Fall 2012 is a pivotal time for the FIP. Much like the changing season, the FIP is also undergoing a major changes.

To coincide with the expanded name of the FIP – from Federation Internationale des Podologues (FIP) to International Federation of Podiatry/Federation Internationale des Podologues (FIP) – we are re-branding the organization. As a result, we have tweaked our logo and changed our website URL to better align with the name change. We have also reviewed bylaws, terms of reference and committee and commission membership to streamline and create greater efficiencies and understanding.

Most importantly though, Fall 2012 will see significant changes in the FIP Board. This year's election will result in new people in the position of President, Vice President and Member at Large. And, due to the resignation of our Treasurer, Diamanto Maliotou-Papasavvas, whose term runs until 2013, we will also see a new person in the role of FIP Treasurer. In fact, the only board member who is remaining in intact this fall is our Secretary General Heidi Corcoran. A new board is a good thing though – it brings new life, new ideas and new resources.

Luckily, our Executive Director, Jayne Jeneroux, will also remain intact and she and Heidi can help the new board members become comfortable in their FIP roles.

Autumn is also a time of reflection, which fits in well with the ending of my term of office with the FIP board. While I will still be around in a new role as the FIP President, I look forward to the changes that the season and the role brings.

It has been a truly wonderful experience to serve as your FIP President and be involved in so many activities, meetings and conferences related to our profession. Podiatry is a steadily growing profession, and one that I have been proud to be involved with.

I have made so many friends and acquaintances around the world, and admire the work and energy that so many of you do to move the profession forward.

Looking ahead – I hope to see many of you in Rome at the 2013 World Congress of Podiatry, which will be held next autumn – October 17-19.

Sincerely, Janet McInnes FIP President
If you haven’t yet noticed, the FIP has made a few changes to their logo and webpage to reflect the new realities of the association. With the adoption of both French and English for the official name of the FIP – International Federation of Podiatry/ Federation Internationale des Podologues (FIP) – it necessitated updating the FIP logo and the FIP website. While the logo has kept the same general look, the acronyms FIP and IFP are now both included. The URL for the FIP was also changed to reflect the updated name and logo.

It is now www.fip-ifp.org.

The URL change has necessitated the need for all FIP members to re-register on the website for access to the member section. So please take a moment to visit the site, and click on the “Register” button. Then take a bit more time to re-familiarize yourself with your international podiatry association and all of the resources available to you on the site.
There are an estimated 11.2 million patient visits to podiatrists each year, so it seems fitting that podiatrists, the leading authority on foot and ankle health in the United Kingdom, be granted the power to independently prescribe medication.

Luckily change could be near. This fall, amendments to the Medicines Act (1968) will be laid before Parliament and, if accepted, podiatrists in the United Kingdom will be granted independent prescribing rights, a change that will immediately increase access and speed of treatment for millions.

Alan Borthwick from The College of Podiatry and Senior Lecturer and Professional Lead (Podiatry) from the University of Southampton said: “These planned changes to legislation will mean that patients will be able to receive more prompt and better access to treatment, helping to reduce the pressure on other health care professionals. It will provide the podiatry profession with greater flexibility to prescribe and supply appropriate treatment to meet individual patient needs.”

If all goes accordingly, registered podiatrists will be able to start participating in education programmes which, upon completion, will annotate their entry on the HPC register, indicating that they can independently prescribe to their patients.

Eliminating the middle man will allow patients to receive medication like antibiotics quicker, which will particularly benefit diabetic patients with foot infections, acute infections like wounds and fungal infections. Also, with 60% of arthritic cases occurring in the feet, podiatrists will be able to prescribe medication to their many arthritic patients on the spot, rather than being forced to send them off to another medical professional.

So stay tuned and it will soon be revealed if podiatrists will be joining nurses, pharmacists, optometrists and other medical professionals with the ability to independently prescribe, which will increase treatment time and, in turn, improve the quality of care to podiatry patients across the U.K.
Academy update

The FIP would like to extend its congratulations to Carine Haemels, who recently graduated with distinction from the University of Brighton (UK) and now holds her Master in Podiatry and Education. Wishing to thank all the friends, family, and colleagues who helped, advised, and encouraged her through the years and the different stages of her life and education, Carine says that without the strong support system backing her up, accomplishing her Master level would not have been possible.

