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Note from the President

A major activity of the International Society of Biomechanics (ISB) is the organization and conduct of its biennial international congress on biomechanics. This provides a unique opportunity for participants to gain an understanding of the current status of the field and make valuable personal and professional contacts. The organizers have been hard at work preparing a great conference for the ISB 2005 Congress, which will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, USA this August.

Be sure to check out all the news on the conference in this issue. Something noteworthy is the ISB 2005 Update. As the Graph showing rate of abstract submissions indicates, the turnout is outstanding!.

In other news, the ISB will continue to promote excellence in biomechanics research by presenting a number of awards at the 2005 Congress, including the Muybridge Award. This is the Society's highest honor for outstanding contributions to biomechanics.

I am delighted to announced that the 2005 recipient of this award is Dr. Rik Willem Jan Huiskes, professor of biomedical engineering, Eindhoven University of Technology, Eindhoven, Netherlands.

Dr. Huiskes didn't stray far from his academic roots, having earned his MS in 1974 and his PhD in 1979, both in Mechanical Engineering, from the Eindhover University of Technology. Since 2001, he has been a full-time professor of Biomedical Engineering at the university, where he teaches "Bone and Orthopedic Biomechanics." In addition, he is a part-time professor at the Dept. of Orthopedics of the Medical Faculty, University of Maastricht.

Dr. Huiskes was a visiting scientist at the Mayo Clinic, Department of Orthopedics in 1980-81 as well as a visiting professor at the University of Michigan Orthopedics Dept. in 1992-93.

Throughout his career, Dr. Huiskes has authored or co-authored over 200 articles in peer-reviewed journals and published 75 chapters in books. In addition, he has received 12 international awards for his research work, in cluding the Borelli Award from the American Society of Biomechanics and the Gisela Sturm Award for Innovations in Total Joint Replacement from the European Federation of Orthopedics and Traumatology. He is also Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Biomechanics*.

In February 2005, Dr. Huiskes was elected Foreign Associate in the National Academy of Engineering in recognition for advancing the understanding of how bone prostheses affect the functioning of the living human skeleton. Dr. Huiskes will be presenting a preconference workshop as well as the Muybridge address at the 2005 ISB conference.

Besides awards, ISB also promotes scholarship through its Educational Programs at Congresses, its Promising Scientist Travel Grants program (whereby a student of biomechanics can travel to another continent to further a research project), and a range of Student Grants-in-Aid of Research and for Congress attendance.

As I have mentioned in past letters, one of the most important functions of the ISB is the mentoring of student biomechanists, and the student grants are a primary mechanism for fostering this development. This is a great time of year for us because the ISB student grants recipients are announced. They are in this newsletter.

One other aspect of ISB that I'm excited about is that we are transitioning to electronic communications, and this facilitates the conduct of ISB's global mission. This election was the first one in the history of ISB to be conducted electronically. Candidate biographies were accessible on the ISB Web site, and ballots were emailed to members. Because voting didn't close until March 31, the election results will be included in the next newsletter and posted on the new ISB Web site. I think you will really like the new electronic format.

If, however, you would prefer to receive print issues of the newsletter rather than electronic, please contact our Treasurer, Dr Graeme Wood.

Also inside this issue is a description of the Brazilian society of biomechanics. I enjoyed learning about the many activities going on with the BSB, and I know you will too!

Until next time

ISB Student Grant Recipients 2005

The 2005 ISB student grants have been awarded to a total of 27 ISB student members. Grant categories and recipients are listed below. The ISB student grants review committee would like to congratulate the awardees and wishes them good luck for their future research work.

ISB Congress Travel Grant to the XXth ISB Congress in Cleveland, USA	
(500 US\$ for recipients from North America*, 1000 US\$ for recipients from elsewhere)	

Recipient	Institution
Anne Katrine Blangsted	National Institute of Occupational Health, Denmark
Mirko Brandes	University Hospital of Muenster, Germany
Andrew Briggs	University of Melbourne, Australia
Andrew Chapman	The University of Queensland, Australia
Mark Creaby	University of Exeter, UK
*Cheryl E. Dunham	University of Western Ontario, Canada
*Hyun Gu Kang	The University of Texas at Austin, USA
Sami Kuitunen	University of Jyväskylä, Finland
Kirsten Legerlotz	German Sport University Cologne, Germany
*Scott Lucas	University of Virginia Center, USA
Karen Julie Mickle	University of Wollongong, Australia
*Tonya Parker	University of Oregon, USA
Juergen Rummel	Friedrich-Schiller University, Jena, Germany
Natalie Ann Saunders	University of Ballarat, Victoria, Australia
*Jill Schmidt	University of Wisconsin, USA
*Costin Untaroiu	University of Virginia, USA

