

Speakers:
- Pauline Wilson: IE : Teamwork in Healing Diabetic Wounds
- Lee Murphy: UK : Surgical treat and Salvage of the Diabetic Foot
- Debbie Wilson: UK : Techniques in Wound Debridement

Enjoy this great opportunity to register with a reduced fee for EWMA 2017 as a FIP-IFP member podiatrist.

FIP-IFP & EWMA: SPECIAL FOCUS ON PODIATRY

It is our great pleasure to announce the 27th conference of European Wound Management Association, this year theme is: “Change, Opportunities And Challenges - Wound Management In Changing Healthcare Systems”

The FIP-IFP is since January 2017 officially an international partner organization of the European Wound Management Association. We celebrate our partnership by offering FIP-IFP member podiatrists the opportunity to join the EWMA Conference in May 2017 in Amsterdam at a promotional rate. This is a great opportunity the FIP-IFP member associations can offer their members.

Registration is open through following link: http://ewma.org/ewma-conference/2017/registration/.

WHY ATTEND THE EWMA 2017:
- gain new knowledge and best practice about the most recent research and treatment in wound management.
- 91% of the participants at EWMA 2016 said that they could use the knowledge gained in their daily practice.
- meet peer researchers and clinicians from all over the world.
- 96% of the participants at EWMA 2016 networked professionally with the other participants.
- attend high level key sessions, free paper sessions, hands-on workshops, focus sessions and guest session hosted by other medical societies offering new knowledge.
- 89 % of participants stated that the programme offered new knowledge.
- meet with suppliers and exchange experiences about wound care products and technology.
- 95% of participants felt that attending the exhibition was relevant to their work.

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BELGIUM
BELGIAN ASSOCIATION OF PODIATRISTS
Today the Belgian Association of Podiatrists is in full action and the number of members continues to grow exponentially.

Our aim is to give Podiatry in Belgium an important place in the healthcare system and recognition it deserves.

To achieve this, we have developed two concrete projects:

First and foremost, bringing together as many practitioners as possible to discuss scientific or professional issues directly related to our professional practice.

Then, organize a major congress to be held on October 21, 2017.

The theme addressed: the nail in two main aspects: pathologies and instrumental care and pathologies and biomechanical care

The congress is aimed at all health professionals involved directly or indirectly in the treatment of the foot (podiatrists, dermatologists, nurses, pedicures, students, ...)

The spirit of this congress is twofold: we would like to reach out to all professions that deal with nails in their daily practice, through a biomechanical examination, a walking analysis or a insoles fabrication, we will also help to treat nails suffering mechanical trauma, this being the second objective of the congress.

We invite all FIP-IFP colleagues to mark this date in your agenda Brussels, 21 October 2017.

SPAIN
CONSEJO GENERAL DE COLEGIOS OFICIALES DE PODÓLOGOS

The main objective of the Consejo General de Colegios Oficiales de Podólogos of Spain is the integration of podiatry into the Spanish national health system. It is a claim the Consejo is making for so long to the national authorities.

Trying to demonstrate the need and convenience of that integration, will be one of the main topics at the next National Congress of Podiatry where podiatrists will demonstrate all their professional skills.

This is an opportunity as a platform for the presentation of innovations in the different areas of podiatry and, mainly, for the understanding and awareness of the importance of our profession.

The 48th National Congress of Podiatry will be held in Salamanca (20th- 22nd October). Salamanca is a World Heritage Site, and has multitude of corners and historic buildings that never cease to fascinate. The city is always open, ready to welcome and deliver the wealth of its heritage, its culture and its gastronomy. We look forward to seeing you and sharing knowledge and professional experiences, trying to improve the social projection of podiatry and to enjoy a city with so much charm.

CZECH REPUBLIC
CZECH PODIATRY ASSOCIATION

The Days of Podiatry in the Czech Republic

The Czech Podiatry Association organizes its 16th congress to be held at the Tereziánský Dvůr Hotel in Hradec Králové on 3 to 4 June 2017. The Saturday workshop will focus on problems of nails; the congress on Sunday will include the exhibition hosted by the main partner – German company Neubourg/Allpresan.