The work that earned Carine her Master in Podiatry and Education revolved around the relationship between podiatry and intellectual disability, a subject that was not covered during Belgium podiatry education until now. To explore this relationship, Carine developed the module “Podiatry and Intellectual Disability.” In the end the module succeeded in enhancing the attitudes of Belgian podiatry students towards people with intellectual disabilities and contributed to bridging the gap that exists between Belgium podiatry education and the intellectually disabled.

Carine is a practicing podiatrist in Belgium and is also the Clinical Manager for the Special Olympics Fit Feet Europe/Eurasia as well as Scientific Research Manager for Fit Feet Europe/Eurasia.
2012 is an exciting year for podiatry, with the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) recently wrapping up their centenary conference in Washington D.C and the Society of Chiropodists and Podiatrists (SOCAP) in the United Kingdom about to celebrate theirs in less than a month, it is a year to celebrate podiatry.

From October 11 -13, 2012 in Glasgow, Scotland, SOCAP is hosting their centenary celebration in conjunction with their Annual Conference and Exhibition, Attendance includes podiatrists from around the world in attendance to congratulate SOCAP on 100 years of organized podiatry in the United Kingdom.

Much has been planned for this monumental occasion, including over 80 exhibitors and keynote presentations by BBC television and particle physicist Professor Brian Cox OBE and APMA President Joseph Caporusso, to mention a few. Even if you are unable to attend the conference you can still join in on the celebration by raising a congratulatory glass to SOCAP, thanking the association for all it has done for podiatry over the past 100 years.
Today digital communication is becoming the primary mode of communication, and it seems like there is no limit to what can be achieved online. Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and more … when one type of social networking gains popularity, there is another one quick on its heels ready to step into the spotlight. Although it might seem a bit overwhelming at times, it is important to stay on top of the social media trends in order to keep you and your podiatry practice current and connected.

One of the newest kids on the block is Google Plus, a new branch of social media put out by online giant Google. Launched in 2011 and already hosting 250 million registered users, Google Plus is a mode of social media that takes classic Google services like YouTube and Google Maps and makes them more applicable by incorporating the users personal data.

So what sets Google Plus apart from the rest and how can it benefit you and your practice? The possibilities are many. After creating and personalizing your own Google Plus account at http://plus.google.com, it is time to start making connections.

From a professional perspective, one of the most useful tools that Google Plus offers is online video conferences or ‘Hangouts’. A hangout is a live video chat for up to 10 people that can be accessed for free. A step up from a conference call, hangouts can help increase team productivity as they can allow you to interact with podiatrists from around the world from your home or office. What makes these hangouts even more unique is the ‘productivity apps’ that Google has available. While attending or hosting a video conference you can interact with your colleagues by collaborating together in Google docs, you can view presentations and you can even diagram together.

If the podiatry information you are planning to share in a hangout is information you’d like to share with the world, simply click ‘Enable hangouts on air’ and your video will be streamed live on your Google Plus profile and, if applicable, your YouTube channel and website. This is a great way to get podiatry information about new products, procedures and policies out there and to increase awareness about podiatry in general.

Another way that Google Plus is useful for you and your practice is the possibility of search engine optimization. It is simple – the more you use Google Plus, the higher you and your page will appear in Google's search engine. This will not only help to promote you and your private practice, but it will help to get information about the importance of podiatry out and circulating.

So consider trying Google’s latest branch of social networking Google Plus. Share information with podiatrists around the world, follow medical professionals or companies you admire, host or join online video conferences, or simply get your name out there online and start spreading the word about podiatry.

For more information on Google Plus visit www.google.com/+/learnmore/
As fall approaches, so does November 14th, otherwise known as World Diabetes Day, a day dedicated to spreading awareness about the global epidemic that, as estimated by the World Health Organization (WHO), will spread to 346 million worldwide by 2030.

Around the world, many podiatrists have witnessed firsthand the severity of diabetes and how it can wreak havoc on the human body, often beginning with the feet. According to WHO, a person with diabetes is 10 times more likely to have an amputation, and a staggering 80% of non-traumatic amputations are related to diabetes complications.

While it is always important to educate diabetic patients on the necessity of proper foot care, consider World Diabetes Day as a day to go above and beyond in reaching out to your patients. To help you out, the FIP has created a number of resources about diabetes that can be shared with patients and their loved ones. Materials on the FIP website – www.fip-ifp.org -- include a recommended walking program, a diabetes true or false quiz, the “Podiatrists; Fighting Amputations Worldwide” PowerPoint presentation and more. All FIP members are encouraged to take advantage of these resources, especially with World Diabetes Day quickly approaching. Visit the site now and check back often as more and more resources are posted on the site.

