

The **IBV**, created in 1976, is a Research and Development Centre registered in the Innovation Technology Centre Register of the Inter-Ministry Commission for Science and Technology (CICYT) and it is Charter Member of the Spanish Federation of Innovation Technology Centres FEDIT. Its objective is the promotion and practice of scientific research, technological development, technical assessment and the training in Biomechanics of qualified personnel.

IBV offers to enterprises and to public and private institutions a full technological and scientific offer on seven **working areas**:

- ✦ Orthopaedic implants and surgical equipment
- ✦ Technical aids for disabled people
- ✦ Footwear
- ✦ Sports surfaces and equipment
- ✦ Furniture
- ✦ Ergonomics of the workplace
- ✦ Applications and technological resources

The R+D activities carried out at the IBV are aimed at companies, professionals, users and entities of the public administration

The **Companies**, which cooperate with the IBV and profit of their activity can be ordered according to the following sectorial classification: Electromedicine, Surgery, Orthopaedics, Technical Aids, Footwear, Surfaces, Sports and Leisure, Furniture, Mutual Labour organisations, Training and Investigation Centres, Assistential Centres and other Companies (service companies, editorials, etc.)

Further, the IBV interacts with **Associations and Business Groups** and cooperates in aspects affecting globally its members such as, the normalisation of products, within commissions and working groups, AENOR, CEN and ISO.

On the other hand, the different collectives of **Professionals and Users** with which the IBV maintains collaborations can be grouped as follows: Sanitary and Assistance Professionals, Disabled and ill Persons, Sports Trainers, Sports Men and Women, Work Security and Health Professionals, Workers, Industrial Designers, Consumers and Citizen in general.

And, the **Organisms of the Public Administration**, which contribute to their acting, are entities with competence in: Support and Promotion of the R+D, Industry, Sanity, Social Matters, Sports, Labour and Consume.