

Minutes of IC2A Members Meeting

Thursday 28th September at 10:00 until 11:30 CET

1. Welcoming note

On 28th September 2023, IC2A organized a meeting with its members organizations. The meeting was moderated by President Nils-Odd Tønnevold who expressed his joy of being together through this online meeting.

2. Introduction of attendees

After few opening notes, floor was given to participants to introduce themselves starting by the president himself:



- Nils-Odd Tønnevold, Momentum, Norway (IC2A President)
- Dieter Jüptner, BMAB, Germany (IC2A Vice President)
- Vincent Bohou, IPADEMCI, Ivory Coast (IC2A Secretary)
- Melissa, Limbs 4 Life
- Christoffer Lindhe, Momentum, Sweden (Board Member)
- Beth Sheenan, OneHand, Australia (Project Officer)
- Deborah Bent, Limbless Association UK
- Christopher Hutchison, Profit
- Isabelle Guerrero, ADEPA (IC2A Board member)
- Catrin Alhaug, Momentum
- Maheshwar Ghimire, Nepal Amputee Association (NAA)
- Cass Isidro, Amputee Coalition

3. Updates from IC2A

The President Nils made a presentation of the background of IC2A supported but Beth who briefly explained the One Hand project.

4. News from Associations:

- Christoffer Lindhe. Momentum observes an increase of members.
- Catrin: Very happy to attend the meeting and see the international collaboration. She will reach out soon to learn about standards for peer counselling to be able to share more tools with members.
- Melissa: It is noticed an increase of ongoing amputations in her country due to Diabetes. She shared some perspectives about their national disability assurance scheme that gives access to advanced technology prosthetics services for amputees.
- Maheshwar Ghimire: There is no public rehabilitation service in Nepal, only NGO or private service that amputees can't afford. His association is continuously advocating to bring about change. He also working on a Master degree on disability inclusion mainly about the challenges amputees are facing while traveling abroad.
- Christopher Hutchison: His organization has a view to become IC2A member. He denounced a widespread financial fraud on the behalf of prosthetics providers challenges in Bulgaria.
- Cass Informed about the coming next 50th Anniversary celebration of the rehabilitation act in USA. There will be webinars and in persons meetings. She also shared about their peer support experience.
- Vincent shared about IPADEMCI advocacy for more inclusive national medical insurance scheme and its peer support perspectives.
- Nils, supported that nobody should be left alone. We should support each other, raise the awareness and advocate toward our decision makers. He shared the experience of Norway rehabilitation system that is provided by private companies and covered by national insurance funds.
- Deborah also shared the UK experience in limb fitting.
- Isabelle appealed for more direct collaboration between member organizations. For example, in Belgium, social security doesn't reimburse prosthetics costs. But prosthetics are reimbursed in France with the possibility to change them every 6 years. So, ADEPA can offer used prosthetics to members in Belgium. That good idea is appreciated by Nils who informed that IC2A could circulate such an information.

5. Any other business

- Next meeting is scheduled for the November 27th, 2023, at 10.00 AM CET. Dieter will share the invitation soon to member organizations.
- Reminder and invitation to all members to the coming next OTWorld that will take place on May 14-17 in Leipzig, Germany.

The meeting was closed with the appreciation of the President and a family picture.