The major event for the Czech podiatrists will be preceded by the 10th year of the MEDsport symposium on 2 and 3 June 2017. The main topic of the symposium will be all about “foot”. Lectures will be delivered by top Czech specialists in the field. The main partner then is German company Schein.

Overseas visitors can contact the organizers at www.podiatrie.cz and www.medsport.cz to participate.

GREECE
HELLENIC ASSOCIATION OF PODIATRY AND PODOLOGY

The Hellenic society of Podiatrists and Podologists held its 1st Hellenic Conference of Podiatry in Athens on the 24th - 25th of September 2016. It was a great success with speakers from Europe, USA and Australia, over 150 delegates and more than 40 speakers attended ranging from a variety of professions. (www.podiatric2016.gr).

Some of the topics covered were dermatology, biomechanics, orthoses, sport injuries, Diabetes, High Risk Foot complications, podopaediatrics, gait analysis and many more. Various workshops were available for the delegates such as biomechanical assessment of various musculoskeletal conditions, foot manipulation and mobilization, Kinesio tape technique, Total Contact Cast application and acupuncture during the two days conference.

Sponsors all over the world supported and continue to support the conference. The venue (Royal Olympic Hotel) is centrally located and easily accessed via public transport with the best view to the Acropolis admiring one of the world’s greatest cultural monuments the Parthenon.

There are around 20 podiatrists in the whole Greece. Most of them have been qualified in UK and 1 in Australia. The demand for podiatrists is high; however the profession is not that well known and unfortunately not established at the public sector level. The purpose of the Hellenic society is to promote podiatry by teaming with sports teams, working with other health professionals and volunteers at the hospitals at the “High Risk Foot” clinics. Two universities are introducing podiatry courses in 2017, one in Athens and the other in Thessaloniki under the guise of a prestigious British University.

The Hellenic society of Podiatrists and podologists announces the 2nd Hellenic Conference of podiatry - podology to be held on the 7th and 8th of October 2017 at the Royal Olympic Hotel in Athens. www.podiatric2017.gr. We would love to see you all in Athens and are always happy to deal with any suggestions or inquiries at info@podiatric2017.gr.

Until then keep feet healthy and see you in Athens!

Written by Stavroula Christaki MSc Long term Diseases Specialist podiatrist Central London Community Healthcare NHS Ekaterini Kalykakis BHlthSc, Podiatrist Vice-President of the Hellenic Society of Podiatrist-podologists.

UNITED KINGDOM
COLLEGE OF PODIATRY

When a female receptionist was sent home from her workplace for refusing to wear high heels she started a petition to make it illegal for companies to require women to wear high heels at work. MSK and footwear experts from the College of Podiatry submitted a position paper, which was used in a Parliamentary debate on 6 March (http://bit.ly/2lHh29V). We await the Government’s response, and believe that a change to the 2010 Equality Act is imminent.

On World Diabetes Day, the College of Podiatry released two apps on diabetes to enable increased knowledge around the problems that can occur in the diabetic foot. One app is for health care professionals who undertake diabetic foot screenings, the other is for people with diabetes to ensure they are empowered to prevent problems with their feet. Search the app store for ‘diabetic foot screening’.

Health Economist Marion Kerr recently published a report (http://bit.ly/2nMxbLP) on the costs of diabetic foot ulceration and amputations which now cost NHS in England £1 billion per year. The College of Podiatry is currently embarking upon a follow up project with the author to provide commissioners with the tools to prevent foot ulceration and amputation.
GERMANY
VERBAND DEUTSCHER PODOLOGEN VDP E.V.

Dear Colleagues,

it is our pleasure to invite you to Germany this year for the AGM. And it is an honour for us, that the FIP-IFP will celebrate the 70th anniversary in Tuebingen. At the same time, we have our annual Quality conference (QuaKo). If you or your members have interest to visit it, please feel free to contact us. The program you will find at following Link: www.verband-deutscher-podologen.de.

Tuebingen is an old historic university town and the geographical center of the federal state Baden Württemberg. There live over 83,000 people and over 28,000 students. Because of that Tuebingen is a young open city with a prominent market place and a nice picturesque Neckarwaterfront. The temperature will be 8°- 18°C in May.

We wish you a good journey to Tuebingen.

