

Press release

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Singapore physiotherapists sign congress agreement with their profession's world body

The Singapore Physiotherapy Association (SPA) has formally signed an agreement with the World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT), confirming their collaboration for the WCPT Congress, to be held in Singapore in 2015.

The congress, the world's biggest and most important international event for physiotherapists, will be held at the Suntec Singapore Convention and Exhibition Centre over four days in May 2015. The previous WCPT Congress, held in the Netherlands in 2011, attracted over 5,000 delegates.

The agreement between WCPT and the SPA was signed at a high tea at the Fairmont Hotel, during a visit to Singapore by WCPT representatives Tracy Bury, Director of Professional Policy, and Rachel Moore, Project Manager. The SPA's President, Dinesh Verma, and Vice President, Vivian Lim, signed the agreement, which sets out how WCPT and SPA will cooperate to create a successful congress.

Also present were Singapore physiotherapy managers who will host clinical visits during the congress, and members of the SPA Executive Committee.

Tracy Bury said the event was an opportunity for Singapore physiotherapists to find out about the WCPT Congress, and to get an idea of what it will be like to open their doors to members of the profession coming from all over the world.

"It was clear how committed our hosts are to welcoming physiotherapists and giving them a taste of Singapore," she said. "This was a wonderful opportunity to meet face to face, and recognise all the work on planning the congress that has already been taking place over the past 12 months and prepare for more intensive planning to come."

Dinesh Verma knows the physiotherapy spotlight is going to be on Singapore in 2015. He said: "Singapore physiotherapists are thrilled to be hosting physiotherapists from around the world at the WCPT Congress and we know what a wonderful opportunity this will be for the profession in Singapore to benefit from networking and learning from international experts."

Background information

Founded in 1951, the World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) is the sole international voice for physical therapy, representing more than 350,000 physical therapists

worldwide through its 106 member organisations. Every four years WCPT holds a scientific congress showcasing advancements in physical therapy research, practice and education. The Singapore Physiotherapy Association are the hosts for the 2015 congress, to be held on 1st-4th May 2015 at Suntec Singapore Convention and Exhibition Centre. The host organisation plays a vital role in promoting the congress nationally, welcoming delegates and providing them with a flavour of national culture.

The Singapore Physiotherapy Association is the national professional association for physiotherapists in Singapore. In 2014 it will celebrate its 50th anniversary. SPA has over 500 members and has been a member of WCPT since 1982.

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