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Underdog versus Top Dog Brian L. Davis, Ph.D., ISB President

Since this is my last column as ISB president, I thought I'd focus on a topic that many of us can associate with. We all tend to cheer for the underdog, because everybody feels like that underdog at some stage of their career. The topic also relates to my desire – and the ISB's mission – to foster biomechanics in places around the world, even where this may be an uphill battle.

Who doesn't like to see an underdog rise up and overcome odds that make victory seem unlikely? I love watching sports and particularly to cheer the team least likely to triumph. I grew up in a sports-crazy country (South Africa) and now live in a sports-crazy city (Cleveland) where the teams always seem to be underdogs. Cleveland's basketball team (the Cavaliers, or "Cavs") are perennial "also-rans". They were formed in 1970 and were so bad they lost 36 of their first 39 games, were called "cadavers" by at least one reporter, and had facilities so bad that visiting players changed into their uniforms in a hotel across from the arena in suburban Richfield. Cavs players were even known to score in the wrong basket! However, in 1976, the team somehow made it to the playoffs and ended up defeating the Washington Bullets 4 games to 3 in a 7-game series, now memorialized as the "Miracle of Richfield." This story resurfaced this year because the Cavs – much to the surprise of the general public – made it to the NBA finals, only to lose (again!) to a much more experienced team from Texas.

On the golfing front, a definite "feel good" story is that pertaining to the Argentinian golfer Angel Cabrera. He defied the worst odds that Oakmont Country Club, the formidable Tiger Woods and other professional golfers could throw at him earlier this month to win the 2007 US Open. The 37-year-old former caddie from Cordoba was born in poverty and had his mother leave him when he was just 2 years old. His blue-collar background is reflected in his homemade swing, but his determined spirit finally paid off as he won a major golf tournament.

Switching to biomechanics: I asked a student in my department (Ediuska Laurens), who will be taking over from Cheryl Metcalf as ISB student representative, to go through old emails I have kept (from my prior roles as ISB newsletter editor and secretary-general). The goal was to determine which countries and laboratories were "top dogs" when it came to receiving ISB student grants. (See her report elsewhere in this newsletter). While Ediuska identified programs that have been very successful at encouraging students to apply for these grants, I would like to focus on places that are less successful. From my point of view, it is remarkable (and unfortunate) that, up until the most recent series of

funding, not a single student from Africa or South America had received a grant. Additionally, the number from Asia was extremely limited. I am hoping that the fact that 2007 saw the first grants awarded to students from Venezuela and Tanzania bodes well for the growth of biomechanics in these countries and that students from these parts of the world will no longer be perceived as "underdogs" as this program continues to grow.

Aside from the student grant program, there are other areas where I would like "underdogs" in the biomechanics community to rise to the forefront. I would like to see:

- Young students having the willingness to introduce themselves to long-time ISB members in Taipei this July. At my first ISB congress in Amsterdam in1987, the only person I knew was my graduate advisor (Kit Vaughan). With this in mind, I forced myself to sit at a different lunch table each day, just so that I could get to know people within the society. The result was that I found people so welcoming, I have not missed an ISB congress since!
- More people attending the ISB congress in South Africa in 2009 than at any previous conference – although I suspect Kit Vaughan would NOT want this!
- "Seed groups" in Croatia, Tanzania and Brazil becoming regular attendees at upcoming ISB congresses.
- A woman Muybridge winner not because I think these awards should be artificially shared between the sexes, but rather because I would like to see women biomechanics researchers win the highest ISB award on their merits alone.
- A resurgence of the classic ISB "underdogs of all time," the Iliotibial Band! This group barely had time to practice together and yet, under the able direction of Martyn Shorten, turned in one of the most memorable ISB events, at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland in 2005!