This November, make a conscious effort to get involved with World Diabetes Day. Whether it be by participating in or attending diabetes awareness events in your community or by simply distributing diabetes-related information and materials to your patients, get the message out there and educate your patients on the extreme importance of diabetic foot care and the dramatic effect it can have on their lives.
Nowadays nearly everything happens online, and online education is no exception. Ultimately, the notion of receiving new information from the comfort of our own homes or offices is extremely appealing, and ‘webinars’ provide people with that freedom and easy access.

Simply put, webinars are on-line seminars that allow users to receive information from their computers. How do you find desired webinars to join? There are a few options. If you have a membership with the American Podiatric Medical Association, you immediately get access to all of the great webinars that they have available on their website – www.apma.org.

Another way to find webinars is by using a search engine website like www.webinarlistings.com where you can search through a library of recorded and live webinars for topics of interest. And of course search engines such as Google can help direct you towards relevant webinars.

Once you have found a webinar, it’s time to get started. No additional software needs to be pre-installed to ‘attend’ a webinar. Instead, you simply click the registration link that appears on your webinar email invitation and pencil in the scheduled date and time of the desired webinar.

Of course joining a webinar isn’t your only option. If you have information that you really want to get out to your fellow podiatrists across the globe, you can create and host your own webinar. They are relatively simple to create, and a webinar website such as www.gotowebinar.com will help you create your own webinar in five simple steps:

1. **Schedule your webinar.**
2. **Invite people to register.**
3. **Remind registrants about your webinar.**
4. **Prepare your event.**
5. **Present your webinar!**

As a podiatrist, it is important and necessary to seek out continuing education opportunities. New products and procedures will constantly be made available and it is the responsibility of the podiatrist to keep their knowledge current by continuing their education beyond the classroom.

Webinars make it easy. No matter the distance between parties, meetings can be held. Webinars can be used to educate users on new policies, products and procedures concerning the field of podiatry. Once recorded, webinars can be stored for future reference and re-use.

There will always be great podiatry seminars hosted around the world that you would love to attend, but sometimes fitting in a trip from your home town to another city or even country simply isn’t practical. Webinars have the potential to provide podiatrists who find themselves in these situations with another option -- attending a seminar from home. For more information on webinars visit www.gotowebinar.com.
In recent months, the AIP has been involved with several initiatives.

First were intensified contacts with the leaders of the FIP to arrange the organization of the World Congress to be held in Rome from October 17-19, 2013. Through face to face meetings and phone calls, respective fields of competence were set out, with the aim of organizing the event in the best way. The AIP was also committed to participation in the Congress of Scientific Associations of medical specialties, such as the Conference for World Diabetes Day, or the one on plantar warts. The issue that has been dealt with the most in the various conventions has been the role of the podiatrist in the prevention and treatment of the diabetic foot. These investments show that the continuous action of AIP aimed at enhancement of the profession is getting excellent results.

Of extraordinary importance was the XXVII National Congress AIP, which was attended by a number of podiatrists. The central theme of the Congress was “Active aging in health changing.” The role of the podiatrist has been a great interest in podiatrist participants. In addition to the discussion on “older”, great attention has been given to the workshop, during which issues are handled by experienced teachers on many diseases. Speaking of seniors, some RSAs been signed with organizations that assist the elderly, such as ANASTE (National Association Structures Third Age), with whom arrangements have been made for the care of the elderly in nursing homes (nursing homes), FEDERSALUTE LAZIO and ARIS (Association of Religious Institutes Social and Health for e-learning).

Finally, we must mention the great efforts to enhance the role of podiatrists at major health organizations, possibly with the establishment of medical chiropody. For example, the AIP, in the person of President Prof. Mauro Montesi, was called to a hearing before the Health Commission of the Regione Lombardia, in order to illustrate the need for the presence of the Podiatrist in health care organizations in the region.
The Canadian Podiatric Medical Association (CPMA) has been working on a number of initiatives over the past several months, but the most important has been communication. This includes enhancing communication with members through a variety of avenues, including ongoing e-blasts, face-to-face meetings, attendance at provincial annual general meetings and updates in our quarterly magazine.

