

WCPT Press Release

Programme details for World Physical Therapy 2011 announced

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For immediate release

Speakers from all corners of the world will be contributing to physical therapy's biggest world gathering, to be held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, next year. The World Confederation for Physical Therapy, which holds an international Congress every four years, announces the first main programme content and speakers this week.

The programme will include 18 different focused symposia featuring top level speakers from each of WCPT's five regions. The focused symposia form a major part of WCPT's Congress programme, and each one will deal with an issue of global relevance to the profession, whether in the field of practice, research, education, management or policy. Details of the newly announced focused symposia, including presenters, are provided in the attached sheet.

"We've been delighted at the number of high quality proposals we've had for focused symposia," says Ann Moore, Chair of WCPT's International Scientific Committee, which has responsibility for putting together the programme for the WCPT Congress. "It's meant that we've been able to select the best speakers, addressing topics that physical therapists all over the world want - and need - to know more about."

Focused symposia have become increasingly popular at WCPT Congresses. Each is organised by a convenor, who leads an international group of presenters through thematically linked and research-focused presentations. The symposium ends with key take-home messages for practice, research, education, management and policy, with international relevance. Each symposium lasts one and a half hours, with at least half an hour for discussion with the audience.

They are central to WCPT's priority of making its Congress as inclusive as possible, says Ann Moore. "We want a programme that will attract practising physical therapists as well as researchers and educators. They will be able to attend workshops, courses and discussions which complement the scientific programme, and will allow them to take away new skills."

The views of physical therapists themselves have been fundamental in shaping plans for the Congress. In 2008, more than a thousand physical therapists responded to a WCPT survey asking them about the issues that interested them the most.

More information

Further details about the symposia and the programme for World Physical Therapy 2011 can be found at: <http://www.wcpt.org/congress/fs>

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Note to WCPT Member Organisations

Please use this information in your magazine, journal or newsletter to help attract delegates to World Physical Therapy 2011 and celebrate the inclusion of speakers from your country or region. Press releases will be sent shortly with further details on focused symposium speakers from your country.

Details of focused symposium subjects and speakers

Advancing International Post-Professional Educational Standards: Learning from the IFOMPT Experience

Alison Rushton (UK), Darren Rivett (Australia), Karen Beeton (UK), Jan Pool (Netherlands), Jackie Sadi (Canada)

Cochrane Systematic Reviews – Enabling Evidence-Based Physiotherapy after Stroke

Jan Mehrholz (Germany), Alex Pollock (UK), Anne Moseley (Australia), Rebecca States (USA)

Concept To Practice: “Moving Physical Therapy Forward Using the ICF”

Alan Jette (USA), Reuben Escorpizo (Switzerland), Soraya Maart (South Africa), Okochi Jiro (Japan)

Development of Evidence-Based Recommendations for Physical Therapy Diagnosis and Treatment

Philip van der Wees (Netherlands), Chris Maher (Australia), Christopher Powers (USA) Aimee Stewart (South Africa), Ann Moore (UK)

Early Physical Exercise and Walking in ICU: Accept the Challenge!

Christiane Perme (USA), Rik Gosselink (Belgium), Alice Jones (Hong Kong)

Exercise and Cancer: The Evidence to Date And Future Direction

Juliette Hussey (Ireland), Julie Walsh (Ireland), Ciara Feeney (Ireland), Margaret McNeely (Canada), Sharon Kilbreath (Australia)

Fit- Active-Habits: Measuring Fitness and Physical Activity in Cerebral Palsy

Margaret O'Neil (USA), Kristie Bjornson (USA), Roslyn Boyd (Australia), Annet Dallmeijer (Netherlands), Deborah Thorpe (USA)

Forging Links to Moral Action: Reaching Beyond Boundaries

Laura Lee Swisher (USA), Gail M Jensen (USA), Aziz Ahmad Adel (Afghanistan), Clare Delany (Australia)

Future Trends in Cardiac Rehabilitation

Arto Hautala (Finland), Bo Fernhall (USA), Tetsuya Takahashi (Japan), Mikko Tulppo (Finland), Sumio Yamada (Japan)

Global Physical Activity Transitions: Emerging Measurement and Therapeutic Opportunity?

Mark Tremblay (Canada), Vincent Onywera (Kenya), Shuichi Obuchi (Japan), Esko Malkia (Finland)

Increasing Practice after Stroke to Optimise Rehabilitation

Catherine Dean (Australia), Louise Ada (Australia), Gert Kwakkel (Netherlands), Luci Teixeira-Salmela (Brazil)

International Clinical Education: Bridging Global Communities While Developing Professional Competency

Celia Pechak (USA), Gail Wainwright (Canada), Carilus Okidi (Kenya), Banakar Hampanna (India)

Management Quality Achieving Excellence in Physiotherapy Service Provision

Robert Jones (UK), Fiona Jenkins (UK), Janice Mueller (New Zealand), Rosalie Boyce (Australia), Ina Diener (South Africa)

Physical Therapy Leadership in Disability and HIV: Sharing International Perspectives

Stephanie Nixon (Canada), Gabriela Abbud (Brazil), Julie Hard (Canada), Hellen Myezwa (South Africa), Kelly O'Brien (Canada)

Qualitative Research Evidence: How Does it Contribute to Evidence-Based Practice?

Christine Carpenter (UK), Simon Igo (UK), Patty Solomon (Canada), Franziska Trede (Australia)

Spinal Manipulation – Evidence for Physiotherapist Delivery Of Effective Procedures

Duncan Reid (New Zealand), Timothy Flynn (USA), Wayne Hing (New Zealand), Chris McCarthy (UK), Pieter Westerhuis (Switzerland)

Teaching People About Pain

Lorimer Moseley (Australia), David Butler (Australia), Michael Thacker (UK), Adriaan Louw (USA)

Web-Based Resources to Support Evidence-Based Physiotherapy

Rob Herbert (Australia), Catherine Sherrington (Australia), David Scalzitti (USA), Lucie Brosseau (Canada), Rob de Bie (Netherlands)