The ISB is a society where members can easily associate with the feelings of being "an underdog." I can certainly attest to this feeling: back when I stood in line to have Dr. Gerrit Jan van Ingen Schenau review my paper for the 1987 Congress proceedings, I had thoughts along the lines, "There is no way a man of his experience will accept my fledgling work." However, he did, and he was very encouraging in his remarks. I think this typifies the willingness of the ISB to "go the extra mile".

As my rewarding stewardship of this group comes to an end, I wish to thank all the members who have helped me as ISB President over the past 2 years. It has truly been a privilege to serve this society.

Brian L. Davis ISB President 2005-2007



Evidence of the ISB at work!

Loosely translated from Portugese:

The International Society of Biomechanics will send a representative to the meeting, and will confer a special prize to the best poster presentation (after or graduation).

"Thank you very much for the wishes and the fantastic support from ISB. I think that for a 1st edition conference, ISB support and prize helped a lot to increase its credibility. We got about 50% more papers than we were expecting! We had about 120 papers, and I think that at least 100-110 will attend."

Luciano Menegaldo

Gait Analysis Teamwork in Melbourne, Australia

Richard Baker PhD CEng, CSci, Director, Gait CCRE www.mcri.edu.au/GaitCCRE

The Centre for Clinical Research Excellence in Clinical Gait Analysis and Gait Rehabilitation (Gait CCRE) brings together researchers from 6 different gait analysis laboratories within Melbourne. All have state of the art gait analysis systems and all have active clinical or clinical research activities.

A particular strength of the group is in the breadth of experience across different patient groups and different professional disciplines. The different centres include world leaders in research with children with cerebral palsy, injured athletes and older people with Parkinson disease, osteoarthritis or coping with the effects of stroke. The process of helping people improve their walking ability crosses many medical areas, with doctors, physiotherapists, prosthetists, orthotists and podiatrists all working together. The Gait CCRE aims both to improve the techniques used to make measurements and to apply these techniques to understand both our patient's problems and the potentital of the different interventions we have to help them.

Our primary funding is a \$2 million, five-year grant from the National Health and Medical Research Council. We are now just over a third of the way through this funding programme.

The early months of the Gait CCRE focussed on establishing our operational structure and recruiting post-doctoral research fellows and doctoral students. The completion of this phase was symbolised by our formal launch in July 2005by Federal Treasurer, the Hon. Peter Costello MP, and the Patron of the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute, Dame Elisabeth Murdoch AC DBE.

Assembling the team

Since the initial launch, the real work of conducting research, training researchers and ensuring that results are translated into clinical practice is well underway. A strong team of researchers has now been assembled, either directly funded from the CCRE grant or from

other funds that the Chief Investigators have won. We now have a team of nine post-doctoral research fellows and 14 doctoral students. This collaborative working relationship gives us the critical mass to do some really significant research. The quality of that research can be judged by the fact that we have had 73 papers fully published in peer reviewed journals in our first two years (excluding electronic publication).



Some of the team at the launch of our interim report, "Stepping Out"

A winning record

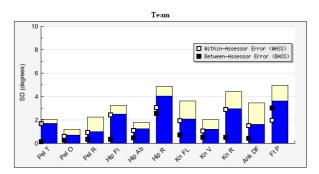
We also have an excellent record in attracting

grant funding. Significant grants include a Michael J Fox Foundation Clinical Discovery Grant (more than AU\$800,000), a project grant from the National Health and Medical Research Council (AU\$335,000), and others from the US National Parkinson Disease Association (more than AU\$100,000) and the Hugh Williamson Foundation (AU\$300,000). We have also negotiated research contracts with international companies Vicon and Allergan.

Methodological research

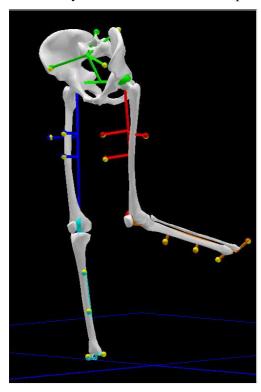
An important part of our activities is in core methodological research underpinning all gait analysis activity. Dr Jenny McGinley has developed new techniques for measuring and assuring the repeatability of gait analysis measurements which we cal Gait Reliability Profil-

ing. Dr Oren Tirosh has developed a web-accessible data repository for gait analysis data. As well as serving as a platform for members of the Gait CCRE to share data, this is now freely available for others as well (http://gaitabase.rch.org.au). The latest development has been to incorporate Gait Reliability Profiling within this software.



