

Press release

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New WCPT President and Executive Committee elected

Emma Stokes has been confirmed as the new President of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy at the WCPT General Meeting, held in Singapore. Emma, who was previously WCPT Vice President, stood unopposed and will serve as President for the next four years.

Her term as President begins after the WCPT Congress 2015 ends, on Tuesday 5th May. Margot Skinner will be WCPT's new Vice President. The other members of the WCPT Executive Board were also appointed.

"We are starting on a four-year journey building on the amazing commitment to physical therapy of the previous Executive Committee, President and Vice President," said Emma, on her election. "It's a great privilege to be elected. I will work hard on your behalf, and look forward to working with the new Executive Board."

Emma Stokes is Associate Professor at the Department of Physiotherapy in Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland. Her involvement with WCPT began in 1998 when she began representing the Irish Society of Chartered Physiotherapists at international meetings, including WCPT's European Region. She has been on WCPT's Executive Committee since 2007. One of her priorities is to encourage young physical therapists and help them develop into the leaders of the future.

Margot Skinner, the new WCPT Vice President, also stood unopposed. She currently serves as the WCPT Executive Committee Member from Asia Western Pacific. She is Senior Lecturer at the School of Physiotherapy at the University of Otago. She has also been on WCPT's Executive Committee since 2007 and was Chair of its Asia Western Pacific Region between 2003 and 2007.

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Also selected were the members of WCPT's Executive Committee, to serve between 2015 and 2019. They are:

Africa: Esther Munalula Nkandu (Zambia)

Asia Western Pacific: Melissa Locke (Australia)

Europe: John Xerri de Caro (Malta)

North America Caribbean: Stacy de Gale (Trinidad & Tobago)

South America: Gabriela Mallma (Peru)

About the WCPT General Meeting and Congress

The WCPT General Meeting and the WCPT Congress which follows are being held in Singapore between 29th April and 4th May. Representatives from 74 of WCPT's member organisations are attending the General Meeting. More than 3,500 physical therapists are expected at the WCPT Congress

Further details about the programme for WCPT Congress 2015 can be found at:

www.wcpt.org/congress/fs

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