Volker Pfersich

SOUTH-AFRICA
PODIATRY ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA (PASA)

Dear Colleagues

The Podiatry Association of South Africa (PASA) is hosting its 11th Biennial Congress from 18-20 August 2017 at The Maslow in Sandton, Johannesburg; a superior hotel boasting state-of-the-art facilities and close proximity to many delightful attractions. This year’s theme is Staying Ahead!, and PASA will ensure that the most up-to-date and relevant information is presented at this congress, thereby guaranteeing your “staying ahead”.

The programme is packed full of hot-topics like surgery, diabetes and sports science. Rheumatology, paediatrics and clinical skills are some of the other subjects on the agenda too. The final day of congress will be kick-started with revolving workshops; one of which will include Simon Bartold—another legendary influencer in the field of biomechanics.

“Staying ahead” and learning new skills is all the more meaningful when shared with friends. Catch up with one another and meet new people during the welcoming function at the close of Day 1. Cement these new friendships and collaborations at the “Night of the Podiatry Stars” gala dinner on Day 2. Bring along your partner to dance and enjoy the live entertainment.

We are excited to see you all again, and we sincerely hope that you can make this remarkable event. Registration is already open, and we are still accepting abstracts! Please go on and see www.pasacongress.co.za for more information.

THE NETHERLANDS
NEDERLANDSE VERENIGING VAN PODOOTHERAPEUTEN (NVVP)

Diabetic Foot care in The Netherlands: from curative to preventive

The area of foot care for people with diabetes has changed a lot in recent years in the Netherlands. For a long time, all turned their attention to treating complications, but the prevention of ulcers in patients with diabetes mellitus received little or no attention. Both health care providers and insurers realize that the quality and accessibility of the foot care of the diabetic patient has to be increased. Not only the effects but rather should be treated the causes. Funding for necessary medical care foot from the basic insurance is a logical consequence. The rollout of this is not without problems and requires clear information.

The podiatrists play in this process a pioneering role. Various protocols and guidelines are drawn up for better quality in preventive care and constructive cooperation with other foot care disciplines. In 2016, on the initiative of the NVvP a successful multidisciplinary study on the assessment of calluses took place. The summary map now serves as a guideline and is widely supported. Anno 2017 has gained much ground in terms of quality and positive cooperation between all stakeholders. But we are not there yet and will remain committed to high quality, relevant and efficient foot care!

USA
APMA INVITES YOU TO MUSIC CITY USA

The American Podiatric Medical Association will hold its Annual Scientific Conference July 27–30 in Nashville, Tennessee. Nashville, often known as Music City, is one of America’s hottest destinations, with a thriving nightlife and outstanding acts around every corner. The Gaylord Opryland
Hotel and Resort, our host property, was recently named the South’s best resort.

This year’s Annual Scientific Meeting will include exciting new sessions, such as a surgical “blitz,” along with perennial favorites like our controversy debates, oral and poster abstract sessions, and exciting daily breakfast symposia. Start the meeting off with an inspiring opening session, during which Robert Conenello, DPM, will speak from the heart about his experience as physician-turned-patient, and how his positive attitude helped him beat cancer. Enjoy our expansive exhibit hall, and connect with colleagues old and new. Attendees can earn up to 25.5 continuing education contact hours.

To learn more about the meeting or to register today, visit www.apma.org/thenational. We look forward to welcoming you to Nashville, Tennessee!

FRANCE

FÉDÉRATION NATIONALE PODOLOGUES

3RD EUROPEAN DAY 20 JANUARY 2017 - PARIS:
France was pleased to host this important European meeting devoted to the common framework for the training of podiatry, attended by more than 50 heads of European organizations. The NPF thanks the President of the FIP for having honored us with his presence, as well as Caroline Teugels and Odette Vaudray for the success of the organization of this day.

Following the Health System Modernization Act published in January 2016, a reorganization of the healthcare provision is planned. The new system provides for a better balance between hospital and city care provided by liberal health professionals. In order to efficiently manage patients with severe pathologies, it is planned to set up territorial health professional communities (CPTS) which will be composed of practitioners responsible for coordinating care around the patient. This device will allow podiatrists to intervene in the management of the foot of diabetic patients.

