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AOPA TO HOST 2013 WORLD CONGRESS OF ORTHOTICS & PROSTHETICS

WASHINGTON, DC—June 15, 2011 – The American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association (AOPA) is proud to announce that a World Congress of Orthotics & Prosthetics will be hosted by AOPA September 18-21, 2013 at the Gaylord Palm Resort in Orlando, Florida.

During meetings with various international groups at the 2008 Reha-Teknik show in Leipzig, Germany—AOPA explored its desire to host a World Congress of O&P in 2013. The response was so encouraging that AOPA has proceeded to solidify plans for this globally significant event.

Explaining AOPA’s excitement about the event, AOPA President Thomas V. DiBello, CO, FAAOP, noted, “We are tremendously grateful for this opportunity and look forward to exceeding the expectations of the international partners whom we have invited to participate.” He added, “Presently, AOPA offers advanced educational programs and the most extensive exhibit hall in North America at our annual National Assembly. With the addition of international partners for 2013, this guarantees that the 2013 World Congress of Orthotics & Prosthetics will be the premier event of the decade for the O&P community.”

The Gaylord Palm Resort was selected as the site for the 2013 World Congress as it is one of the most luxurious and commodious properties in Orlando. It boasts approximately 400,000 square feet of educational and exhibit space and enjoys year-round warm, sunny Florida weather, while also being located near the entertainment and amusement park hubs of the Walt Disney World Resort and Universal Studios. Orlando is easily accessible to the international community.

For more information or to learn how to present at the 2013 World Congress of Orthotics & Prosthetics, contact Tina Moran at tmoran@AOPAnet.org or call (571)431-0810. To learn how businesses can advertise or reserve space in the exhibit hall at the World Congress, contact Kelly O’Neill at koneill@AOPAnet.org or call (571) 431-0852.

AOPA, based in Alexandria, Virginia, is the largest non-profit organization dedicated to helping orthotic and prosthetic businesses and professionals navigate the multitude of issues surrounding the delivery of quality patient care. The association was founded when needs of returning veterans in the aftermath of World War I required a national organization to address the educational and research requirements of the industry.

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