ISB Dissertation Grant 2005 (2000US\$)

Michelle Heller	The Pennsylvania State University, USA
Justin Kavanagh	Griffith University, Queensland, Australia
Sven Knecht	ETH Zurich, Switzerland
Budhabhatti Sachin	Cleveland State University / Cleveland Clinic Foundation, USA
Robert Schleip	University of Ulm, Germany
Wafa Tawackoli	Rice University, Houston, USA
David Wallace	Oregon State University, USA
Peter Wolf	ETH Zurich, Switzerland

ISB Travel Grant 2005 (2000US\$)

Jill Maureen Brimacombe	University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
Anna-Maria Liphardt	German Aerospace Centre, Cologne, Germany
Heather Scoffone	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Cumberland, USA

The recipient's reports will be published in the upcoming ISB Newsletters

Update on ISB Cleveland 2005



Number and timing of abstracts submitted to ISB 2005.

In total, 1166 abstracts were submitted through the online process---with Dr. James Cubillo from the University of Wolverhampton being the first person to submit an abstract! The original deadline (Jan 31st) was extended to February 7th due to technical issues with the web-based system. The greatest number of abstracts submitted in one day (345) occurred on February 8th---one day AFTER the deadline! All abstracts are currently being reviewed by a group of 72 reviewers (every abstract gets two separate reviews)-----please thank them when you see their names listed in the Congress program!

We can also report:

- we are incredibly busy planning this meeting
- that the exhibitor space is sold out and we are adding extra spaces for latecomers.
- Our guests from outside the U.S. should be especially pleased that Dutch coffee (Douwe Egberts) will be served during the breaks.
- all those abstracts that arrived on Feb 8th were probably on time because they were > submitted on Feb 7th from somewhere else in the world
- The social program has been finalized:

Sunday:	opening ceremony and welcome reception at Cleveland State University
Tuesday:	evening reception at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History
Wednesday:	various excursions and lab tours
Thursday:	Indians-Yankees game, tickets included with congress registration (We are trying to get
	them to agree to allow someone to throw the opening pitch!)
Friday:	banquet at Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

Ton van den Bogert and Brian L. Davis

The Brazilian Society of Biomechanics

Dear members of the ISB

,I would like to introduce the Brazilian Society of Biomechanics (BSB), which became an affiliated member of ISB in 2005. Some of you already might have noticed the BSB from participating as invited speakers at BSB conferences or as part of international scientific exchange programs with Brazil.

The history of Biomechanics in Brazil is highly influenced by the evolution of Sport Biomechanics. Between 1960 and 1970, based on a cultural agreement between Brazil and Germany, Sport Biomechanics was introduced in the curricula of undergraduate and postgraduate courses. With assistance of Prof. Dr. Hartmut Riehle and Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Baumann (German Sports University of Cologne), who held biomechanics lectures and seminars, the first Biomechanics Laboratories were established at the University of São Paulo (USP) and the Federal University of Santa Maria (UFSM). These universities also were the first in Brazil conferring a PhD in Biomechanics of Sports.

The formal organization of Biomechanics in Brazil initiated with the 1st National Meeting of Lecturers of Kinesiology and Biomechanics in 1988 at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS) in Porto Alegre. Except for 1991, the meetings have been held annually and received the designation "Brazilian Congress of Biomechanics" in 1990. In 1992 during the IV Brazilian Congress of Biomechanics at the University of São Paulo, the Brazilian Society of Biomechanics (BSB) was founded. At present the BSB has 315 members who are researchers in Sport Biomechanics, Occupational Biomechanics and Ergonomics, Musculoskeletal Biomechanics, Clinical Biomechanics, Biomechanics of tissues and biomaterials and Animal Biomechanics.