The digital world is more and more involved in our daily practice. As such, in the podiatry sector, the integration of 3D printing for the manufacture of foot orthoses is developing in France. This new technology that will revolutionize our practice will allow more precision, traceability and reproducibility. More and more suppliers of materials offer this alternative and training is offered to professionals.

Save the date for the next National Congress: 42th meeting of podiatry, 13-14 October 2017 in Paris on the theme: foot orthotics

Serge Coimbra, FNP President

SWEDEN

SVERIGES FOTTERAPEUTER (SF) - SWEDISH TRADITIONS

Dear friends in the FIP-IFP,

We would like to share a couple of traditions we have within Sveriges Fotterapeuter.

At our AGM we appoint The Podiatrist of the Year, this great honor is bestowed upon a member who has done something extraordinary to promote our profession, a member of great know-how and enthusiasm who has had an impact on our profession during the past year.

A member can apply for a Scholarship for projects or education within podiatry. This year we have a special scholarship for travelling to another member country of FIP-IFP to study their education, how our profession is looked upon from the administrative authorities and under what circumstances private practitioners work.

Each year members can sign up to do a test that is both practical and theoretical and takes a whole day. If you pass you can add Authorized to your title.

All our twenty-one districts can apply for money for Local PR campaigns. Reflectors for wearing in the dark is a popular give-away. All of them with our logo of course!

Stella Tommos - Sveriges Fotterapeuter
ITALY
ASSOCIAZIONE ITALIANA PODOLOGI (AIP) ASSOCIATION’S WORK

During the January-March quarter the Italian Association of Podiatrists – AIP, has been engaged in the preparation of some events aimed at the training of podiatrists.

The most important is the XXXI° National Congress of Podiatry to be held in October from 19 to 22 in Colli del Tronto (close Ascoli Piceno in the Marche Region) at the Resort “Il Casale”, an extraordinary location functionality under the hotel aspect, both under the aspect of training needs. Currently the AIP is developing the program that provides some workshops on innovative topics of great interest for podiatrists.

Greater emphasis also assumes the 17° National Congress of Italian Psychogeriatrics, to be held in Florence from March 30 to April 1 at the “Palazzo degli Affari”. This year the Italian Podiatrists Association will take part in the event with a panel devoted entirely to the Podiatry entitled “The Role Of Podiatry In Team Work In Favor Of Elderly People”. But the commitment was also addressed to an intense activity of relations especially with the central and local institutions. In the frequent meetings at the Ministry of Health and to the Lazio Region it has been different initiatives aimed at enhancing the role of the podiatrist in the health system.

IRELAND
SOCIETY OF CHIROPODISTS AND PODIATRISTS IN IRELAND

The economic upturn bodes well for an increase in podiatrists in the Public Health service in Ireland. Over the past 5 years, we have had a doubling of the numbers of podiatrists and now all the major Hospitals have at least one Senior Podiatrist. These are all in the area of diabetes, however this is our biggest public health challenge.

The College of Podiatric Medicine in NUIG will have its 5th cohort of Podiatry graduates in June this year. NUIG Galway host a transatlantic Podiatric Conference next weekend and a record attendance is expected. Also next weekend, Podiatrists will be represented at a National Primary Care Conference which will be attended by the Minister for Health. This is a further opportunity to showcase podiatry to our Primary Care colleagues via presentation and poster exhibition. We still have quite a challenge to achieve equitable access the country for those requiring a podiatry service but it’s a challenge the profession are willing to take on.

Good wishes to FIP-IFP colleagues

MEXICO
FEDERACION MEXICANA DE PODOLOGOS Y PODIATRAS AC (FEMEPO)

Save the date for the next big meeting on podiatry in Mexico that will take place in from 12 to 13 May 2017, in Querétaro.

FINLAND
SUOMEN JALKOJENHOITAJA- JA JALKATERAPEUTTILIITTO RY SJJL - GREETINGS FROM FINLAND

The Finnish Chiropodists and Podiatrists Association has started its new year with new board. New board was elected for next three years. President of the association is Marjo Heikkilä who works as teacher in podiatry education in South-Eastern Finland University of Applied Sciences (Xamk). Vice-president and international coordinator is Minna Stolt. New secretary is Sivi Vatanen and treasurer Hannu Mattila. Board members are Hanna Kaisa Järvinen, Arja Kiviaho-Tiippana and Mats Matveinen. The new board is very talented and excited to serve our Finnish members.

