



International Federation of Podiatrists  
Fédération Internationale des Podologues

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To the Association of Podiatry from Romania

Dear Mrs. Norina Alinta Gavan,

International Federation of Podiatrists – Fédération Internationale des Podologues (FIP-IFP) is the not-for-profit association focused on global leadership and the development of podiatric medicine around the world. The Federation was founded in 1947 with 10 podiatry organizations. Over the years, it has grown to include 31 organizations representing 30 countries spread over six continents.

Working together collaboratively with leaders of the podiatry profession worldwide, the Federation enhances the podiatric profession through the sharing of knowledge, practice and research among member countries. The World Congress of Podiatry organized by the FIP-IFP is the largest gathering of international foot and ankle practitioners/specialists. This meeting is the premier forum for professionals, industry and academia practicing in this field to interact ([www.fipworldcongress.org](http://www.fipworldcongress.org)).

A podiatrist is a health care professional dedicated to providing care to patients for diseases and deformity affecting the lower extremity within the scope of their podiatry training, experience and regulating authority of the member country. This definition is broad, reflecting the education and training received by podiatric practitioners. While it obviously includes any problem that occurs intrinsic to the foot and ankle (i.e., the lower extremity), it also includes problems that occur anywhere in the human body that in some way affects that area of anatomy, such as diabetes, rheumatoidis...

Podiatric practitioners in every nation make a major public health contribution. While differences in the scope of practice exist in one country compared to another, the common goal towards contributing to the maintenance of health by providing care for problems affecting the lower extremity establishes an international bond to all providers who specialize in this area of human concern.

The FIP-IFP together with its member associations has as mission to advance podiatry worldwide through education, advocacy, and strategic alliances for the benefit of those with foot and ankle ailments.

We view your support as a demonstration of your commitment to the field of podiatry, and an investment in the future of research and improved care for those with foot and ankle ailments.

Yours sincerely,

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