

Leipziger Messe Corporate Group**Leipziger Messe International GmbH****RFPO****Russian Forum on Prosthetics & Orthotics****(14–16 June 2017)**

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Debut of Russian Forum on Prosthetics & Orthotics is a resounding success!

'Integration', the international trade fair for rehabilitation equipment organized by Messe Düsseldorf Moscow, and the first-ever RFPO Russian Forum on Prosthetics & Orthotics hosted by LMI Leipziger Messe International came to a successful end today in Moscow. These two shows featuring a total of 130 exhibitors, including 48 businesses from 13 countries at the RFPO, were attended by more than 2.350 registered trade visitors. The accompanying seminar programme featured 130 speakers and panellists from 8 countries. The main points on the programme were live demonstrations of products and technological breakthroughs, discussion of treatment examples, lectures on technical innovations and methods used to treat patients, rehabilitation after amputations, and the orthopaedic treatment of diabetic patients.

"The symposia on orthopaedic footwear technology and the round table on training in Russia exceeded all our expectations and we had to organize extra seating at short notice!" said Matthias Rose, General Manager of LMI. The workshops on bionic and microprocessor-controlled prostheses, 3D printing technology, new methods of plaster casting, scoliosis, exoskeletons and osseointegration held by manufacturers from Russia and abroad also attracted a great deal of interest. A number of products from international manufacturers were displayed for the very first time in Russia at the RFPO.

"It was a successful launch," declared Georg Blome, CEO of the BIV-OT - German Association of Orthopaedic Technology, which supported the forum and organized German Day. "The response to the seminar programme demonstrated the high demand for further training in the Russian orthopaedic sector. The idea behind the forum of setting up a further training platform for Russia was a winner! Moreover, we also noted high interest in technology and expertise from Germany. The quality of

treatment in Germany, not to mention German efficiency and standards of quality, enjoys a high reputation in Russia. Local businesses are keen to harness this experience in order to improve the structures in the Russian Federation.” During the RFPO, the BIV-OT signed an agreement with the Russian state holding fronting 71 prosthetic manufacturers to organize seminars for orthopaedic technicians in Russia.

The final of the First All-Russian Competitions for Prosthetic Technicians took place during the forum. Working in front of a live audience, entrants had to make a prosthesis shaft. Participants came from as far afield as the Asian part of Russia, with one entrant travelling nearly 3,000 kilometres. “The competition was a brilliant idea,” said Oliver Jakobi, Managing Director of Ottobock Russia. “As a result, we had more technicians at our stand than ever before. Thanks to the combination with the RFPO, this time we were able to hold many B2B meetings. Way to go!”

About Leipziger Messe International GmbH (LMI)

Leipziger Messe International (LMI) is part of the Leipziger Messe Group. It specializes in developing, carrying out and supporting concepts for trade shows and events in international markets. Every year, LMI organizes German missions to trade fairs held abroad on behalf of central and regional government bodies, public institutions and the private sector. LMI supports clients all the way from market analysis and conception to advice on funding opportunities and entry formalities as well as organization and execution on the ground. Specializing in the regions of Eastern Europe, Russia, China and Southeast Asia, LMI also organizes its own trade shows and works together with established trade fair operators.

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