- The major goals of the Brazilian Society of Biomechanics are:
- Promotion and support of scientific development of professionals in all fields of biomechanics,
- Maintenance of contacts with other national and international biomechanics organizations,

- Organization of the Brazilian Congresses of Biomechanics
- Publication of the Brazilian Journal of Biomechanics

Since 1993 the Brazilian Congress of Biomechanics is held every two years. In order to promote international contacts, the Brazilian Society of Biomechanics always invites international, outstanding scientists for keynote lectures at the congress. Invited speakers of the last conference, the Xth Brazilian Congress of Biomechanics, organized by the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG in Belo Horizonte) in 2003, were Sandra Olney (Kingston, Canada), Kenneth Holt (Boston, USA), Hartmut Riehle (Konstanz, Germany) and Dietmar Schmidtbleicher (Frankfurt, Germany). The number of participants at this congress increased to 487 participants.

The upcoming conference in 2005 will be hosted at the Federal University of Paraíba in João Pessoa between 6/20/2005 and 6/22/2005. It is the first time that the conference will be preceded by a satellite event of different courses about biomechanical topics for undergraduate and postgraduate students. The invited speakers of the XI Brazilian Congress of Biomechanics are Prof. Dr. Peter Brüggemann (Cologne, Germany) and Prof. Dr. João Abrantes (Lisbon, Portugal). More information about the conference may be obtained in Portuguese at http://www.xicbb2005.jpa.com.br/index.html.

Since the official language of the Brazilian Congress of Biomechanics is Portuguese, and presentations in Spanish are also accepted, this conference is the most important one in Biomechanics regularly held in Latin America. Depending on the development of Biomechanics in other Latin American countries, this conference might become a Latin American Congress of Biomechanics in future.

Until 2000 there was no specific scientific periodical in Latin America dedicated to Biomechanics, which complicated the publication of Latin American research and the development of Biomechanics in this part of the continent. Therefore, the Brazilian Society of Biomechanics started in 2000 to publish the Brazilian Journal of Biomechanics focusing on Sport Biomechanics, Clinical Biomechanics, Biomechanics of Biomaterials, Ergonomics, Orthopedics, Neuromuscular Control and Animal Biomechanics. The Journal has an international council board and publishes in Portuguese, Spanish and English. It is the only periodical in Latin America exclusively dedicated to Biomechanics. The Brazilian Society of Biomechanics invites international authors to publish in English or Spanish. The Journal is indexed on LILACS – BIREME/OPAS/OMS (LILACS – BIREME/PAHO/WHO) and SPORT Discus – IASI/ICSSPE/SIRC.

The major Brazilian Biomechanics Laboratories are located at the University of São Paulo (USP), State University of Campinas (UNICAMP), State University and Federal University of Santa Catarina (UDESC) in Florianópolis, University of Brasília (UnB), Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS) in Porto Alegre and Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG) in Belo Horizonte. The research fields of these laboratories are Sport Biomechanics, Human Gait and Posture, Research Methods, Mechanical Properties of Shoe Ware and Animal Biomechanics.

Due to the fact that many of the Brazilian researchers in Biomechanics obtained their PhD at foreign universities, especially in Germany, Canada and the USA, the above mentioned laboratories stay in touch with international research

centers, e.g. University of Calgary, German Sports University of Cologne, University of Essen/Germany and others. As the Brazilian government provides grants for international scientific exchange programs to enable research projects (post doc) and postgraduate lectures, these circumstances should facilitate more international research projects in the future. Although there are not yet a great number of Biomechanics Laboratories and Research Centers in Brazil compared to Europe or North America, the number of research projects is increasing which results in an increase of international publications and presentations at international conferences. Therefore the affiliation of the Brazilian Society of Biomechanics to the ISB means one more step for international integration and development of Biomechanics in Latin America.

For further information about Biomechanics in Brazil, ongoing research projects and research groups please contact the homepage of the Brazilian Society of Biomechanics (http://www.usp.br/eef/sbb/)

or one of the above mentioned universities.

Hans Joachim Menzel





The artistic vision and mechanical ingenuity of Peter Foy: June 11th, 1925 - February 17th, 2005

Peter Foy, who developed an "Inter-related Pendulum System" for the original Broadway production of the musical Peter Pan in 1954, died February 17th in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA of natural causes. He was 79. Throughout his lifetime, Peter Foy applied his artistic vision and mechanical ingenuity to the challenge of safely flying performers in a variety of different and often difficult circumstances.



One of Peter Foy's many inventions----including a harness for safely suspending an actor.