Gait Reliability Profile within Gaitabase for a laboratory illustrating within and between assessor error and intertrial variability for a range of gait measures

All working in gait analysis know how sensitive results are to the placement of markers and a further activity of the GaitCCRE has been in pioneering new models based on kinematic fitting and functional calibration to improve this. The first trial of these suggests that the new techniques give better reliability than our most experienced marker placers but are essentially independent of exactly where markers have been placed.



Using kinematic fitting to improve the reliability of gait analysis measurements

Spreading the word

The work of the CCRE has also been presented at conferences and other scientific meetings around the globe. Chief Investigators have given keynote

addresses at conferences in Piza, Salford (UK), Amsterdam, Kyoto, Utah, Washington DC, Kuala Lumpur, Buenos Aires, Auckland and Warsaw. At the Joint Meeting of the European Society for Movement Analysis in Adults and Children (ESMAC) and the Gait and Clinical Movement Analysis Society (GCMAS) in Amsterdam in September 2006, theteam represented one keynote presentation, five podium presentations and six poster presentations. Richard Baker will be one of the keynote speakers at the next meeting of the International Society of Biomechanics in Taiwan in July.

Training for the future

The role in education and training of clinical researchers is a core component of the CCRE programme. All post-doctoral research fellows have access to our mentoring programme. The monthly Seminar Programme has had a total attendance of over 600 individuals. In December a two day course "Clinical Research Methodology in Gait Analysis" was oversubscribed with 42 delegates from across Australia and New Zealand.

Clinical Research Training Fellowships have so far given five clinicians the opportunity to be trained in clinical research methodology by undertaking small research projects supervised by the Chief Investigators. This programme is planned to expand significantly over coming years.

Research funding provided by



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ISB 2007 Taipei update information

TY Shiang

ISB 2007 Taipei will be held in the Taipei International Convention Center, TICC, Taiwan. The convention center is up to date with all the modern conveniences with a business center, trade service center, congress service center and several food courts which are located in the world's tallest building - Taipei 101. And there are 15 keynote speakers, 460 oral presentations, 340 poster presentations and 4 satellite meetings presented at this conference. However, the most spectacular parts are the welcome party at the top of the world's tallest building Taipei 101 and the banquet that will be held in the National Palace Museum. Our goal for this conference is first it be an enjoyable one for all participants and second that the latest information in biomechanics can be shared and enlighten all who take part in the ISB2007.

There are a total of 30 countries confirmed that will attend ISB2007, and approximate 800 papers accepted. We estimate more than 1000 participants from around the world will attend this conference. A list of the current countries and excepted papers and will be attending below are listed below:

TICC & Taipei 101



- Asia: (Total 9 countries, 321 papers)
 - ↓ Taiwan, 179 papers; Japan, 85 papers; Korea, 17 papers; Hong Kung, 11 papers; Main China, 10 papers; Malaysia, 6 papers; Singapore, 6 papers; Thailand, 2 papers; Moscow, 1 paper.

National Palace Museum



- **♣ Europe**: (Total 16 countries, 194 papers)
 - UK, 55 papers; Germany, 12 papers;
 Norway, 1 paper; Switzerland, 8 papers;
 Belgium, 19 papers; France, 15 papers;
 Italy, 17 papers; Ireland, 6 papers; Sweden,
 2 papers; Spain, 3 papers; The Netherlands,
 20 papers; Croatia, 3 papers; Denmark,
 8 papers; Czech Republic, 19 papers; Finland,
 6 papers; Turkey, 4 papers.
- ♣ States: (Total 2 countries, 142 papers)
 - USA, 105 papers; Canada, 37 papers.
- **♣ Oceania**: (Total 2 countries, 37 papers)
 - ♣ Australia, 33 papers; New Zealand, 4 papers.
- **Africa**: (1 country, 3 papers)
 - ♣ South Africa, 3 papers.

