

# International Confederation of Amputee Associations Annual Report 2016



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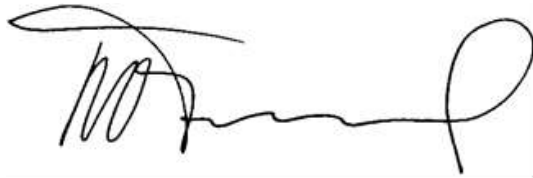


## Enabling change

We have had a remarkable year of formation and growth of the International Confederation of Amputee Associations. The energy of my fellow Board members, Secretariat and our founding member amputee associations has been tangible and this provided the impetus for us to create and deliver a work plan for the year.

Our partnership with the International Society of Prosthetics and Orthotics has been encouraging and fruitful. We are also grateful for the support and advice of our corporate members and project sponsors.

I trust that you will enjoy reading about our activities in this annual report. We look forward to building upon our 2016 successes in the next year.



Dr. Nils-Odd Tønnevold, President, IC2A



Dr. Nils-Odd Tønnevold, President, IC2A and President Momentum, Norway

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**Our Vision** is to inspire improvement in the quality of life of amputees and individuals born with limb deficiency.

**Our Mission** is to help national amputee associations to share experiences, knowledge and best-practices about amputee health and wellbeing at the international level.

**Our Objectives** are to

- amplify the voice of our members
  - provide peer inspiration, support & counselling
  - endorse best practice high quality and timely amputee rehabilitation services
  - advocate for best quality of prosthetic socket fit
  - promote freedom of choice of components and service providers
  - ensure that limbs for sports is part of rehabilitation
  - campaign for the financing of appropriate limbs and rehabilitation
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## Development of our Confederation

Following the foundation of IC2A in Paris, in March 2015 and subsequent launch in June 2015 at the ISPO World Conference in Lyon we decided proceed to register IC2A as a non-government organisation. The priority actions in 2016 were therefore to constitute IC2A as a non-profit organisation under Belgian law and to establish the governance arrangements for the proper conduct of the Confederation.

The first Annual General Meeting of members was held on 5 May 2016 in Leipzig, Germany when the first Board of IC2A was elected. After this, the Board established a Secretariat and worked towards achieving the objectives of the organisation.

All activities in 2016 were done on a voluntary basis and with significant in-kind support and good will from our dedicated volunteers.



Leipzig Messe where we held our first AGM and had a poster at the OTWorld International Trade Show and World Congress in Leipzig, Germany

## 2016 Achievements:

- ✓ Elected a Board consisting of a President, Vice President and Secretary.
- ✓ Developed and agreed a Governing Document.
- ✓ Achieved status as a non-profit organisation registered in Belgium (number 657.961.193) with a registered office thanks to the support and advice of our Belgian member representatives.
- ✓ Established a Secretariat.
- ✓ Launched a new website.
- ✓ Followed extensive verification procedures required of an organisation with international members to open a bank account in November 2016.



David Madden (Ireland), Nils-Odd Tønnevold (Norway), Jean-Pascal Hons-Olivier (France), Dirk Ruitenbeek (Netherlands), Hubert Siemes (Belgium), Dieter Jüptner (Germany), Sandra Sexton (IC2A Secretariat and mandated by UK), at the signing of the governing document to be registered in Belgium.

## Membership report

In 2016 we created membership categories and a membership application process. By the end of the year IC2A counted 8 Amputee Association Members and 5 Corporate Members.

### Amputee Association Members

These are our 8 Association members:

Belgium:

Amptraide asbl

[www.amptraide.eu](http://www.amptraide.eu)



France:

ADEPA – Association de Defense et Etude des Personnes Amputees

[www.adepa.fr](http://www.adepa.fr)



Germany:

BMAB – Bundesverband für Menschen mit Arm- oder Beinamputation

[www.bmab.eu](http://www.bmab.eu)



Ireland:

Amputee Disability Federation Ireland

[www.amputee.ie](http://www.amputee.ie)



Netherlands:

KMK – KorterMaarKrachtig

[www.kortermaarkrachtig.com](http://www.kortermaarkrachtig.com)



Norway:

MOMENTUM – Foreningen for arm- og benprotesebrukere

[www.momentum.nu](http://www.momentum.nu)



Switzerland:

Promembro

[www.promembro.ch](http://www.promembro.ch)



United Kingdom:

The Limbless Association

[www.limbless-association.org](http://www.limbless-association.org)



## Corporate Members

In 2016, 5 corporations were admitted to IC2A membership.

### Gold members:

Prosfitt  
[prosfitt.com](http://prosfitt.com)



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### Silver members

Orthomobility  
[www.orthomobility.com](http://www.orthomobility.com)



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### Bronze members

Aqualeg  
[www.swim-prosthesis.com](http://www.swim-prosthesis.com)



Freedom Innovations  
[www.freedom-innovations.com](http://www.freedom-innovations.com)



Lindhe Xtend  
[www.lindhextend.com](http://www.lindhextend.com)



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## Partnership



Our partnership with the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics is supported through a Memorandum of Understanding and in 2016 we continued to work together to advocate for positive developments in the field of amputee rehabilitation.

## Progress against objectives in 2016

### Objective 1: amplify the voice of our members

Our registration of IC2A in 2016 and the establishment of the Secretariat provides a foundation on which to build and grow our confederation and activities. In 2016 we launched a platform for the exchange of information in the form of our new website. The website will provide a hub for our secretariat and members to announce events and share important news and initiatives.

