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## **AOPA Announces Two New Partners for 2017 World Congress**

WASHINGTON, DC – February 23, 2017 – The American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association (AOPA), its international partner organizations, and the 2017 World Congress Planning Committee are proud to announce that two new partners, the Orthotics and Prosthetics Association of India (OPAI) and the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association (CMTA), will be participating in the 2017 AOPA World Congress to be held September 6-9, 2017 at the Mandalay Bay Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada.

“CMTA recognizes that the use of orthoses improve the quality of life for people living with CMT, so it was a very natural partnership,” said Michael Oros, CPO, LPO, FAAOP, President of AOPA. “And OPAI serves a growing population of orthotic and prosthetic users in such an important market. We look forward to collaborating with members of OPAI at the World Congress.”

The Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association’s mission is to support the development of new drugs to treat CMT, to improve the quality of life for people with CMT, and, ultimately, to find a cure. The Orthotics and Prosthetics Association of India is the leading national organization in India devoted to empowering the quality of life of persons with disabilities through innovative P&O services with collaborative team efforts to ensure full independent living.

These two new partners join the existing partners: Amputee Coalition, ConFairMed, Mexico-National Member Society of ISPO, Orthotics Prosthetics Canada, US Member Society of ISPO, and Uniting Frontiers.

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### **About AOPA**

AOPA, based in Alexandria, Virginia, is the largest non-profit organization dedicated to helping orthotic and prosthetic businesses and professionals navigate the multitude of issues surrounding the delivery of quality patient care. The association was founded in 1917 when needs of returning veterans in the aftermath of World War I required a national organization to address the educational and research requirements of the profession.

### **About the World Congress**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> AOPA World Congress will be held in lieu of the AOPA National Assembly, which is the country’s oldest and largest meeting for the orthotic, prosthetic and pedorthic profession. The AOPA World Congress will be September 6-9, 2017 at the Mandalay Bay Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada. The World Congress will be held in conjunction with AOPA’s Centennial Celebration. More information is at <http://www.aopanet.org/education/aopa-world-congress/>.