Emphasis was also placed on communicating effectively with external stakeholders to increase awareness about podiatry in Canada. This includes correspondence and meetings with government departments, both at the federal level and at provincial levels, with other associations and with the general public.

Another key initiative was reaching out to insurance companies to help them better understand the scope of practice of podiatrists in Canada as well as make them aware of the value of podiatric coverage in employee benefit programs. Members of the CPMA Executive travelled across Canada to meet with most of the large insurance companies in Canada and also conducted conference calls with other insurance companies.

The effort spent on these activities has been very useful and the CPMA continues to pursue additional avenues of communication and increasing its involvement with a diverse group of stakeholders.

In mid-September we hosted the Nordic Podiatry Congress and at the same time celebrated our 60th Anniversary. Thank you so much to everyone who attended the conference. We want to especially thank the President of the FIP Janet McInnes, the President of the Finnish Association Arja
Kiviaho-Tiippana, the Past Vice President in FIP Margrét Jónsdóttir, Professor Jim Woodburn from Glasgow Caledonian University in Scotland and Minna Stolt from the University in Turku in Finland for participating.

We appreciate the opportunities the congress gave us and our members to improve our international network and get a better understanding of how podiatry is practiced in other countries.

In July, the Ministry of Health and Care Services in Norway turned down the need for higher education in podiatry, much to the surprise of our organization, and several patient interest organizations and medical associations. The decision is based on preserving political interests for influential groups in the Norwegian society, not keeping the best interests of patients in mind.

However, the final word has not been said. We have made contacts with a University of applied sciences that is very interested in starting a course, and hope that the coming governmental elections in Norway next year will give new opportunities.

We are now working on raising the interests among people in general for the need to improve foot healthcare in Norway, and have made a support group on Facebook for everyone that supports higher education in podiatry in Norway. Visit the group here: www.facebook.com/groups/fotterapi/

France

Serge Coimbra FNP President

Our two most important priorities over the last few months have been:

1. National agreement with the Healthcare Insurance Organization

With our agreement being over in December 2012, the FNP has just answered to the representativity survey that recognizes FNP as the representative professional trade union in France for the podiatrists by the Ministry of Health, we started negotiations on September 19 to:

- increase the reimbursement of the podiatric healthcare for diabetes to grade 1,
- set up reimbursement of the podiatric healthcare of aged people,
- update the tariff of the different podiatric cares,
- and create a specific case for the profession.

2. New Education Curriculum

The new re-engineered programme came into force in September 2012 in the 11 schools of education and will be recognized at the university level of licence.

Ireland

Carmel Devine FIP Delegate

The first cohort of students have now successfully completed the 4 year BSc Hons Podiatry Programme at NUI Galway and most have already secured employment. The Podiatry programme in Galway has received full Accreditation and is due to expand its clinical facilities with the addition of a surgical suite. It is a very exciting time for Podiatry with the public and other professions becoming more aware of the scope of the Podiatry profession. In addition this coincides with the global increase
in diabetes and thankfully with the implementation of the National Clinical Programme for Diabetes in Ireland the role of the Podiatrists as an essential member of the MDT for footcare is better understood. There are several opportunities for Podiatrists in Ireland both in the private sector and the public sector, in particular for those Podiatrists with experience of working in the Acute setting. Many of the profession plan to attend the celebrations at the Glasgow conference next month and also look forward to our own conference in Dublin in November. The Health Service in Ireland is currently facing many challenges and the Podiatry profession is well positioned to deliver in response to these. Meanwhile though our liaison with Department of Health and Children, we are continually updated on European developments.

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An FIP membership is a valuable tool available for podiatrists around the world. A non-profit association, the FIP was created to develop podiatric medicine, and to raise awareness about foot and ankle health on a global scale. You immediately qualify for an FIP membership if your national podiatry organization holds membership with the FIP. If you practice in country that does not have a podiatry association, you can still apply for FIP membership by submitting an application for individual member status to the FIP membership/recruitment committee.

There are many benefits that come with an FIP membership, and these benefits should be taken advantage of on a regular basis. Membership with the FIP will provide you with a wide range of international podiatry information. You will have access to member news, updates and information on the FIP website (www.fip-ifp.org), as well as the FIP newsletter, a publication that will educate you on what is happening in podiatry around the world. An FIP membership will also keep you linked to podiatrists in other countries. If faced with a patient who travels frequently, or a patient who is moving, membership with the FIP will help you to locate podiatrists and make international referrals.