The creation of the Inter-Related Pendulum ushered in an era of spectacular, highly controlled, free flight, but required operators with a high degree of skill and a minimum 40 feet of ceiling height. Foy solved the problem of flying actors in low height situations with the invention of the Floating Pulley in 1958. While it was highly effective, the device was often visible to the audience. To overcome this limitation, he introduced the patented Track on Track[®] system in 1962, which allowed two operators to independently control lift and travel. Foy further improved upon the concept by inventing the Inter-Reacting Compensator[®] system, developed for touring productions of the Ice Capades.

His creation of the Multi-Point Balance Harness for the 1965 movie Fantastic Voyage set a standard still used today for flying actors on film; he pioneered the use of self-contained truss systems for touring shows, and also introduced the first self-contained radio-controlled flying system at the "Flower Expo" in Osaka, Japan in 1990. Foy flew Nadia Comaneci from the NASDAQ Building 170' over Times Square for the 2004 Olympic Torch Relay Event in New York and created flying effects for the opening ceremonies at the Olympic Games in Athens (including suspending "cube man" as he walked around a rotating cube. The list of people he has suspended include Paula Abdul (Spellbound Tour), Julie Andrews (The Dinah Shore Show), Jean Arthur (in Peter Pan), David Bowie (The Glass Spider Tour), Sir Richard Branson, David Cassidy, Sean Connery (in the David Letterman Show), Whoopi Goldberg (74th annual Academy Awards) and many others (see http://www.flybyfoy.com/pages/Foy_Years.htm).

Samuel Alderson, Crash-Test Dummy Inventor Oct. 21st, 1914 – Feb. 11th, 2005



Samuel W. Alderson produced the first automotive crash-test dummy, the V.I.P., in 1968, and this led to more sophisticated models such as those shown in the right.



Samuel W. Alderson, a physicist and engineer who was a pioneer in developing automotive crash-test dummies (also known as anthropomorphic test devices), died Febuary 11th at his home in Los Angeles as a result of complications of myelofibrosis and pneumonia. The dummy that is the current industry standard for frontal crash testing in the United States is a descendant of one he began manufacturing for the aerospace industry in the early 1950's.

Samuel W. Alderson was born in Cleveland on Oct. 21, 1914, and raised in California. After the Second World War, he worked for I.B.M. in an early effort to develop a prosthetic arm powered by a small motor. Though the arm was not practical at the time, it started him thinking about replicating body parts. In 1952, he started his own company, Alderson Research Laboratories, and soon was awarded a contract to develop an anthropomorphic dummy for testing jet ejection seats. Mr. Alderson's early dummies and those of his competitors were fairly primitive, with no pelvic structure and little spinal articulation.

At the time, automakers were seeking a dummy for their own use. In the 1930's, with traffic fatalities becoming a growing public health concern, manufacturers began to explore the design of safer cars. But the new science of crash testing raised a seemingly intractable problem: to study the effect of a crash on the human body, researchers would have to equip the test car with realistic humans. As a result, the first crash-test dummies were cadavers. While useful in collecting basic data, they lacked the durability required for repeated trials.

In 1968, Mr. Alderson produced the first dummy, called the V.I.P., built specifically for automotive testing. With the dimensions of an average adult man, the dummy had a steel rib cage, articulated joints and a flexible neck and lumbar spine. Cavities held instruments for collecting data.

Mr. Alderson's other work included manufacturing humanlike figures (medical phantoms) that are used to measure exposure to radiation, synthetic wounds that ooze mock blood and are used for surgical training purposes, and breast replicas for improving the field of mammography.

Biomechanics and Music Continued (from previous newsletter)

The Closing Banquet for the 2005 combined ISB/ASB Congress will be held at Cleveland's popular "Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame". For those of you who are wondering if there will be any live performances at this event----stay "tuned"---following rave reviews of the male "stars" in the previous newsletter, we thought it only fair to showcase females who may (or may not!) be performing in the Rock 'n Roll Hall of fame on August 5th! Note: Due to an overwhelming number of abstracts that has kept Brian Davis busy, this "task" was assigned to a Anthony Brown in Brian's lab----and he seemed to thoroughly enjoy this assignment!

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Norah Jones



Stevie Nicks



Reba McIntyre

Madonna

Fact or fiction? Read below what the local Cleveland magazine; Crain's Cleveland Business wrote in the January 31, 2005 issue):



"The image of a Dutch biomedical engineer from Cleveland might not come to mind when people hear the words "And the Oscar goes to ..."