The first Brazilian National Meeting on Biomechanical Engineering

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On the small town of Petropolis, close to Rio de Janeiro, from May 23 to 25, the first Brazilian National Meeting on Biomechanical Engineering (www.dees.ufmg.br/enebi) was held, with around 120 participants, among engineers and health science researchers. The Meeting was sponsored by the Bioengineering Committee of the Brazilian Society of Mechanical Sciences and Engineering, with the support of ISB and the Brazilian Association for Computational Methods. The purpose of the event was to provide a common forum for researchers of the area and to dis cuss their works and the insertion of Bio-

mechanics in the Brazilian political, scientific and social context. A prize was given by the ISB to Rafael Cobucci, from Federal University of Minas Gerais, for the best student presentation. Besides the Brazilian attendance, the Meeting also had the participation of researchers from Portugal, Cuba, United States, Venezuela, Spain and Argentina, interested in joint projects with the Brazilian community. The next Brazilian National Meeting on Biomechanical Engineering will be held in the first semester of 2009, in the coastal city of Florianopolis.





Rafael Cobocci receives from Dr. Paulo Fernandes (IST-Lisbon) ISB delegate the best student paper award



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Where are you on the science spectrum?

Eric Sabo and Brian Davis Cleveland Clinic

Take this short, fun quiz to see where you fall on the science spectrum. Match each quantity for questions 1-26 with the appropriate description on the right. You will find the applicable units for each numerical quantity in parentheses.

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Scoring: Give yourself +1 point for each correct answer to even-numbered questions. Give yourself -1 point for each correct answer to odd-numbered questions. Your score Note: A positive score reflects physics/engineering knowledge and a negative score is indicative of anatomy/physiology knowledge.											

Scale:

- -13 to -10: Danger! Human anatomy and physiology knowledge overflow!
- -9 to -5: Come on, math isn't *that* scary.
- -4 to 4: Your diverse knowledge would serve you well on Jeopardy!
- 5 to 9: A friendly suggestion: Limit your wardrobe to *one* pocket protector...
- 10 to 13: Please put down the slide rule and slowly back away.

Summary of ISB Student Grant Program

Ediuska Laurens, Ph.D. candidate, Cleveland State University/Cleveland Clinic

As a new member of the ISB executive council, and a grateful recipient of an ISB Congress grant, I was interested in the history of ISB student grants. Specifically:

- Universities and Institutions receiving the most grants,
- Number of applicants
- Grants awarded (Dissertation, Congress, and International Travel), and finally
- The world distribution of these awards.

This information is important in order to determine whether there is a worldwide student grant allocation and whether international students are taking advantage of the program.

With extensive help of the current ISB president Dr. Brian Davis, I was able to "play CIA agent" and get a hold of student grant reports that dated back to 1998 as well as the latest 2007. After a widespread analysis of this data, the top ten universities receiving the most student awards were identified (**Table 1**). These institutions were selected based on the number of dissertation, congress travel, and international travel grants awarded since 1998 through 2007.

Table 1. Top Ten Universities with the most Awardees.

Universities	Number of Awardees
University of Calgary	13
Pennsylvania State University	10
ETH Zurich	8
University of Massachusetts	7
University of Maryland	6
Drexel University	6
University of Wollongong	6
University of Oregon	5
University of Western Australia	5
University of South California	4

As mentioned before, another objective of this investigation was to verify the number of applicants and awards offered throughout the past decade. Although we were able to obtain the number of awards granted from 1998 to 2007, the number of applicants was only available for certain years. Therefore, we were suc-

cessful in accomplishing this goal just for the years 1998, 1999, 2004, 2006, and 2007. The outcome is shown in **Table 2**.