One of the biggest benefits that the FIP has to offer is a series of online courses. There are currently 31 online courses and 5 podcasts available, which can be accessed in the members section of the FIP website.

An FIP membership can aid you in your practice by providing you with international podiatric information. If you haven’t already done so, visit the FIP website today to register, and start benefiting from the resource available to you as an FIP member. www.fip-ifp.org

FIP Benefits at a Glance
Some of the many benefits of FIP membership include:

- Access to online educational courses on the FIP website
- Networking opportunities with podiatrists around the world
- Discounted rates for the FIP World Congress of Podiatry
- Quarterly online magazine
- World foot health awareness month materials and poster image
- Diabetes resource materials through the FIP Diabetic Foot Commission
- Information about podiatry related conferences around the world
- Reduced subscription rate to “The Foot” journal
- Advocacy, support and information about the podiatry profession at the local, national and international level
- Country profiles and podiatry scope of practice and education around the world
- E-blasts and quarterly magazine delivered to your inbox
- Podiatry news and events around the world
Who Will the 2012 Recipient Be?

Presented to a special recipient each year on behalf of the FIP, the Humanitarian Award is given out to honour the hard work and devotion of a specific individual who has gone above and beyond to make a difference in the lives of others, whether it is by contributing to disaster relief or podiatry education in developing countries.

Throughout the year, the FIP receives nominations from many of its members. After careful evaluation by the FIP Humanitarian Award Committee, a recipient is chosen and then honoured at the upcoming FIP Annual General Meeting. This year, the announcement will be made at the 2012 FIP AGM in Glasgow, Scotland. The winner will also receive a certificate signed by the FIP President.

Many amazing podiatrists have received the FIP Humanitarian Award in the past, including Margreet Van Putten for her work in Bosnia, Vicky Anton-Athens for her efforts in Guatemala, and the most recent recipient, Kristen Larsen, for the time she spent establishing foot clinics in Palestine. Who will join these fine podiatrists as a recipient of the 2012 FIP Humanitarian Award? Only time will tell. So be sure to return to the FIP website after the 2012 FIP AGM and learn more about the newest recipient of the FIP Humanitarian Award.

Look for the FIP Seal of Approval

The FIP is always on the lookout for quality podiatry-related products worthy of bearing the FIP Seal of Approval/Acceptance. The FIP values its members and wants you to take comfort in the fact that if a product bears the FIP Seal, you can be sure that it is a safe, exceptional product that will benefit you and your patients.

Established in 2008, the FIP Seal of Approval/Acceptance Program was created to give recognition to products that are beneficial to proper foot health. There are two components to the Seal Program. The Seal of Acceptance evaluates footwear, insoles and other equipment, while the Seal of Approval evaluates therapeutic products. Reviewed by the FIP Seal of Approval Committee, a product will be awarded the Seal if it is determined that it promotes quality foot health.

An FIP Seal of Approval/Acceptance is beneficial to consumers and podiatrists. The seal allows consumers to recognize a quality product that has been properly evaluated, and enables podiatrists to use and recommend quality products.

If you know of a great product that hasn’t yet been recognized, the FIP would love to hear about it. Submit contact information to Executive Director Jayne Jeneroux at jjeneroux@xplornet.com and get the word out about new products today.

After reading this magazine, please recycle!
In 2011 the FIP re-branded the Corporate Advisory Board into the FIP Corporate Partners Program (CPP), and since then, more and more podiatry-related companies have joined the FIP as corporate partners. There are currently nine companies involved with the program, and the FIP is always on the lookout for more potential partners to help spread global awareness about the importance of podiatry.

It is an alliance beneficial to all parties involved. The corporate members provide the FIP with their specific expertise and funding to support FIP initiatives and programs. In exchange, the corporate partners are exposed to an international network of podiatrists. To ensure relationships between the federation and the partners remains strong, the corporate partners try to meet with the FIP’s Executive Board at least once a year, often in conjunction with the FIP Annual General Meeting.

What benefits do FIP members receive from the CPP, you may ask? As FIP members, you have immediate access to the latest products and services that these companies have to offer, and thanks to the FIP Virtual Exhibition Hall, an online virtual tour of the partners at the 2010 World Congress of Podiatry, you can hear what these companies have to say from the comfort of your office or home.

