

All three Ottobock Ambassadors reach the podium on day seven of competition

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Heinrich Popow, Kelly Cartwright and Svetlana Moshkovich all take home London 2012 Paralympic medals

Australian track and field athlete Kelly Cartwright has taken home a gold medal in the Women's Long Jump - F42/44 and has added a silver medal to her tally in the Women's 100m - T42. German sprinter, Heinrich Popow, has claimed two bronze medals in the Men's 4x100m Relay T42/T46 and Men's 200m T42. Russian Svetlana Moshkovich won a bronze medal in the Women's Individual H3 Time Trial. All three athletes, using Ottobock equipment, secured medals on the seventh day of competition.

In addition to manufacturing equipment, Ottobock Healthcare (<http://www.ottobock.co.uk>) is Official Prosthetic, Orthotic and Wheelchair Technical Service Provider to the 2012 Paralympic Games. Like the services provided by mechanics during a pit-stop in motor racing, members of Ottobock's technical service team are located next to the field of play and are responsible for the repair and maintenance of equipment damaged during competition. On day seven of competition alone, 155 repairs took place in a 6,500 ft² workshop in the Paralympic Village and nine other workshops next to the field of play at nine competition venues.

Harry Zenner, Technical Director, Ottobock International Leadership Team at the London 2012 Paralympic Games has been working with Ottobock Healthcare for 30 years and has come out of retirement to provide his technical expertise at the Games. Last night he was given the honour of presenting medals for the Women's 100m - T42, awarding Ottobock athlete Kelly Cartwright with her silver medal.

"In 2006 I managed the Ottobock workshop at the Winter Paralympic Games in Torino and again at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games, but this year I have been awarded with the greatest honour of all, such as presenting Paralympic medals," said Harry Zenner. "I've seen some remarkable things in my time, the opening of a mobile workshop in Haïti after the earthquake in 2010 and spending three weeks there, making 10 below the knee prosthetics in three weeks. The Paralympics however offers new challenges and I thoroughly enjoy the spirit of the Games. Every patient represents a new challenge but the feeling of walking out into the stadium, with 80,000 people cheering as I presented the medals is something I will never forget."

1,650 Paralympians from 121 of the competing countries have visited an Ottobock workshop to have their equipment repaired by the technical service team. On day seven of competition alone, 127 wheelchairs, 21 prostheses and seven orthoses repairs were made by the technical service team. Ottobock is supporting all 4,200 competing athletes with a team of 80 expert prosthetists, orthotists and wheelchair technicians, including 12 welders, who have all volunteered their services. The team of technicians come from 18 countries and speak 14 languages.

Ottobock has been a partner to the Paralympic Games (<http://www.passion.ottobock.com>) providing technical service since the Seoul 1988 Paralympic Games, and has completed approximately 10,000 repairs for athletes during Paralympic competition since then. Records for most repairs completed in a single Games were set at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games where technicians worked more than 10,000 hours completing

2,188 repairs.

Technical service by the numbers:

Total repairs: Day 7, 155. Total to date 2393.

Number of repairs per type:

Orthotic: Day 7, 7. Total to date 149.

Prosthetic: Day 7, 21, Total to date 309.

Wheelchair: Day 7, 127, Total to date 1,935

Number of athletes serviced: Day 7, 101, total to date 1, 650

Number of countries serviced: Total to date 121

Picture caption: (Further images available on request)

Ottobock athletes Kelly Cartwright and Heinrich Popow, who both took home medals on the seventh day of competition, visit the Ottobock workshop. On day seven of competition alone, 155 repairs took place in a 6,500 ft² workshop in the Paralympic Village and nine other workshops next to the field of play at nine competition venues.

About Ottobock Healthcare (<http://paralympic-press.ottobock.com>)

Ottobock is a world leading supplier of high quality, innovative and practical solutions that restore human mobility and help people to rediscover personal independence. Ottobock Healthcare is part of the Ottobock global group of companies established in the UK in 1976. Its wide product range includes high quality prosthetic and orthotic components, wheelchairs, rehabilitation and mobility products available through the country's leading clinics and dealers. With a highly motivated and skilled team of professionals offering expert advice, product sales, service and support, Ottobock solutions enhance the physical comfort, confidence and mobility of the individual. Ottobock aims to achieve the best possible outcome for its customers, combining the latest technology with cutting-edge products and services.

Ottobock is also the Official Prosthetic, Orthotic and Wheelchair Technical Service Provider of the 2012 Paralympic Games. It has been supporting people with disabilities to participate in sports and recreation for more than three decades, and has been a Partner of the Paralympic Games since 1988. Ottobock has been an official 'Worldwide Partner of the Paralympic Movement' since 2005. www.ottobock.co.uk

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