Table 2. Dissertation, Congress, and International Travel Grants awarded, 1988-2007.

Year	Dissertation Grant	Congress Travel Grant	International Travel Grant	Overall Funded (awardees/applicants)
1998	2	N/A	4	6/6
1999	4	10	2	16/20
2000	10	N/A	4	14/UNKN
2001	6	16	4	26/UNKN
2002	10	N/A	6	15/UNKN
2003	6	24	0	30/UNKN
2004	8	N/A	7	15/20
2005	8	16	3	27/UNKN
2006	13	N/A	6	10/19
2007	7	12	3	20/32

N/A = ISB

= ISB Congress is held every other ye ar.

UNKN

= the number of applicants is unknown.

Even though information is missing for four other years, this record demonstrates that the number of applicants has increased since 1998 when the student awards were first presented.

Lastly, a world map is being introduced to illustrate the countries with the highest and lowest number of awardees since the year 1998 to current (**Figure 1**). Once again, the number of awardees per year accounts for the three ISB student grants.

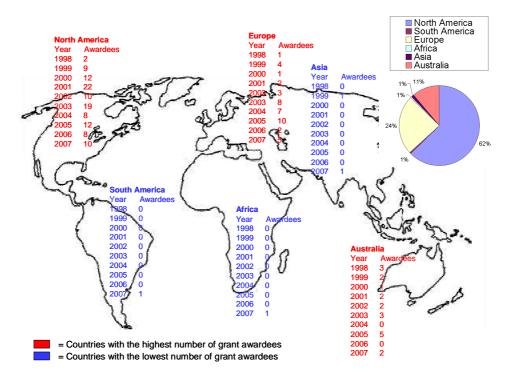


Figure 1. Student Grants Awarded based on Countries around the Globe, 1998 to 2007.

This figure easily identifies which countries receive the most student awards. The summary comprises North America with 62%, Europe 24%, followed by Australia 11% and at the very bottom Africa, Asia, and South America with 1% each.

Conclusively, this study has provided me with a great introduction to ISB and with a constructive learning experience. It is gratifying to know that the number of students applying for ISB grants has increased during the years, meaning that ISB has been able to reach out more students during this time. Simultaneously, it is impossible not to point out that there is an unbalance in the way the student grants are distributed around the world. Developed countries seems to be taken full

benefit of this funding, while third world countries are almost absent in participation and probably having the highest number of students who surely need of such financial support.

Since the student grants are available to every single student worldwide, this is not a matter of ISB having a preference for students from certain part of the globe. This is more a matter of making a better effort to reach those students located in places where information about these opportunities are harder to discover. Therefore, the endeavor is on the hands of all the ISB members, especially those who reside in EDC countries to convey this message to students.



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ISB Election Results

Mary Rodgers

I am pleased to announce the ISB election results:

Julie Steele is the President-elect

Student representative is Ediuska Laurens

Council members are John Challis, Andrew Cresswell, Robert van Deursen, Veronique Feipel, Krystyna Gielo-Perczak, Joe Hamill, Frans van der Helm, Peter Milburn, Tzyy-Yuang Shiang, and Karen Sogaard.

Congratulations to the new council members!

New Journal

Prof. Yuli Toshev

Dear Collegues,

It is my pleasure to announce the coming (June/July 2007) new quarterly peer-reviewed Journal "Series on Biomechanics", edited by the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and the Bulgarian Society of Biomechanics. The journal is the successor of the Journal "Biomechanics Series", edited by the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences in the period from 1974 to 1995.

You are kindly invited to visit our site www.biomechanics-bg.org and using the link "Journal Information/Submission Guideline" to submit your paper.

In our site you can find information about the history of the biomechanics in Bulgaria, the Bulgarian Society of Biomechanics, links to journals, societies, events etc.

