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101st Annual AOPA National Assembly Coming to Vancouver, Canada Sept 26-29th

WASHINGTON, D.C. – September 17, 2018 – The 101st Annual AOPA National Assembly is coming to the Vancouver Convention Center from September 26th-29th in Vancouver, Canada. The Annual Assembly is the highlight of the year for the more than 2,200 orthotic, prosthetic and pedorthic professionals expected in attendance – because of its expansive educational opportunities, massive exhibit hall, and engaging events.

AOPA is proud to feature keynote speakers, Tobie Hatfield, director of Innovation for Nike and Mike Schulz, Paralympic Gold Medalist. Tobie Hatfield may be best known as one of the chief inventors of the Nike Free running shoe. Hatfield led the design of a lightweight, durable composite sole that can easily be used with a prosthetic blade, inspired and used by Paralympic track athlete/ triathlete Sarah Reinertsen. He has also designed a special line of accessible sneakers ([Flyease](#)) for amputees, stroke victims, and people with cerebral palsy. You can catch Tobie Hatfield's keynote on Thursday, September 27 at 7:15 AM – 8:00 AM during the opening general session.

Paralympic snowboarder and two-time medalist Mike Schultz learned about prosthetic design after a snowmobile accident left him an above-knee amputee. He founded his own company Bioadapt, and designed the Moto Knee and Versa Foot, which were used by 30 athletes from six different countries at the 2018 Winter Paralympic Games. Hear Mike Schulz speak on Saturday, September 29th at 7:15 AM- 8:30 AM during the general session.

The full schedule for the Assembly is [online at www.AOPAnet.org](http://www.AOPAnet.org).

About the National Assembly

The AOPA National Assembly is the country's oldest and largest meeting for the orthotic, prosthetic and pedorthic profession. The Assembly will be September 26-29th at the Vancouver Convention Center in Vancouver, Canada. [Learn more and see the schedule of events.](#)

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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 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 industry.

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