The current list of FIP corporate partners includes: Algeos Ltd, Canonbury, Clarks, Spenco, Tekscan, Pierre Fabre Santé, Bailey’s Instruments, GraMedica, and Cutera. For detailed information on all of the partners visit the FIP website at www.fip-ifp.org.

When Dr. Robert Chelin, immediate Past President of the FIP was asked to share his most memorable patient moment, he was ready and willing to share his story.

“There was one young lady who wanted to get married on the beach. She had brachymetatarsia: her forth toes didn’t form properly so they looked like mini toes and she was embarrassed to take her shoes off in public. We fixed it using a procedure where you break the toe and then put on a contraption that looks like a stretching unit. You tighten the screws on a quarter turn everyday so that, as the fracture tried to heal on its own, you pull it apart again. We made the toe grow about one and a half centimetres. She had her beach wedding and she sent me pictures.”

The simplest thing can make a profound impact on a person’s life, even something as simple as lengthening a toe by little more than a centimeter.

So if a particular patient immediately comes to mind when you ask yourself “Who was my most memorable patient?” write it down and send it to FIP Executive Director Jayne Jeneroux at jjeneroux@xplornet.com. Share your story and put a smile on the faces of podiatrists around the world.

*Share Your Memorable Patient Moment*

As a podiatrist, you affect the lives of your patients every day by helping them work towards a future free of foot and ankle problems. Often a special bond is created between podiatrist and patient and the FIP encourages you to share these memorable patient moments with your fellow FIP members.
With little more than a year to go, preparing for the 2013 World Congress of Podiatry is keeping the FIP and the Italian Podiatry Association (AIP) busy. At time of writing, the first announcement is getting ready to be distributed. The announcement includes the call for abstracts which is already generating interesting among podiatrists around the world.

The weekend got off to a great start with a speech by the United States Surgeon General Regina Benjamin, MD, MBA who brought with her greetings from U.S President Barack Obama and his administration about the crucial role that podiatry plays in health care. From there, conference/celebration attendees were able to experience state-of-the-art educational sessions, interactive workshops and the diverse range of programming offered by the many exhibitors.

Proud to call the APMA a member association, the FIP congratulates the APMA on 100 years of exquisite work in the field of podiatry and looks forward to the next 100 years.
2012 Dates


Sep 27-30 Reconstructive Surgery of the Foot & Ankle San Diego, California www.podiatryinstitute.com

Oct 6 CPMA Annual General Meeting Montreal, Quebec www.podiatrycanada.org

Oct 11-13 SOCAP Annual Conference Glasgow, Scotland www.feetforlife.org

Oct 14 FIP Annual General Meeting Glasgow, Scotland www.fipnet.org

Nov 1-4 Hallux Valgus & Related Forefoot Deformities Sanibel Island, Florida www.podiatryinstitute.com

Nov 8-11 AAPPM Fall Practice Management Workshop Ft. Lauderdale, Florida www.aappm.com

2013 Dates

Feb 22-14 ACFAS Scientific Conference Las Vegas, Nevada www.acfas.org


Jul 11-14 AOSSM Annual Meeting Chicago, Illinois www.sportsmed.org

Jul 21-25 APMA Annual Scientific Conference Las Vegas, Nevada www.apma.org

Oct 17-19 FIP 2013 World Congress of Podiatry Rome, Italy www.fipnet.org

2014 Dates


Jul 24-27 APMA Annual Scientific Conference Honolulu, Hawaii www.apma.org

2015 Dates

Jul 23-26 APMA Annual Scientific Conference Orlando, Florida www.apma.org

2016 Dates

TOP 10 reasons to attend the 2013 World Congress of Podiatry

1. A great reason to finally travel to Rome (or if you’ve already been there, a good reason to enjoy it all over again).
2. A chance to connect with and compare notes with podiatrists from around the world.
3. The opportunity to roll-up your sleeves at the hands-on workshops.
4. A great reason to learn and practice Italian, the language of love.
5. The best place to see and try new podiatry products and services from many different countries at the FIP exhibit hall.
6. A worldly approach to earning continue education credits and learn from your peers.
7. Immerse yourself in a different culture and experience some ancient history.
8. The chance to check one more thing off your bucket list.
9. A solid reason to get out of the office and experience something different.
10. Face-to-face meetings with extraordinary keynote speakers.