Hoping that you will submit some of your papers to the Journal "Series on Biomechanics", Best wishes

Prof. Yuli Toshev President of the Bulgarian Society of Biomechanics Editor-in-Chief of "Series on Biomechanics"

Editors note

Karen Søgaard

Now ISB 2007 is just around the corner. By the way, get inspired by reading the latest update from the organizers. This event also means that the yearly ISB-council meeting is approaching and I have recently sent in my report for the Newsletter. Basically, there is not much to tell, the electronics version now makes things much easier and there is no page limit any longer. So really there is room for all the contributions that you, the readers, would like to share with other ISB's. In this issue get inspired by the description of the gait lab in Melbourne, why not describe your lab?

Or see the newly elected student representative, Eduska Lauren's analysis of the distribution of the ISB student grants since 1998. Comments or suggestions on this important issue for our society would be welcome.

Deadline for the next issue is end of August. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Karen Søgaard, Newsletter editor.

In Memory of Kevin Granata

Mark F. Abel, M.D.

Below is a memorial and summary of Dr. Kevin Granata's life's work. It was written by one of his close friends and collaborators, Dr. Mark Abel, who is a professor of Orthopaedics here at the University of Virginia.

On April 16, 2007 a gunman killed 33 students and faculty on the campus of Virginia Tech. One of those killed was Dr. Kevin P. Granata, an engineer scientist who worked with me for 6 years at the University of Virginia. Kevin's last post was Norris Hall at Virginia Tech but his legacy lives on. My intent is to leave grief behind and focus on the important contributions and life of Dr. Kevin Granata.

Like most successful people, Kevin Granata was determined, tough, disciplined and highly educated. His Ohio upbringing included farm work, carpentry, athletics and of course academics. Clearly self- sufficiency and the acquisition of a broad knowledge base were the themes stressed at home and that made him unique in his professional life. Although based in engineering science, his interests ultimately gravitated to 'motor control' and his discoveries were in ergonomics, neurology and sports medicine. However, Kevin never lost focus of the big picture; he was the consummate educator and family man.

Dr. Granata received a B.S. in Engineering Science from Ohio State, and then pursued a Master's in Physics at Purdue University. In addition to his academics endeavors. Kevin found time to be on the crew team and to meet his wife, Linda, at Purdue. Kevin worked for the Navy in submarine technology through the Johns Hopkins Applied Physiology Laboratory. One of his first publications dealt with measurements of low level noise coming from ships. In 1989, he returned to Ohio State University to acquire a PhD in biomechanics. Ultimately this took him to Dr. William Marras and the Biodynamics Laboratory where Dr. Granata worked to define and measure reflex responses to loads and the relationship to trunk stability. This work was important in helping to understand causes and prevention of back injury in the work place. The hope was that deficiencies in trunk reflex responses to load could be identified and that training programs and/or braces prescribed to correct the deficits and prevent injury. Dr. Granata received several federally funded grants for this work and he continued this line of investigation to the day of his death.

In 1997, after his post-doctoral work, he was recruited by the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery of the University of Virginia to be the Research Director of the Motion Analysis and Motor Performance Laboratory. He held a joint appointment in Biomedical Engineering. He focused his keen mind on expanding his research in human movement to understand how brain injury for children with cerebral palsy interfered with balance and movement. He worked with me and Diane Damiano, PhD (now at Washington University, St. Louis) to understand ankle and knee coupling in cerebral palsy and in determining ways to quantify threshold joint velocities during spastic gait. The importance of this work was to allowed us to quantify specific control deficits and then to see if treatments altered them. We evaluated the impact of muscle-tendon surgery and the neurosurgical procedure popular at the time, selective dorsal rhizotomy.

