



World Physical Therapy thérapie physique mondiale 2007

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PRESS RELEASE

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The 15th International Congress of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy will take place in Vancouver, Canada from 2-6 June 2007. Our hosts will be the Canadian Physiotherapy Association. The venue for the Congress will be the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre [www.vanconex.com]

WCPT is pleased to announce its call for Focused Symposia and Workshops opens on 1 October 2005.

Focused Symposia: Each focused symposium is organised by a convenor who is a recognised expert / authority in the field.

The symposia are structured to include:

- An introduction by the convenor
- Up to three additional presenters
- A discussion period of presenters with the audience
- A summary by the convenor

In the summary at the end of the symposium, the convenor gives some insight into the implications and future directions for practice, research and education in the area.

Each symposium will last 1.5 hours.

Workshops: Workshops will actively engage participants via a range of learning formats to explore issues in depth.

Each workshop will have specific learning outcomes and enable attendees to:

- Participate in intellectual and problem solving discussion with each other and the presenters;
and / or
- Engage in hands on practice;
- Develop action plans for implementation back in the workplace

The workshops are likely to include at least one of the following formats:

- Technique/skills demonstrations:
 - Practice/opportunities for smaller groups
 - Facilitation for larger groups with the use of a live video link
- Lectures and facilitated interactive discussion groups
- Case studies – to include case presentation and discussion of issues

- Evidence in practice applied – clinical questions with practical advice and solutions on searching, interpreting and applying the evidence to clinical decision making

The duration of workshop sessions will be two hours.

Each submission must be made electronically via the WCPT website www.wcpt.org. Online submission opens on **1 October 2005**. The closing date for the submission of proposals is **31 January 2006**. All applicants will be notified of the outcome by **30 April 2006**.

WCPT is pleased to announce its call for Abstracts for Platform and Poster Presentations opens on 1 January October 2006.

Abstracts are requested for the following categories:

- 1. Research Reports**
Research reports are presentations of original scientific data collected by the authors. Submissions with pending results will **not** be accepted. Any established research approach, research design or research methods will be welcomed.
- 2. Special Interest Reports, including Professional Resource Materials**
Special interest reports include presentations of new or unique programmes or theories and descriptions of innovative ways in which established methods have been adapted to meet the needs of physical therapy practice, management, education or policy. Reports concerned with the organisation, regulation or management of physical therapy services, education, research development and service delivery will be considered in this category. Those wishing to present details of professional resource materials, such as computer-based programs, materials or audiovisual material should submit an abstract for a poster or platform presentation under this category

Instructions and on-line submission of abstracts will be available on the WCPT website from **1 January 2006**. The closing date for the submission of abstracts is **15 September 2006**. All applicants will be notified of the outcome by **31 January 2007**.

Background

The overall Congress theme for 2007 is Moving Physical Therapy Forward, this continues the theme used in 2003 and as promoted in the current strategic direction and policies of WCPT. It is seen as a unifying theme encompassing global change, challenges and opportunities for the profession of physical therapy and the governments, professionals and populations we work with. Where better to move physical therapy forward than at its prestigious international Congress!

Congress 2007 will be structured around 5 core programme tracks. These will be used to draw together different sessions that complement each other.

Track 1: Global Health

Track 2: Professional Issues

Track 3: Professional Practice

Track 4: Education

Track 5: Research and Development

Full details can be found on WCPT's website: www.wcpt.org/congress

Advertisements for inclusion in publications are available in both colour and black and white. These can be downloaded from the WCPT website at www.wcpt.org/congress/downloads.php