Our first AGM and follow on discussions and working groups provided an opportunity for IC2A to set our direction for 2016 and develop our first annual work plan.

### Objective 2: provide peer inspiration, support & counselling

**Inspiration:** Story-telling is a great way to share experiences and inspire others.

We shared the inspirational stories of our Amputee Association members.



With our partner ISPO we developed a plan and called for nominations for the IC2A Inspirational Lecture to be delivered at the opening ceremony of the ISPO World Congress on Monday 8 May 2017. The aim of the IC2A Inspirational lecture is to share an engaging real life story with a message told (aided by pictures/video) by an amputee. The nominee's story will illustrate that life has much to offer and that an individual's goals can be achieved to the highest level despite limb loss. Our first inspirational speaker will be Giles Duley, photographer.



Giles Duley, Photographer

### Peer support and peer counselling project:

We initiated a project with three parts:

1. a literature scoping review about peer support and peer counselling.
2. a survey among our amputee association members.
3. discussion, information and advice from people experienced in amputee peer counselling.



Peer support



We will publish a project report and a code of practice for amputee peer support and peer counselling based on the results on this project in May 2017. This project is funded by Grüenthal GmbH.

### Objective 3: endorse best practice high quality and timely amputee rehabilitation services

IC2A supported the work of the World Health Organization in 2016 in two distinct ways:

1. The IC2A President continued to be represented on the World Health Organization development group for new Standards for Prosthetics and Orthotics, building on his 2015 activity and working towards launch of the standards in 2017.



2. The IC2A President made a statement Statement for the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics at the launch of

the 50 Priority Assistive Products List by the World Health Organization at the World Health Assembly Assistive Technologies for All – side event on 24 May 2016.



Nils-Odd Tønnevold,  
President IC2A



Discussions with delegates

The Transcript is shown here

*"Madam moderator, ministers, excellencies, distinguished members of the panel, ladies and gentlemen.*

*Three years ago, almost to the day, I read a statement on behalf of the International Society of Prosthetics and Orthotics - ISPO - here at the World Health Assembly to welcome the initiative of the World Health Assembly to have Disability on the Agenda. We recognise it as a significant milestone on the road to improving services for people with disabilities. Today, many of us understand that prosthetics & orthotics provision is NOT an expense – it is an investment.*

*So once again, I stand before you with NO Legs; well actually – I stand on 2 artificial legs or 'prostheses'. As many of you know, a prosthesis replaces a missing limb*

*whereas an orthosis – such as a knee brace - supports a body or limb to improve function. In my case, my two prostheses and a will of steel have made it possible for me to be independent, complete two university degrees, receive an honorary doctorate and establish a financial advisory business. This has enabled me to support myself financially and give something back to society by creating jobs, paying tax, and supporting other amputees to have a good life in spite of limb loss.*

*However, I am among a small minority of people throughout the World who need Assistive Technology who actually get it, and I would like others to have the same opportunity, NOT as a privilege, but as a right.*

*The GATE Initiative has been a major step forward in promoting recognition of the importance of making Assistive Technology available more broadly. WHO initiated a major Global Survey*

*with over 10,000 responses to confirm a Priority List of 50 Assistive Products. This is the list that is being launched at this World Health Assembly. This is a major initial achievement and it remains for all countries to adopt it – to make at least ALL items on this Priority List available to anyone who needs them in all countries in the world.*

*Within Prosthetics & Orthotics, WHO in collaboration with ISPO and funded by USAID, is developing Global Standards for Prosthetic & Orthotic services provision that will be launched at the ISPO World Congress in Cape Town, South Africa, in May next year. Its implementation worldwide will be a top priority in order to achieve some of the goals of the GATE Initiative. The statistics presented at the launch of the GATE Initiative remain challenging. We are currently meeting the needs of only about 10 % of the world's population requiring Assistive Technology. This need is rising along with the increase of diseases like Obesity, Diabetes, Vascular Disease, and Trauma resulting from among other traffic and work accidents, war and terrorism, and an ageing population with increased life expectancy.*

*We sincerely thank WHO for the GATE Initiative and for what has been achieved to date; but much more needs to be done for the vision to become reality. We owe it all the people in the world. We owe it to Humanity. We owe it to ourselves. We must continue to work hard and stay focused to achieve our vision of Global Access to Assistive Technology for all.*

*All Nations and their Governments should sign up to it.*

*It is NOT an expense. It is an investment”.*

#### **Objective 4: advocate for best quality of prosthetic socket fit**

Two activities took place to progress this objective:

1. In 2016 IC2A worked with our corporate member Profit and the Finland Metropolia University of Applied Sciences to develop the Empower (socket) survey, with the aim of understanding user views of their prosthetic sockets.

This will be tested and rolled out from March to May 2017 and the results will be presented to Amputee Association members and Corporate Members at our Think Tank on the future of prosthetics services in May 2017 in Cape Town, South Africa. The results and discussions will be used to inform a future IC2A strategy about prosthetic socket fit.

Activities for the following three objectives were embodied in the representations of our President on the World Health Organization development group for Standards for Prosthetics and Orthotics.

#### **Objective 5: promote freedom of choice of components and service providers**



**Objective 6: ensure that limbs for sports is part of rehabilitation**

**Objective 7: campaign for the financing of appropriate limbs and rehabilitation**

## **Financial report 2016**

**Income:** In 2016 we opened our bank account and began invoicing in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the year. By 31 December we had received Euros 2,800.00 income from membership.

**Expenditure:** No expenditure is reported in 2016. We relied on the “in kind support” of our members and volunteers.





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