During his six years at University of Virginia (UVA), he published extensively on movement dynamics, joint stability and relationship to injury as well as adaptations to spastic movement constraints. His successes in research and teaching quickly brought him tenure. He was an outstanding resource for graduate students in mechanics, bioengineering, sports medicine and orthopaedics. Dr. Granata's research vision was to develop a center to study the essence of human movement and how machines, braces and walking devices could be developed to overcome human disability. In 2003, he started the Musculoskeletal Biomechanics lab at Virginia Tech where he held the rank of Professor of Engineering Science & Mechanics at the time of his death. At Virginia Tech, Dr. Granata resumed work on the dynamics of body trunk stability and the influence of walking speed on trunk stability. Dr. Granata was recognized as a top notch academic scientist at the University of Virginia and Virginia Tech. His broad educational experience and extremely logical and insightful approach made him a popular research collaborator. Indeed he fostered inter-institutional research with both University of Virginia and several other universities across the country. He was a leader in the American Society of Biomechanics and also active in the American Society of Mechanical Engineering, the Gait and Clinical Movement Society and Human Factors, and the Ergonomics Society. He was also associate editor of the Journal of Applied Biomechanics and the Journal of Electromyography and Kinesiology.

All that knew Kevin Granata can attest to his keen mind and practical approach to scientist. Research and life are both approached through incremental stages in which we strive to advance knowledge. No one would argue that Dr. Granata was on an upward trajectory of sequential improvements and advancements in both areas. His contributions include not only the 50 plus articles in the literature but also the many students he

mentored have moved on to influence others. Of course he also has his family including his wife Linda and their 3 beautiful and bright children to round out a wonderful and perpetual legacy of his life's work.

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A trust fund controlled by his family, which will contribute to the support of his wife and three children, has been established in honor of Dr. Granata. Contributions can be made to Kevin P. Granata Memorial Trust, 1872 Pratt Drive Suite 1125, Blacksburg, VA 24060.

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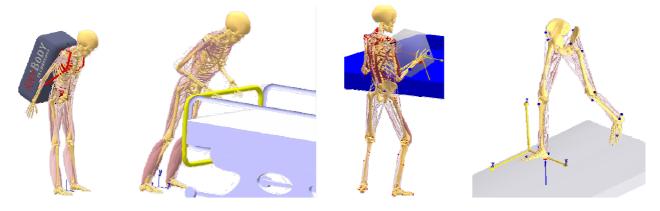
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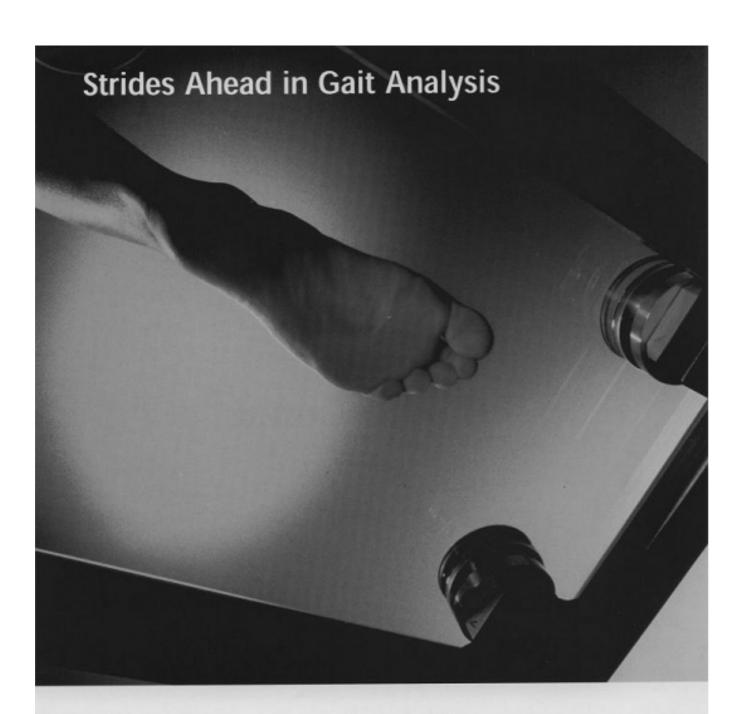














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