International Society of Physiotherapy Journal Editors (ISPJE) Meeting

Held at WCPT Congress, Geneva, Switzerland

Room G, Palexpo Centre

Sunday 12 May, 12:30 – 13:30

Chairperson: Mark Elkins
Secretary: Christine Lin (apology)
Minutes: Mark Elkins
Attendance: (not posted as incomplete)

Mark Elkins: Welcome and thanks to Tracy Bury (WCPT) for incorporating the meeting in the congress program. We will start with Prof Rob Herbert’s presentation titled because others are in the room to hear that presentation.

Rob Herbert presented ‘The end of statistical significance’, followed by questions from the audience. During the questions and comments period, it was noted that: although it will take time to bring editorial boards, authors and readers around to this policy, it is a move in the right direction; many journals are already moving from interpreting results around a threshold of statistical significance to interpreting them using estimation of effects and confidence intervals; and adopting a policy that bans or discourages use of the term ‘statistical significant’ does not mean throwing away decades of past research.

Rob Herbert agreed to post the slides from his presentation on the ISPJE website (https://www.wcpt.org/ispje). These have been forwarded to the WCPT with a request for posting.

Mark Elkins provided an update of the ISPJE, showing that we now have 129 member journals. The membership process was outline with slides of the website. Members were encouraged to check their journal’s details and update if necessary.

Mark Elkins also announced that a call for nominations would be circulated for the position of ISPJE secretary. This was incorrectly announced as being for an 8-year term but the correct term is 4 years. Voting will be conducted by email.

Mark Elkins announced that a webinar is planned for the following topic: Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE). This will be scheduled in February or March 2020. Suggestions for other topics were called for but none were offered.