Nonetheless, Cleveland Clinic researcher Antonie "Ton" van den BOGERT is one of 32 winners of the 2004 Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' Scientific and Technical Awards. Dr. van den BOGERT was recognized at the technical achievement award ceremony Feb. 12 for his work developing motion capture technology, which allows human motion to be converted into animation.

"I was extremely surprised. It never entered my mind that I would get one of those," said Dr. van den BOGERT, who is a biomedical engineering assistant staff member at the Clinic's Lerner Research Institute.

The method he helped to perfect was used to animate characters in "I, Robot," "King Kong," "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," "The Matrix Reloaded," "The Matrix Revolutions" and "Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow."

It also has been used in popular video games such as "Tony Hawk Pro Skater," "NCAA Basketball" and "Grand Theft Auto III."

Dr. van den BOGERT started developing motion capture technology for the entertainment industry in 1996, when the digital animation business was taking off with films such as "Toy Story," which came out in 1995. While at the University of Calgary, he was hired as a consultant by Motion Analysis Corp. of Santa Rosa, Calif., to design a software program to process human movements.

John O.B. Greaves, founder of Motion Analysis, said when an animator wants to capture motion, "you want the motion to look nice."

"The methodology prior to Ton's work had problems," said Mr. Greaves, who was also honored at the Academy Awards alongside Dr. van den BOGERT and two other colleagues, Ned Phipps and William Hayes. "Ton figured out a way where it was much better with smoother motions."

Dr. van den BOGERT developed a software program that takes data captured by special cameras and sensors on a human and electronically converts the information into an image on a computer. From there, animators can create a character.

"It's been only very recently that they can make people look real in animated movies," Dr. van den BOGERT said. "Once you have motion of the skeleton, you can give it to a company that produces animation of move-ment and can put skin on it and can make it look very realistic."

Dr. van den BOGERT still works as a consultant for Motion Analysis and said he is in the middle of several confidential projects for the company.

At the Clinic, Dr. van den BOGERT uses the motion capture technology for his research on human motion. He recently hooked up 20 Cleveland State University basketball players to his sensors to study the team's motions."

Announcement of The Anatomical Society Summer Meeting, University of Cardiff, 5th-7th July 2005

Symposium - The Anatomy of Exercise.

This symposium is being organised by Professor Mike Benjamin, and will deal with the adaptation of musculoskeletal tissues to exercise and other mechanical stiimuli. It will include the importance of nutrition, strategies for improving locomotion and performance, and the nature of exercise related injuries.

There will also be the possibility of submitting abstracts, either related to the symposium or on other branches of the anatomical sciences, for communication as either posters or 10 minute talks.

Speakers confirmed so far include:

Dr Andy Pitsillides (Royal Veterinary College, London. UK) Early effects of embryonic movement: a shot out of the dark'

Professor Dr Michael Kjaer (Bispebjerg Hospital, Copenhagen, Denmark) Extracellular matrix adaptation of tendons and ligaments to exercise'

Professor Thomas Best (University of Wisconsin, USA) The myotendinous junction: acute changes and adaptation to stretch injury.

Professor Elwyn Firth (Massey University, New Zealand) The response of bone, cartilage and tendon to exercise in the horse.

Prof. Dr. med. Felix Eckstein (Paracelsus Private Medical University Salzburg, Austria) The effects of exercise on human articular cartilage

Professor Michael J Rennie (University of Nottingham, UK) How nutrition and exercise maintain the human musculoskeletal mass.

Professor Alberto Minetti (Manchester Metropolitan University, UK) Making muscle work more economically/efficiently: internal and external strategies to overcome physiological and anatomical limitations of human actuators

Professor Christer Rolf (Sheffield University, UK) Clinical aspects of tendon injuries and disorders among athletes

Professor Michael Benjamin (Cardiff University, UK) Where tendons and ligaments meet bone - an anatomical and pathological perspective of attachment sites ("entheses") in relation to exercise and sport.

Further information

Details of the meeting, including registration forms and the how to submit abstracts, will be available on this web site in late March and circulated to members of the Anatomical Society.

In the meantime enquiries may be directed to the Programme Secretary, Professor Jonathan Bennett (jonathan.bennett@hyms.ac.uk) or to the local organiser, Dr Rob Santer (santer@cardiff.ac.uk).

