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World Physical Therapy 2011 opens doors to 5,000 delegates

The 2011 WCPT Congress in Amsterdam opened its doors today [Monday] ahead of four days, 140 sessions, and the biggest international gathering of physical therapists this century. Five thousand delegates are already registered, and more are expected to turn up to register on site.

“We’re absolutely delighted that there’s been so much interest from physical therapists, and from companies who want to be associated with World Physical Therapy 2011,” says Marilyn Moffat, WCPT President. “We’re all looking forward to immersing ourselves in this global gathering of physical therapists. At a WCPT Congress you know what it means to be part of an international physical therapy community.”

Since the first WCPT Congress held in London in 1953, there have been 15 congresses held by WCPT all over the globe. This will be one of the biggest in the confederation’s history.

It is also the third where the programme has been organised under the auspices of a WCPT International Scientific Committee, selecting presentations according to strict quality principles, and guided by the views of physical therapists themselves.

There are visitors from countries where the profession is small – French Polynesia, Iraq, Libya, Madagascar, Montenegro, Panama, South Korea, Swaziland, Tanzania, united Arab Emirates, Jamaica, Sudan, Sri Lanka, Macau and Papua New Guinea.

And there will be an impressive representation from countries where the profession is well established. There are 200 Australian and New Zealand physical therapists travelling from the other side of the world.

The World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) is the global voice for physical therapists/physiotherapists, with 101 national member organisations representing over 350,000 members of the profession.

More information

Further details about the congress can be found at: <http://www.wcpt.org/congress>

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