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The University of NSW Prosthetic and Orthotic Program says

Thank you !

By: *Ian Nelmes, Project Officer, UNSW BSc(P&O).*

On Thursday the 4th of October, the University of New South Wales (UNSW) Prosthetic and Orthotic



Program presented plaques as an initial sign of appreciation to those companies and government departments that have provided support and assistance to the establishment of the UNSW International Clinical Laboratory and Research Centre. Those involved include the NSW Dept. of Health, Otto Bock A/Asia Ltd, Appliance & Limb Centre (International) Pty. Ltd. and Premier Prosthetics & Orthotics Ltd.

The building allocated by the University for the development of the Laboratory is located at the Randwick Campus of the UNSW. It has disabled

parking & access as well as coffee shops and outside eateries.

The Laboratory will have 3 main functions including supporting the Bachelor of Science in Prosthetics & Orthotics Program - BSc(in Prosthetics & Orthotics):-

1. **The Prosthetics and Orthotics *on-line* Distance Education Program** – to be introduced in 2002 (pending approval),
2. **International Clinical Laboratory and Research Centre** – Developed to undertake R&D activities in collaboration with other UNSW faculties,
3. **Prosthetic and Orthotic Laboratory** – Providing technical training for UNSW students, Continuing educational seminars, Supporting the technical training requirements of TAFE trained technicians.

These facilities will allow for the continued development of the Profession within Australia as well as supporting developing countries address some of their additional training requirements. They will also help to cement Australia as a “centre of excellence” for the South Pacific and South East Asian region for the Provision of Allied Health professionals.

Ossur Resource Page

A resource web page from the workshops presented by Villi Gudjonsson, CPOT, Manager International Technical Services Ossur is available at:

<http://rehabtech.eng.monash.edu.au/ossur/>.

The following presentations are available in pdf format (requires Adobe reader):

- The TSB Hard Socket design
- ICEROSS Trans-tibial solutions
- Troubleshooting for ICEROSS liners
- ICELOCK systems, instructions for fitting and use.

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Update Seminar - *The Stump-layers of problems & ALS Managers' Forum*, INDUSTRY FEEDBACK FORUM

As advised in a flyer sent to all on the **TechLINK** mailing list last month, attendance at these two important events may be via tele or video-conference, as well as in person. Below are details of the centre(s) in each State/Territory which will be hosting a video-conference as well as the contact person for each centre. If your State/Territory is listed as vacant and you wish to offer your facility as a centre, please contact **REHABTech** directly as soon as possible to arrange this.

SA	Royal Adelaide Hospital, Radiotherapy Telemed Suite, East Wing. Contact Allan Wicks - 08 8222 5288.	Tas	OPST(Launceston). Contact – Prem Anandam - 03 6348 7562.
NSW	(Albury) - Albury Base Hospital (UNSW Clinical School). Contact Dale Howe – 02 6508 4444, pager 567. (Sydney) - Vacant	NT	Vacant
VIC	REHABTech – for details or location map see our website www.monash.edu.au/rehabtech or telephone 03 9528 1960.	ACT	Vacant
QLD	Princess Alexandra Hospital - Small Lecture Theatre Contact – Shaun McKay - 07 3240 2245.	WA	Vacant

Positions Vacant

State Manager - Orthotic Prosthetic Services Tasmania (OPST)

The position is classified at Professional Officer Level 4/2, salary \$62578 Qualifications: Diploma/Degree of Applied Science in Orthotics / Prosthetics or equivalent Tasmanian DCHS recognised qualifications, and be eligible for membership of AOPA. Enquiries should be directed to: Kathy O'Dea, State Coordinator Citty Rehab & Allied Health Services, 90 Davey St, Hobart Tas 7000.

Phone (03) 6222 7359, Fax: (03) 6222 7392
E-mail: kathy.odea@dhhs.tas.gov.au

Orthotist, Position No: CO 0475/124/01
Westmead Hospital, NSW

Orthotist required for 6 month locum position. Start ASAP. Ability to perform own fabrication highly regarded. Experience in lower limb orthotic management desirable.

Enquiries should be directed to:

Sean Hogan, Hawksbury Road, WESTMEAD NSW
2145 Phone: 02 98453679 Fax: 02 98453539
Website: www.chw.edu.au

COMING EVENTS

15 th -16 th November	ALS Managers' Forum Face-to-Face Meeting, at REHABTech
16 th November	Update Seminar: The Stump – layers of problems. See REHABTech website for more information. 3 p.m. EDST
16 th November	ALS Managers' Forum, Annual Feedback Forum. At REHABTech, 4 p.m. EDST. To RSVP your attendance or for information, contact REHABTech rehab.tech@eng.monash.edu.au or 03 9528 1960.
15 th – 17 th November 2001	International Medical Society of Paraplegia Australasian Branch. Conference Melbourne Contact: Mr. Shane Moore, CVBS, shane@conferencevenues.com.au Tel: 03 9827 5374
28 th November 2001	Custom Contoured Seating Seminar. For info please contact Penny Knudson on 02 9214 6880 or by email to hillstherapy@optushome.com.au
7 th – 12 th January 2002	Lower limb Prosthetics Course 2002 Contact: UNSW Ph. (02) 9385 2756 Email i.nelmes@notes.med.unsw.edu.au
25 th February – 1 st March 2002	Lower Limb Prosthetics and Amputee Rehabilitation 2002 Contact nicholas.freijah@mh.org.au for information.
4 th – 8 th March 2002	Clinical Management of Upper Limb Amputees 2002 Contact REHABTech rehab.tech@eng.monash.edu.au for information.

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