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ABC to Sponsor *Presidential Papers* at 2017 AOPA World Congress

WASHINGTON, DC – March 27, 2017 – The American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association (AOPA) is pleased to announce that the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics & Pedorthics (ABC) will sponsor the 2017 World Congress’ *Presidential Papers* – representing the top-ten clinical education submissions of original research and backed by a full manuscript. The *Presidential Papers* will be published in a special supplement of the *Journal of NeuroEngineering and Rehabilitation*. ABC’s commitment and support will make this research available worldwide through the journal and accompanying search indexes such as Medline.

ABC will also be an official partner of the 2017 AOPA World Congress along with other international partner organizations. The World Congress will be September 6-9, 2017 in Las Vegas, NV, USA.

“We are pleased to have a role in positively impacting the dissemination of scientific O&P research, clinical care and methodologies, not only to ABC certifees but also to those who will utilize this research to impact the future of the profession,” said ABC’s President Eric Ramcharan, CPO.

“ABC has once again proven its commitment to O&P education and supporting professionals in the field. We are excited to present the *Presidential Papers* at the 2017 World Congress, and are honored by ABC’s sponsorship,” said AOPA’s President Michael Oros, FAAOP, CPO, LPO.

ABC joins the following organizations as World Congress partners: Orthotics and Prosthetics Association of India (OPAI), the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association (CMTA), 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 2nd AOPA World Congress will be held in conjunction with the AOPA National Assembly and the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association. The National Assembly is the country’s oldest and largest meeting for the orthotic, prosthetic and pedorthic profession and the combined events will be held September 6-9, 2017 at the Mandalay Bay Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada. More information is at www.opworldcongressusa.org.