**OTWorld**

**International Trade Show and World Congress**

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Leipzig, 10 July 2023

**Extensive Expertise: OTWorld 2024 Provides an Interaction Platform for all Professionals in Orthopedic Treatment and Care**

**OTWorld in Leipzig (14 to 17 May 2024) will be setting the course for the future of orthopaedic treatment and care. The event is the largest and most important international gathering in the industry with a unique combination of world congress and world-leading trade show that brings together the top experts working at the interface between the human body and technology in prosthetics and orthotics, medicine and therapy. Around 30 professional societies support the congress, which offers a wide range of further education opportunities for all professionals in orthopedic treatment and care and actively links science with practice.**

The technical focus of the four-day congress programme will be set by the congress presidents, Professor Dr Thomas Wirth, Medical Director of the Orthopaedic Clinic at the Olgahospital (Klinikum Stuttgart), and Dipl.-Ing. (FH) Ingo Pfefferkorn, a master orthopaedic technician and Technical Operations Manager at Orthopädie-Technik Scharpenberg e.K., Rostock, where he also serves on the Board of Management. Their efforts are supported by the Programme and Workshop Committee, whose distinguished members include representatives of various professional associations as well as medical and therapy specialists and expert tradespeople from the fields of prosthetics and orthotics, orthopaedic footwear technology and surgical retail stores.

“Optimum orthopaedic treatment and care makes all the difference. It extends the range of mobility for patients, increases their quality of life and determines their degree of social participation. The range of care options that we can offer patients is largely determined by our level of knowledge, the available technology and our own breadth of experience. We are the ones who can make a difference – whether as doctors, therapists or prosthetists and orthotists. In that sense, orthopaedic treatment and care is an applied science, so a congress like this one offers us a structured platform for sharing information on our experiences. I’m delighted that around 30 national and international trade associations will also be contributing to this dialogue in 2024. The congress lectures will once again demonstrate what a difference the best possible care can make to all parties involved,” explains Congress President Professor Wirth.

The interdisciplinary congress programme at OTWorld 2024 will cover all the core aspects of orthopaedic treatment and care as well as offering numerous further education opportunities. “In Leipzig, we’ll be providing a comprehensive overview of new materials, technologies, research findings, studies and innovations in addition to demonstrating numerous types of treatment and care,” explains Congress President Pfefferkorn. “The focus of our lectures and workshops is always on real-life progress in individual care. No matter what participants hope to gain from the congress, they’ll certainly go home with a new perspective on their daily work in treatment and care.”

**A Clear Focus and Easier to Navigate**

From the next edition of the event, all further education opportunities will be drawn together at the congress. Future congresses are to include workshops in addition to the keynote addresses, symposia and open submissions.

Internationally renowned experts from the various fields of orthopaedic treatment and care are once again invited to hold the traditional **keynote lectures**. Visitors can look forward to exciting and informative insights.

**Symposia** with coordinated themes will focus on the interdisciplinary perspectives of prosthetists and orthotists, doctors and therapists, allowing these professions to engage in open dialogue.

The practical nature of the **workshops** is designed to provide a direct link to day-to-day treatment and care, thus generating a wide range of opportunities for interaction and discussion as well as new insights for trainees, apprentices, master craftsmen, doctors, therapists and employees in medical retail.

Offering an in-depth look at the latest technologies and materials, the **open submissions** will encompass orthopaedic treatment and care examples from around the world, case studies and current research content.

The simplified programme structure means the congress is also able to offer a further education programme tailored to the needs of employees in the medical retail industry. All in all, the congress has something to offer for each member of the orthopaedic treatment and care team.

**A Wide Variety of Topics**

The world congress is characterised by a broad spectrum of topics ranging from prosthetics, orthotics and orthopaedic footwear technology, sports orthopaedics and parasports to age-appropriate assistance systems and digitalisation. Sessions on compression and lymphological care as well as breast prosthetics are new additions to the workshop programme.

As a subject close to the hearts of the two congress presidents, pediatric/adolescent and neuro-orthopaedics will be a central topic at OTWorld 2024. Planned contributions include a talk on orthopaedic treatment and care of serious foot deformities in children and adolescents, an update on muscle relaxation techniques for spasticity and a session on 3D printing in paediatric orthopaedics.

In recognition of the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, this year's highlights will include the participation of Paralympic athletes as well as a focus on orthopaedic treatment and care for professional and amateur athletes.

Congress languages are German and English. Simultaneous interpretation will be offered into each language.

**About OTWorld**

OTWorld is the largest leading international industry platform for all manufacturers, distributors and service providers in the field of modern orthopaedic treatment and care. The OTWorld International Trade Show and World Congress offers a unique range of products and services aimed at technicians in orthopaedics, orthopaedic footwear and rehabilitation as well as therapists, doctors, engineers, medical retail professionals and employees from health insurance companies. The German Association of Orthopaedic Technology (BIV-OT) is OTWorld's conceptual partner. The holder of the OTWorld brand and organiser of the Congress is Confairmed GmbH. Leipziger Messe GmbH is responsible for the industry trade show. The next OTWorld will take place from 14 to 17 May 2024 in Leipzig.

**About the Leipziger Messe**

The Leipziger Messe is one of the ten leading German trade fair companies and one of the top 50 worldwide. It organises events in Leipzig and at various locations all over Germany and abroad. With its five subsidiaries and the Congress Center Leipzig (CCL), Leipziger Messe is a comprehensive service provider covering the entire chain of the events business. It is due to this level of professionalism, that customers and visitors in 2022 voted the Leipziger Messe the service champion of the trade fair industry in Germany's largest service ranking for the ninth time in a row. The Leipzig fairgrounds comprise an exhibition area of 111,900 m² and an open-air exhibition area of 70,000 m². Every year, over 270 events take place – from trade fairs, exhibitions and congresses to events. Leipzig was the first German trade fair company to be certified according to the Green Globe standards. Sustainability is a recurring theme in the Leipziger Messe's corporate activities.

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