



NEWSLETTER WINTER 2011

European Limb Loss Day Sat 3rd December.

All over Europe limb loss will be given publicity along with the need to prevent limb loss by raising awareness of obesity and diabetes. In Ireland on European Limb Loss Day (Sat 3rd December) we will highlight the many problems and difficulties affecting our members.(see press release)

Delays and cutbacks

Many members are reporting ever longer delays in getting approval (sanctioning) for replacement prostheses. Only last month we were told of a 13 month delay and also attempted refusals due to cost. Do not quietly accept such treatment, be very vocal and complain to your TDs, the HSE and direct to the Minister of Health. Let us know.

Parking Permits

New Parking Permit regulations are coming into force. Let us know if any changes affect amputees. What do you think? Do you have suggestions, ideas or proposals that would help grow ADFI and benefit amputees.

Research With Individuals Using Prostheses

To participate please contact Phil Jefferies *PhD Researcher, Faculty of Science and Health, School of Nursing, Dublin City University* philip.jefferies2@mail.dcu.ie who wishes to hold informal discussions with individuals, to discuss life with their prosthesis.

Limb Transplants

A 65-year-old Massachusetts man recently became the fourth person in the United States to receive a double hand transplant.

Funds

Our funds are seriously depleted. Can you help? No need to raffle a cow or have your head shaved. Just ask your friends, relations and neighbours to give us a small donation. Perhaps organise a coffee morning for Limb Loss Day. Every little helps and is acknowledged including a grant from Hospital Saturday Fund and €100 donated anonymously from Cork.

Amputee Football

Amputee Football is now established in conjunction with the FAI who is developing football for people with disabilities. See website <http://www.fai.ie/domestic-a-grassroots/football-for-all/amputee-football.html>

Brochure

Tell us if you need some for your local Health Centre, local hospital and other amputees. Did you find it useful? Let us know.

Membership

Our database is secure and confidential. Membership is open to all amputees, their family members and those who provide care. Membership is free. Please encourage such persons to join.

Our Website

Our Website is being reorganised. See for yourself at www.amputee.ie and tell your friends to have a look. Tell us what you think of the format and style.

Ideas

If you have views and or suggestions on any aspects of support, advice, care or assistance for amputees please let us know.

COMMUNICATIONS –Join our mailing list by sending an email to info@amputee.ieTell other amputees to add their names.Using email saves on postage.