The new board organizes annual national Podiatry conference which will be held on 21st April 2017 in Helsinki.

Minna Stolt - SJJL ry
The first thing Christophe does in the morning is take out his dog for some fresh air. He prefers salty to sweet during breakfast and tries to diminish gluten and sugars. His wife is studying naturopathy, this explains that.

Christophe Jacobs is a podiatrist, besides his office at home, he works at two hospitals in multidisciplinary teams around the diabetic foot.
The first team was founded at the Antwerp hospital by Kristien van Acker, endocrinologist and fervent advocate of the podiatrist as the gatekeeper for the diabetic foot. He joined the team in 1992. At that time, he worked without remuneration. This voluntary work allowed him to demonstrate to his colleagues that the role of the podiatrist is essential in the multidisciplinary team around the diabetic patient. After two years, the hospital recognized this need and offered him a contract. For his part, he learned enormously during these two years, not regretting the sacrifice he made. He is truly one of the pioneers in this discipline. The dr. Van Acker was inspired by what was happening in other countries. In England, for example, podiatrists were at that time already part of the diabetic foot team. At the same period, the teams at the university clinic in Louvain began integrating podiatrists too. Today in Belgium, the adult diabetic patient, can follow a program set up by specialized centres. Health insurance (through mutual insurance) can be financially involved in this program. Podiatry services are also reimbursed. This achievement makes Christophe very proud, for he was one of the first active in this area.

But the road to go is still long, especially at the level of prevention. He explains that he saw an 88-year-old lady last week who had been sent by the nursing home for small wounds on her foot. After removing the dressing, he could see the tendon and the foot that was half-necrotic. She couldn’t walk and on the contrary of many patients with diabetes she still felt very well and therefore was in a lot of pain. The treatment was hospitalization and intravenous antibiotics. The podiatrist does not play a role at this level anymore.

The role of the podiatrist in Belgium with respect to the diabetic foot is mainly at the level of education and prevention but it also deals with the discharge of the pressure zone and wounds through soles and orthosis.

Christophe studied podiatry after his studies in physiotherapy. He felt too young at the time to start as a physio and was advised to follow and education with a job for the future. He graduated in 1993, the 10th promotion already but no more than 7 to 8 students per year graduated at that time. Today, there are 4 schools in Belgium that offer podiatry studies (3-year bachelor, 180 ECTS). At the Ghent school, there are more than 350 students enrolled in podiatry in the three years.

On October 21 2017, Christophe will open the congress of podiatry in Belgium on the theme of the biomechanical and instrumental approach of the nail. This conference is important because it will bring together the largest number of practitioners and other professionals directly related to professional practice. This is something that is close to his heart. Because Christophe wants to federate the professions and the professionals who practice it, for together it is better for the patient. He managed to have dr. Prof. Bertrand Richert (Dermatology, Chief of service CHU Brugmann) as a keynote speaker. He is one of the biggest names in Dermatology worldwide.

The role of the podiatrist is becoming increasingly important in Belgium, but there are, unfortunately, still some gaps in legislation and reimbursement of interventions. Taking the ingrown toe nail an example. Surgery is reimbursed in Belgium but not the gentle approach of the podiatrist who will straighten the deformed toe through insoles and/or an orthosis. The financial impact for social security of surgery is bigger, absurd no?

Nevertheless, Christophe is very proud of his career and his work. Moreover, as vice-president of the Belgian Association of Podiatrists, he knows the importance of bringing together professionals. Apart from the fact that being a member of an association creates links between colleagues and this opens doors to young colleagues, aided by older members, representation at the political level and towards other professionals is paramount because as it is the union that creates strength.

Christophe invites all podiatrists to join the congress in Brussels on the 21 of October as it will a very interesting and important event for Podiatry in Belgium.
COMMON TRAINING FRAMEWORK IN PODIATRY?!
THE FIP-IFP EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF PODIATRISTS IN CHARGE OF ELABORATING A CTF

BACKGROUND INFORMATION
In all EU countries, there are certain professions that can only be carried out if the person holds the relevant professional qualifications. This is true for doctors in all EU countries and can include architects, engineers, electricians or teachers in certain countries. There are rules in place that allow professional qualifications to be recognised throughout the EU. This gives professionals the opportunity to work permanently or temporarily in other EU countries. This is important for facilitating access across the single market.

