



World Confederation
for Physical Therapy

WCPT Awards Programme 2011

The WCPT awards programme recognises outstanding contributions and leadership by individual physical therapists and groups to the profession and/or global health at an international level.

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The World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) represents the physical therapy profession worldwide. WCPT is registered in the UK as a charity.

Mildred Elson Award

Mildred Elson was the founding President of WCPT and a driving force in establishing the confederation. She believed strongly in the benefits of physical therapists working together nationally and globally. At the second General Meeting she said that the future depended on every single physical therapist working with their patients, professional associations, professional colleagues and private individuals towards a common goal – “the recovery of the patient, physically, socially and economically”.

The Mildred Elson Award is for sustained and continuous leadership over a career and is to honour physical therapists who, like Mildred Elson, have contributed significantly to the development of physical therapy at an international level. It is the highest honour that WCPT can bestow.

Only one Mildred Elson Award is given at each WCPT Congress.

History

The Mildred Elson Award was established in 1987 with funds donated by the American Physical Therapy Association. Mildred Elson was the first President of WCPT and the first recipient of the award in 1987. Recipients since then have been:

1991: Elizabeth McKay - Secretary General of WCPT 1970 - 1986

1995: Geoffrey Maitland - clinician, teacher and author

1999: Joan Walker - educator, researcher

2003: Marilyn Moffat - educator, clinician, author

2007: Jules Rothstein - researcher, writer, educator

For details of the 2007 recipient for the Mildred Elson Award, please see the WCPT website at <http://www.wcpt.org/node/29378#leadership>.

Who can nominate?

Nominations may only be made by WCPT member organisations. In the event a nomination is unsuccessful, member organisations may choose to have their nominee considered for another award.

Who can be nominated?

Candidates must be members of a WCPT member organisation. They cannot be a member of the current WCPT Executive Committee.

International Service Award

Awards for international service are to honour individuals who have made a great contribution towards physical therapy internationally or within their region.

Recipients will be determined based on the international scope and impact of their contribution to physical therapy in one or more of the following areas:

- practice
- education
- research
- administration and policy development

More than one award may be given in each area at each WCPT Congress.

For details of the 2007 recipients of the International Service Awards, please see the WCPT website at <http://www.wcpt.org/node/29378#service>.

Who can nominate?

Nominations are accepted from member organisations, regions and subgroups. All nominations should indicate the area in which the majority of the nominee's work has taken place.

Who can be nominated?

Candidates must be members of a WCPT member organisation.

Humanitarian Service Award

WCPT wishes to recognise individual physical therapists who have improved people's lives through their exceptional care, compassion, dedication and personal commitment. The first recipient of this award, Alberto Cairo, epitomised this extraordinary level of dedication.

Recipients of this award may have carried out their work at a national or international level.

Normally there will only be one recipient of the award.

For details of the 2007 recipient of the Humanitarian Service Award, please see the WCPT website at <http://www.wcpt.org/node/29378#humanity>.

Who can nominate?

Nominations are accepted from member organisations, regions and subgroups.

Who can be nominated?

Any physical therapist who has shown personal commitment and dedication and is held in high esteem by peers. Nominees may not necessarily be a member of a WCPT member organisation.

Leadership in Rehabilitation Award

The purpose of this award is to recognise an individual or group/organisation who has made a great contribution to international rehabilitation and/or global health. The individual or group nominated may have made a significant contribution in areas such as:

- leading rehabilitation programmes in eg disaster areas, war-affected zones
- ensuring that populations have adequate access to rehabilitation services
- initiating new rehabilitation education and/or research programmes

Only one Leadership in Rehabilitation Award may be given at each WCPT Congress.

Who can nominate?

Nominations may be submitted by member organisations, regions, subgroups and the executive committee.

Who can be nominated?

Individuals or groups/organisations may be nominated. While it is expected that individual physical therapists would be nominated in other categories, if a group or organisation is nominated physical therapists are not precluded from being part of the group

Recognition of Service to WCPT Award

In addition to awards through nomination, WCPT recognises individuals who have contributed to WCPT as chairs of regions and subgroups and through membership of committees.

Who can nominate?

Recognition of Service Awards are determined by the Executive Committee and are not open to nomination.

Nominations for all awards other than those for recognition of service, are received by the WCPT Awards Committee with final decisions made by the Executive Committee.