Meet the new Editors-in-Chief of ISPO's Journal

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Dr. Stefania Fatone is a Professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago, Illinois USA. She completed her undergraduate degree in prosthetics and orthotics and her doctoral studies at La Trobe University in Australia. Dr. Fatone has nearly 20 years of experience conducting prosthetics and orthotics research and currently leads multiple federally funded prosthetics and orthotics research projects. She also contributes as an educator to the Masters in Prosthetics and Orthotics program at the Northwestern University Prosthetics-Orthotics Center (NUPOC). Her research includes a broad range of qualitative, experimental and review studies in areas such as transfemoral prosthetic socket biomechanics and design, orthotic management of upper motor neuron lesions, and gait biomechanics. She has published more than 80 journal articles, book chapters, editorials, commentaries, and evidence notes and presents regularly at conferences nationally and internationally. Dr. Fatone has extensive experience as a peer reviewer, served as Section Editor for Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation from 2011 to 2018, and on the Prosthetics and Orthotics International Editorial Board since 2011. Dr. Fatone is an honorary Member of the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists and a recipient of the Academy’s distinguished Research Award.

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Dr. Nerrolyn Ramstrand is an Associate Professor and the Associate Dean of Research at Jönköping University in Jönköping, Sweden. She completed her undergraduate degree in prosthetics and orthotics and her doctoral studies at La Trobe University in Australia. Upon completion of her doctorate, Dr. Ramstrand worked as the program head of prosthetics and orthotics at the British Columbia Institute of Technology in Canada. She moved to Sweden in 2003 and currently divides her time between education and research. Dr. Ramstrand has published extensively in peer-reviewed journals. Her major research interests are prosthetics and orthotics education and identifying means of facilitating participation in individuals with disabilities. Dr. Ramstrand has been an active member of the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics for many years, having served on the editorial board of Prosthetics and Orthotics International, the education committee, accreditation sub-committee, global educators meeting working group and scientific committee.
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Dr. Brian Hafner is a Professor in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine and Adjunct Professor in the Departments of Bioengineering and Mechanical Engineering at the University of Washington (UW) in Seattle (Washington), USA. He completed his undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering and PhD in Bioengineering. Dr. Hafner is an educator in the UW Division of Prosthetics & Orthotics, and is a principal investigator at the University of Washington Center on Outcomes Research in Rehabilitation. He devotes the majority of his effort to research, and has served as principal investigator on projects funded by the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH), U.S. Department of Defense (DOD), Orthotics & Prosthetics Education and Research Foundation (OPERF), American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists (AAOP), and private industry. Dr. Hafner’s primary research interests include development of tools to improve measurement of health outcomes in people with lower limb loss, evaluation of advanced prosthetic technologies, and assessment of performance, function, and quality-of-life in persons with limb loss. Dr. Hafner is an honorary Member of the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists and a recipient of the Academy’s distinguished Research Award.

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Dr. Michael Dillon is an Associate Professor in Prosthetics and Orthotics and currently serves as the Associate Head, School of Allied Health, Human Services and Sport at La Trobe University in Melbourne, Australia. Dr. Dillon completed his undergraduate degree in prosthetics and orthotics at La Trobe University and his doctoral studies in biomedical engineering at Queensland University of Technology. As an academic member of staff at La Trobe University, Dr. Dillon has primarily taught subjects in transfemoral prosthetics, evidence-based practice and research. His research includes a broad range of qualitative, experimental and review studies in areas as diverse as biomechanics, epidemiology, quality of life, shared decision making, experience of limb loss, and outcomes after lower limb amputation. Dr. Dillon has served a variety of leadership roles including: Executive Board International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics Australia (2003-2014), President ISPO Australia (2011-2014), Head of the Prosthetics and Orthotics program La Trobe University (2016-2018), and Head of Department Rehabilitation, Nutrition and Sport La Trobe University (2018-2019). Dr. Dillon has extensive experience as a peer reviewer having twice been recognised in the top 1% of reviewers for Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and has served as an Associated Editor for Prosthetics and Orthotics International since 2015.