Upcoming Meetings, Workshops

2005



The 13th International Congress on Physical Education & Sport Dates: May 20-22, 2005 *Venue:* Komotini, Greece Information: See website: http://www.phyed.duth.gr/icpes2005/

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International Society for Postural and Gait Research Dates: May 29 – June 2 *Venue:* Marseille, France.



Information: E-mail: christine.assisante@dpm.cnrs-mrs.fr See website: <u>http://www.ispgr.org</u>

Symposium: Medicine meets Engineering



Dates: June 1st to 3rd *Venue*: The Mechanical Engineering Department of the University of Applied Sciences, Regensburg. Payment of Registration Fee: April 27, 2005 Information see conference website: www.biomech-regensburg.de

Email: info@biomech-regensburg.de



European Society for Biomaterials combined session with European Society of Biomechan-

ics at the 19th European Conference on Biomaterials 11-15 September 2005 Sorrento Italy Professor Elizabeth Tanner, Department of Materials Queen Mary University of London Mile End Road, London, E1 4NS, UK Dr Damien Lacroix, CREB

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NASPSPA 2005 Conference Dates: June 9-11, 2005 Venue: St. Pete's Beach in Florida Information: E-mail: <u>naspspa@hotmail.com</u> Conference Program Chair: <u>fischmg@auburn.edu</u> See website: <u>www.naspspa.org</u>

The 9th World Multi-Conference on Systemics, Cybernetics and Informatics Dates: July 10-13, 2005 *Venue:* Orlando, Florida, USA Information: See web-site: www.iiisci.org/sci2005



ISB XX International Society of Biomechanics Congress Dates: August 1-5, 2005 *Venue:* Cleveland, Ohio, USA Information: E-mail: info@isb2005.org See website: http://www.ISB2005.org



ISSP 11th World Congress of Sport Psychology Dates: August 15 – 19, 2005 Venue: Sydney , Australia Information: See website: www.issp2005.com



APCST 2005 Asia-Pacific Congress on Sports Technology -Dates: September 12-14, 2005 Venue: Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan Information: E-mail Aleksandar.Subic@rmit.edu.au ujihashi@mei.titech.ac.jp See website: www.astaonline.com.au **3rd International Conference** on "Biomechanics of the lower limb in health, disease and rehabilitation"

Dates: September 5-7th 2005 Venue: Centre for Rehabilitation and Human Performance Research, University of Salford, England.

Information:



http://www.healthcare.salford.ac.uk/crhpr/ email: c.j.nester@salford.ac.uk

FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON * MECHANICS OF BIOMATERIALS & TISSUES DECEMBER 11-14, 2005 WAIKOLOA, HAWAI'I, USA

First International Conference on Mechanics of **Biomaterials & Tissues** Dates: December 11-14, 2005 Venue: Waikoloa, Hawai'I, USA Information: See web-site: www.icmobt.elsevier.com

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NASPSPA 2006 Conference For this conference, we will join with the American College of Sports Medicine. Dates: June 1-3, 2006 Venue: Denver, Colorado.

5th World Congress of

Biomechanics Dates: 29 July 4 August, 2006. Venue: Munich, Germany Information: Email: Prof. Dr.-Ing. habil. Dieter Liepsch, info@WCB2006.org See website: http://www.wcb2006.org

Canadian Society of Biomechanics Meeting August 16-19th, 2006 Venue: University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. **Detailed** information Je-mail:callagha@healthy.uwaterloo.ca e-mail: sprentic@healthy.uwaterloo.ca http://www.csb2006.uwaterloo.ca/



Editors notes

This should be the first ISB Newsletter to appear in an electronic version and I cross my fingers that this will actually take place.

General deadline for the next Newsletter is the 16th of May 2005. Please, send your contribution in electronic in electronic form in any form of English to ks@ami.ks

Next Newsletter will bring you the results of the electronic election of the Council members that is taking place while this Newsletter is produced. Further, the busy people in Cleveland will keep us updated with the last minute news of the conference.





VICON, the leading developer in motion capture, introduces another breakthrough in accuracy and accelerated workflow for motion capture with VICON MX, the company's next-generation suite of real-time optical motion capture systems. Ushering in ultra-high-resolution, virtually artifact-free capture with MX40 the world's first fourmillion-pixel motion capture camera, VICON MX revolutionizes the quality, flexibility and ease with which motion capture data can be applied to real-time and off line applications ranging from film, television and games creation to virtual prototyping, scientific visualization and biomechanical analysis. Vicon offers a wide range of solutions available to meet your application and budget needs.

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