

# TechLINK

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## Volunteers desperately needed!!

In the International year of the volunteer, we are asking for anyone who can help with continuing research and education for the benefit of all involved in the management and care of amputees.

### For Research.....



#### TRANS TIBIAL AMPUTEE VOLUNTEERS 18-35 YEARS

Victoria University is requesting volunteers as research candidates for some research which requires trans tibial amputees between the ages of 18 and 35 years. The researchers have prepared a number of documents to assist with the sourcing of volunteers. Subjects will be required for one session of treadmill walking. The aim of the research is to investigate ground clearance of the toe and the possibilities of tripping when walking. We all know how difficult it is to conduct research, and **REHABTech** is assured that the research findings will be made available to all.

If you have any questions or can assist, please do not hesitate to contact us or Tuire Karaharju-Huisman who is the principle researcher.

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### For Education.....



#### VOLUNTEER PATIENT PROGRAM

LaTrobe University - National Centre for Prosthetics and Orthotics is always on the lookout for volunteer patients for the prosthetic and orthotic educational component. Client contact is a vital part of their education program. They have a brochure outlining the program, what can be expected and how to become involved. For further information contact:  
Barbara Chapman Tel (03) 9479 5831

#### ...National Database by end of year!

With details on the National database drawing (slowly) to a conclusion, it is hoped that in the future when the national database is up and running, **REHABTech** could supply statistics to each clinic for suitable candidates to facilitate vital research.

#### Rehab begins for OPRA (Osseointegration) clients

After the surgery, and 'conventional interim prosthesis' rehab, the patients are now commencing to apply weight to their abutments in preparation for the connecting of a prosthesis. For more information as it becomes available make sure you check the website (follow the link from **REHABTech** to OPRA - As of 30 June 2001 neither patient is at the stage of fitting).

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## Position Vacant

### Locum Orthotist/Prosthetist

Orthotic Prosthetic Services Tasmania (OPST) is seeking expressions of interest in a short-term locum position within its Hobart facility between 25/6/01 & 27/7/01 or 2/7/01 and 3/8/01.

#### Enquiries:

Should be directed to:-

Mr John Alderdice on (03) 6222 7375.

Applications may be faxed to John's attention on (03) 6222 7367

Applications close on 15/7/01.

#### ...ALSO

make sure you keep an eye on the **JobWATCH** section of the website for the most up to date positions available around Australia!!!!

**10<sup>th</sup> World Congress  
of the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics,  
Glasgow, Scotland**

Images of the conference will be made available on the **REHABTech** website!

### COMING EVENTS

1 <sup>st</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2001	10 <sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics, Glasgow, Scotland <a href="mailto:ispo@meetingmakers.co.uk">ispo@meetingmakers.co.uk</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> October, 2001	Update Seminar - Brisbane (Qld) details TBA
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2001	Australian Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Association, ARATA, Conference. Email <a href="mailto:arata2001@im.com.au">arata2001@im.com.au</a>
7 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2002	Lower limb Prosthetics Course 2002 Contact: UNSW Ph. (02) 9385 2756 Email <a href="mailto:i.nelmes@notes.med.unsw.edu.au">i.nelmes@notes.med.unsw.edu.au</a>
25 <sup>th</sup> February – 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2002	Lower Limb Prosthetics and Amputee Rehabilitation 2002 Contact <a href="mailto:nicholas.freijah@mh.org.au">nicholas.freijah@mh.org.au</a> for information.
4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2002	Clinical Management of Upper Limb Amputees 2002 Contact REHAB Tech or Email <a href="mailto:naomi.alba@eng.monash.edu.au">naomi.alba@eng.monash.edu.au</a> for information.

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