Since 2015 it is possible EU Member States to decide on a common set of knowledge, skills and competences that are needed to pursue a given profession. Professionals who have gained their qualifications under such a common training framework will be able to have their qualification recognised automatically, without further compensation measures, in all participating countries.

COMMON TRAINING IN PODIATRY
The aim of the workshop was to give an overview of the legislation in place on a European Level and survey the FIP-IFP member associations on their interest to give a mandate to the European Council of Podiatrists’ Board (ECP) to further investigate on the elaboration of a common training framework in podiatry on a European Scale.

15 European associations in podiatry were present, with a large delegation from France as the workshop took place in their capital. The FIP-IFP Member associations were joined by representative of ENPODHE, the European network in Higher education in Podiatry. A valuable partner of the FIP-IFP for matters of European Higher Education.

Dr. Matthew G. Garoufalis, President of the FIP-IFP joined the workshop to support the ECP in their efforts. Two invitees, Mr. Olivier Coppens, Representative from the European Commission and Mme S. Zerah, European Specialist in Laboratory Medicine, Vice-President of CEPLIS gave a thorough presentation on the function of the European Union and the establishment of a Common Training Framework.

CONCLUSION
The representatives of the FIP-IFP member associations have unanimously agreed in their personal name to mandate the ECP Board to make further steps into the elaboration of a common training framework for podiatry in the EU, based on following principles:

- All the institutions/professional associations/governments need to be involved in the process
- The discussion on the establishment of a Common Training Framework can pursue the highest level, with the understanding that no countries may be left out of the process.

SUMMARY
- The directive introduces the possibility to set up a common training framework aimed at offering a new avenue for automatic recognition.
- A common training framework should be based on a common set of knowledge, skills and competences necessary to pursue a profession.
- A common training framework could be set up if the profession concerned or the education and training leading to the profession is regulated in at least one third of the Member States.
- Qualifications obtained under such a common training framework should automatically be recognised in the other participating Member States.
- The Commission may introduce such a framework by delegated act.

During the 2017 FIP-IFP Annual General Meeting on Friday 5 May 2017, the ECP board will organise a follow up of the first meeting held in Paris. The ECP board is welcoming all participants to join and participate actively during the workshop (Friday 5 May 2016, 3pm-6pm, Tübingen, Germany).
The International Federation of Podiatrists has been extremely dynamic and well represented the last months. A new wind of energy blows in the sails of podiatry and a greater recognition is given to the federation and its members around the world.

The European Council of Podiatrists organised in the beginning of January a meeting around the common training framework. You can find a whole article dedicated to this issue further in the magazine.

March has been a very busy month. FIP-IFP President Matt Garoufalis has addressed the House of Delegates at the APMA meeting in Washington D.C. As the former president of the APMA this has been a special event for him. Moreover also Brad Sonnema was present at the meeting in his function of president of the CPMA.

A meeting took place in Belgium with the Diabetic Foot International (former IWGDF) representatives from 13-14 March. Following our closer collaboration with the group, we have decided to elaborate together standardized high level competence packages for dedicated practitioners in the area of diabetic foot care. We would like to thank Neil Baker, Esther Garcia Morales, Pauline Wilson and Norina Gavan for their collaboration. This project will be present by dr. Kristien Van Acker and Matt Garoufalis at the EWMA congress in Amsterdam in May 2017.

Carine Haemels, former FIP-IFP president and Special Olympics Regional Advisor represented the FIP-IFP Board at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Graz. The FIP-IFP is very proud of the memorandum of Understanding we have with Special Olympics and is proud to be partner of the Fit Feet program.

The city of Edinburgh hosted the SOCAP Delegate’s meeting from 4-6 April 2017. FIP-IFP President Matt Garoufalis was accompanied by vice-president Christian Jérôme at this very well organised meeting. The FIP-IFP board would like to extend its gratitude to the SOCAP board for hosting them at the meeting.

