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Stylianides Organizes Human Movement Symposium

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Thursday, February 26, 2004 -- In the summer of 2002, his colleagues from around the world elected Dr. Georgios Stylianides president of the International Society of Biomechanics Technical Group on the 3-D Analysis of Human Movement.

"My responsibilities and goals have involved communication among the members and other biomechanics societies on 3-D issues around the world. As a result, towards the end of my term, I will be hosting an international symposium, bringing everybody together for a scientific meeting to share current research," said Stylianides.

The symposium, which will take place here at the Embassy Suites-USF from March 31-April 2, 2004, will attract scientists from all over the globe.

The Eighth International Symposium on the 3-D Analysis of Human Movement seeks the best scientific and social environments to generate further communication and contact between investigators in diverse areas and to encourage discussions to cross the boundaries between scientific disciplines and specialties. It's a scientific and technical forum for investigators of human motion, whether their work is applied to the study of musculo-skeletal disability or disease, sport and elite performance, or basic studies of biomechanics or muscle physiology.

In regards to his organizing efforts Stylianides said, "It is coming along pretty well but is a lot more work than I ever expected. The estimated attendance is around 80+ participants. Interestingly enough, this year we have attracted more abstracts than the previous symposium that took place in England. The quality of the abstracts is excellent and comes from well-known universities and research laboratories both in the US and around the world."

The keynote speakers will be coming from the Royal Children's Hospital in Australia, University of Washington, University of California in Berkeley, and the University of South Florida.

Two of the keynote speakers will also be from USF. "We will be honored with the presence of Professor Dmitry Goldgof and Dr. Nagarajan Ranganathan from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering here at USF. Both of them are well known and recognized in the area of computer science and engineering," said Stylianides.

The group primarily owes its existence to the efforts of Paul Allard, who organized the first symposium in Montréal in 1991, and helped with the organization of the symposia in Poitiers, Stockholm and Grenoble. The International Society of Biomechanics recognized the organization as a Technical Group in 1995.

More on the 3-D Analysis of Human Movement can be found at their web site at: <http://www.utc.edu/Human-Movement/>

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