

Information sheet

No health professional can work in isolation. As a member of a Member Organisation you are already part of WCPT

Physical therapists often ask how they can become a member of WCPT. The answer is we do not offer individual membership. However, all physical therapists are linked to WCPT through membership of their national association. Here are some of the ways you can benefit from belonging to a member organisation of WCPT.

International voice

- You have an international voice as part of an organisation representing more than 300,000 physical therapists worldwide.
- You can have confidence that, if your national association is a WCPT member organisation, it is the sole authoritative body for physical therapy in your country.
- You are linked to an organisation that promotes awareness and understanding of physical therapy and the impact it can have on global health.
- You know that your regional interests and priorities are consistently addressed through the work of WCPT's regions and executive members.



Website and publications

- The WCPT user-friendly website, gives you worldwide access to the profession with:
 - keynote papers, declarations of principle and position statements
 - discussion forums providing contact with physical therapists around the world
 - international work and study news and opportunities
 - opportunities to develop networks in particular subject areas
- *WCPT News* – published four times a year, the only physical therapy specific newsletter with a worldwide view.
- *WCPT E-update* - sent monthly via your member organisation and available on the WCPT website, giving you information on new projects, update reports and news on the confederation's international work.

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Events

- *World Physical Therapy Day* - take part and help promote the profession on 8th September, with access to ready made promotional materials and articles, along with information and ideas on planning activities.
- *Congress* - the profession's largest international event, showcasing advances in physical therapy research, practice and education. Enjoy the members' discount to attend. Learn from speakers who are leaders in their fields, debate current health issues and build international networks with colleagues.

Resources

- Assurance that WCPT will help your organisation establish standards, develop training programmes and regulate the physical therapy profession in your country.
- WCPT Subgroups provide specialist knowledge in specific areas of physical therapy including, acupuncture, paediatrics, women's health, older people, sports, private practice and orthopaedic manipulative therapy.

Awards

Take part in WCPT's high profile awards programme by nominating physical therapists you feel have made outstanding international contributions to the profession.

WCPT moving physical therapy forward

Sign up now: register on the wcpt website at www.wcpt.org/user/register and sign up to receive WCPT News, our monthly e-update, congress updates, and e-alerts on new information available on your chosen subjects of special interest

Put the date in your diary: the next WCPT congress, World Physical Therapy 2011, will take place in Amsterdam, Netherlands 20-23 June, 2011. Register on the wcpt website at www.wcpt.org/user/register to receive congress information as soon as it is available.

