

8<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

Dear Member Organisations,

Our letter comes at this globally challenging time with COVID -19. We hope you and your families are safe and well. We commend the physical therapists worldwide actively providing assistance in the management of this pandemic and taking care of patients and individuals in (preventive) isolation. WCPT <https://www.wcpt.org/> has a collection of resources related to Covid-19 – including guidelines for acute PT management and evidence for interventions for people working from home. The resources are being updated regularly.

We are excited to announce the **IFPTOHE website** is now live, <https://ifptohe.wixsite.com/ifptohe>. We thank Marisa Coetzee, Executive Committee Member, for all her work and leadership on this.

The website is a platform for communication with our members and non-members as we aim to provide:

- guidance in education within the field of occupational health and ergonomics for Physical Therapists
- updated information on international conferences and events for physiotherapists working in occupational health and ergonomics
- information on interesting areas of research within the field (published articles or collaboration opportunities)
- links to guidelines and useful resources for physiotherapists working within the field of occupational health and ergonomics
- links to our social media platforms

The website is still ‘work in progress’ and some areas of content will be added and updated over the course of the next few months. Our blog (which is available on the website) will be an informal platform for communication relating to our website (changes, updates and more) and our committee activities.

We encourage and welcome any and all feedback, suggestions and ideas for this website and invite organisations and members to share information about upcoming courses and events with us.

Please send resources you are happy to share to Marisa via the website contact form.

#### Other news

- [Name change from WCPT](#) to **World Physiotherapy** has implications for our group, to be updated – we may become IFPOHE in the future.
- **Draft IFPTOHE Vision and Mission statements** will be out for consultation shortly. We thank Nic Suckley, Executive Committee Member, and the working party for their efforts on this.

- **WCPT Dubai congress April 2021 –**
  - a. Abstracts open
  - b. IFPTOHE 2<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting to be held in Dubai and we are investigating possibility of running this virtually. Date TBC.
- [ICOH meeting](#) Melbourne Australia, March 2021 – Abstract submission is now open. There will be several Work Disability Prevention streams within the congress
- [IEA meeting](#) Vancouver Canada, June 2021 - First Call for Special Session Submissions is now open

**Attention: Key contact person within your Member Organisation**

Please circulate this newsletter to your members and colleagues, we want to reach all the physical therapists in IFPTOHE Member Organisations and we are unsure if this letter is being widely distributed.

Please check that this letter has been emailed to the correct contact person in your Member Organisation, if not please advise us so we can update our email distribution list accordingly.

With our best wishes

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