

25th June 2019

Dear Colleagues

An update from Geneva, May 2019

On May 8th the International Federation of Physical Therapists working in Occupational Health and Ergonomics was recognised as a formal subgroup of WCPT at the WCPT General Meeting. It has taken us many years to achieve this and thank you to all who have worked towards this.

On May 9th 2019, an informal networking meeting was held at the Geneva School of Physical Therapy. A global audience attended this free event and shared information about occupational health and ergonomics practice/research/education in their country.

This was followed by the First General Meeting for the International Federation of Physical Therapists working in Occupational Health and Ergonomics, at which a vote was held for members of the executive committee. Minutes of the meeting are attached. The committee is looking forward to serving you and your members for their term of engagement. Please find attached to this email the Minutes of the First IFPTOHE General Meeting.

A visit to the International Labour Office (ILO) was held in the afternoon where members of our group were treated to a tour of the building and background information from both the Archivist and one of the ILO staff about the work conducted by the ILO. The ILO is celebrating its 100th year this year, and has musculo-skeletal disorders as a topic of focus for this year.

May 10th - May 13th, the WCPT congress ran with many interesting sessions including posters, podium presentations, a work related symposium plus opportunities for networking. Below is a photo of some of the physical therapists who attended the networking session within the congress.

With kind regards from the Executive Committee

Rose Boucaut (President) Yvonne de Leeuw (Vice President), Marisa Coetzee (Secretary), Kjerstin Stigmar, Nic Suckley, Fredrick Lassen and Rosimeire Padula.