Later that week, the ENPODHE General meeting took place in Paris. Following the discussions in Paris in January the FIP-IFP was invited to discuss together with the educational institutions the next steps in establishing a common training framework in Podiatry. The FIP-IFP and ENPODHE are partners in this discussion and collaboration is essential to achieve are goal in this.
The associative budget is based on several types of resources to finance the association: membership fees, sponsoring, income from events, ... These sums must cover the expenses of the association: pay the rent of a premises, finance an associative project, pay an association executive... Money rolls in and out of an association, but who is responsible at the end of the year?

Having a treasurer is often not compulsory in an association. But its role of managing and keeping associative accounts is particularly useful for the proper functioning of the structure. If you decided to dedicate a board member to this job you are already on the right track, as it is thus advisable to register the records of entries and expenditure. For the sake of clarity, certain accounting rules may be applied. Thus, the entries may be allocated according to their nature, i.e. expenses or income, in order to establish the result of an exercise. And this is where it gets tricky for a lot of associations. Keeping books is one thing, apply accounting rules is yet another for many of the voluntary board members.

The body responsible for the accounts of the association may vary according to the rules provided for in the association’s statutes. When this role is attributed to the treasurer, the treasurer may be entrusted with a number of tasks, such as:

- Check the correct payment of membership dues by members of the association
- Track expenses and establish a ranking of their credentials
- Prepare the estimated budget submitted to the general assembly of the association
- Manage the bank account of the association and serve as an interlocutor with the banker
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## THE ROLE OF THE TREASURER

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## UNDERSTANDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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As a board member, you are accountable for managing the accounts and need to be able to answer the right questions. As a non-finance board member, you need to understand what your finance colleagues are talking about to be able to make effective decisions. This article will give you the basic knowledge needed to understand that the item on finances at your next annual general meeting is worth a double check.
THE FINANCIAL REPORTING @ THE ANNUAL MEETING: SO?
This sentence may appear in your association’s statutes: The Treasurer ensures that a detailed report is prepared, which he submits, to the General Meeting to obtain discharge for his management.

When in the for-profit business we talk about a balance sheet, not-for-profit organizations have financial statement in the heading of the document, it is the statement of financial position of an association.

The Statement of Financial Position serves as a snapshot, providing the most comprehensive picture of an organization’s financial situation at a certain moment in time. It reports on an organization’s assets (what is owned) and liabilities (what is owed).

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AKA BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS: WHAT YOU OWE
- Cash in bank accounts
- Things your associations has bought for future use, such as supplies
- Fixed assets such as furniture and equipment
- Collections of art, artifacts, other valuables related to your mission
- Payments your organization has made for goods or services that have not yet been received or used such as annual insurance premiums that could be refunded to you if cancelled, or expenses relating to future fiscal years paid in advance (prepaid expenses)
- Long-term investments of unrestricted or temporarily restricted funds

LIABILITIES: WHAT IS OWED TO YOU
- Grant awards promised to your association but not yet received
- Revenue earned from services provided by your association for which payment has not yet been received
- Loans your association may have made to others

NET ASSETS ARE EQUIVALENT TO THE NET WORTH OF THE ASSOCIATION: WHAT IS LEFT OVER

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
A Profit and Loss Statement on the other hand, or P&L as it’s known for short, is a record of your income and expenses for a given period of time. Many non-profit organizations produce a variety of versions of this report calling it various names such as statement of activities, budget report, profit & loss, income and expense, etc. No matter what it’s called, when thinking of the statement of financial activities, think of it like putting fuel into your car. The fuel going into the tank is your income. When you fire up the engine and go on a journey you burn a percentage of that fuel, which is like your outgoings. The bit left over at the end is the net profit that you get to keep.

When you make a profit, that profit is represented on your balance sheet or Financial Statement as an asset. It could be cash in the bank, a fixed asset such as equipment, or even someone who owes you money.

Rather than focusing on profit, a non-profit focuses upon fulfilling its mission, thus having money on your bank account is not a statement of success but it will allow you to conceive projects that will fulfil your organisational goals. So, one way to assess the non-profit’s performance is to examine how it spends its resources. Let’s get back to the numbers.

REVENUES AND EXPENSES:
During any given accounting period, Revenues and Expenses are the two primary sections where summarized transaction amounts will be reported.

