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New South Wales Prosthetic Advisory Committee UPDATE

The New South Wales Prosthetic Advisory Committee (PAC) has representatives from all areas of the industry and is an advisory mechanism for NSWHealth and Calvary Hospital (Kogarah). (as first reported in TechLINK Number 41 October 1997). The committee has been involved with recent developments in the service including:

- ◆ The finalising of the policy "*Artificial Limb Service Draft Discussion Paper*"
- ◆ The establishment by the NSW ALS of :
 - ◇ *Amputee Clinics*
 - ◇ *Prescribing Specialists*
 - ◇ *Prosthetists*
 - ◇ *Prosthetic Manufacturers*
- ◆ The brochure "*Care of Residual limb*" see <http://www.monash.edu.au/rehabtech/info.htm#pat> for an electronic pdf copy, or contact your nearest clinic for a copy of the brochure
- ◆ Training for PSPs to use Prosthetic Information Database System -(QALS) conducted by QALS Manager and NSW ALS Manager.

For details on who is your representative on the committee contact:

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Prosthetic Advisory Committee (NSW),
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Telemedicine Clinics - Communal case presentation

For some time, the industry support clinics, which Dr Andrew Nunn runs, have also been conducted as Telemedicine clinics. A communal case presentation conference is being planned for later this year and interested parties are asked to contact **REHABTech** if they would like to participate. (next date: 21st July)



Gone Fishing...

Congratulations to Ross Stewart (Rehabilitation Engineer -**REHABTech**) who once again did Australia proud in the World Fly Fishing Championships in England. The Australian team finished with a bronze medal and Ross was the highest individual Australian placing twelfth.

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Distance Learning Initiative (LaTrobe University and University of New South Wales)

Curriculum development for the Prosthetic & Orthotic tertiary level distance learning course is underway. It is proposed that the first intake of student may be as early as June 2001.

One of the key objectives of the program is to provide a clear pathway to qualifications to a Degree in P & O for new entrants and current practitioners within the industry no matter what their geographical location.

Osseointegration Update



Figure 1 - Photo from website

For an excellent update of the application to limb prostheses, go to:

<http://www.oandp.com/jmcorner/2000-06.asp#section-2>

ISPO ASM 2000 - *Misprint of some of the details!*

In the last Issue of *TechLINK* we misprinted the telephone contact details of the conference manager.

The details are:

2-4th November - International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics - Annual Scientific Meeting , Adelaide South Australia.

Contact: Conference manager: Rob Bulfield
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COMING EVENTS

1st July	Commencement of National Database of Amputees - See www.alsa.org.au for draft discussion:
21st July	Telemedicine clinic and seminar, contact REHABTech
15th August	Update in Lower Limb Prosthetics tel: (02) 9439 6744
15th - 19th August	8 th AFRM (RACP) ASM, Melbourne, tel: (02) 9439 6744
11th - 13th October	5 th Scientific Congress, Paralympic Games Sydney 2000 tel: (02) 9262 2277
2 - 4th November	ISPO ASM (Adelaide) tel (08) 8227 0252

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