Revenues
The title Revenues is often expanded to be more descriptive. Here are some of the incomes or revenues that may be listed on the statement of activities including:
- Contributions
- Membership dues
- Program fees
- Fundraising events
- Grants
- Investment income

EXPENSES
Program expenses: the amounts directly incurred by the non-profit in carrying out its programs

Management and general expenses will include salaries, office expenses, etc.

Fundraising expenses: the expenses made for conducting fund-raising campaigns and conducting other activities involved with soliciting contributions from individuals, foundations, government agencies, and others.

In order to accurately report the amount in each of these subgroups, it may be necessary to allocate some management and general salaries to fundraising based on the time spent by employees performing fundraising activities. For example, a management employee might be spending 30% of her time in fundraising activities but her entire salary has been recorded as management and general expenses.

CONCLUSION
Another obligation that weighs on the leaders of an association is that of managing the affairs of the association as a “good father”.

Inherited from Roman law, the good father is a “quidam average” (he is opposed in this to the professional or the expert), normally competent and prudent. As a good parent, leaders are not expected to be experts on all (often) complex issues the association may encounter as a result of its operations or activities. But what is demanded of them is to act in a reasonable manner: reason and prudence are the traits of character of this “good father”.

Boards will never be financial experts and they aren’t supposed to neither. But basic knowledge on how the finances work are indispensable when taking up a leading role in the association. Your treasurer will be grateful to answer your question on the financial position of the association.

Good luck!
Many thanks to the members of the World Foot Health Awareness Month Committee for establishing suitable resource material to aid the successful implementation in this year’s campaign.

The 2017 WFHAM theme – Let’s heal the heel pain! – is an exciting one. Heel pain is the #1 most common foot problem worldwide. It usually affects one foot and the pain intensity builds up over time. This year’s theme focuses on the fact that anyone can get heel pain. With an estimate 1 in 10 people will experience heel pain at least once in their life time.

The WFHAM committee is convinced that this very actual focus on Chronic Plantar Heel Pain (CHP) or commonly called the jogger’s heel will give every podiatrist a new insight on this common problematic that affects numerous patients that we encounter every day in our practice.

All FIP-IFP member associations receive a focus document, that gives scientific information on the issue for their member podiatrists as well as a poster in their national languages that they can distribute among their members.

Happy 2nd of May International Podiatry Day.
HEAL THE HEEL PAIN

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  Helsinki
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3-5 MAY 2017
- EWMA 2017 Conference
  Amsterdam, The Netherlands
  http://ewma.org/ewma-conference/2017/

5-7 MAY 2017
- FIP-IFP 2017 Annual General Meeting
  Tuebingen, Germany

6 MAY 2017
- VDP-Qualitätskonferenz
  Tuebingen, Germany

12-13 MAY 2017
- Congreso Anual de Podología - Mexico
  Hacienda Galindo - Querétaro

1-3 JUNE 2017
- 1st National Congress Podiatry - Romania
  Ramada Parch Hotel, Bucharest, Romania
  https://www.podiatrie.ro

2-3 JUNE 2017
- 10th year of the MEDsport symposium - Czech Republic
  Hotel Tereziánský dvůr, Hradec Králové, Czech Republic

27-30 JULY 2017
- APMA Annual Scientific Meeting
  Nashville, Tennessee
  www.apma.org/thernational

18-20 AUGUST 2017
- Biennial Podiatry congress South-Africa
  Misty Hills Hotel, Muldersdrift, Johannesburg
  www.thepodiatrist.co.za

22 SEPTEMBER 2017
- NVvP Jaarcongres 2017 - The Netherlands
  Nieuwegein, The Netherlands
  https://www.podotherapie.nl/professional/agenda/nvvp-jaarcongres-2017/

7-8 OCTOBER 2017
- Hellenic Congress for Podiatry
  Greece
  http://podiatrist-society.gr/

13-14 OCTOBER 2017
- 42ème Congrès Nationale de Podologie de la FNP
  Hacienda Galindo - Querétaro
  www.entretiensdepodologie.com

21 OCTOBER 2017
- Nationale Podiatry Congress The Nail
  Brussels, Belgium
  www.congrespodologie.be

20-22 OCTOBER 2017
- 48 Congresso Nacional de Podologia
  Salamanca, Spain
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16-18 NOVEMBER 2017
- UK - College of Podiatry
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