

# Press release

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## Key speakers for WCPT Congress 2019 announced

WCPT is pleased to announce the opinion leaders and innovators in physical therapy who will present the key sessions at the world's largest gathering of the profession – the WCPT Congress, to be held in Geneva, Switzerland on 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

The congress programme includes 26 focused symposia featuring 119 speakers from around the world. Focused symposia are core sessions where cutting edge research and practice perspectives are explored and debated creating an insightful learning experience for clinicians, managers, educators, researchers and policy makers. Details of the newly announced symposia, including speakers, are provided in the attached sheets.

“We are extremely pleased with the high quality of the many proposals we have reviewed. There were some very difficult choices, however we are proud to present the focused symposia that we believe represent the best possible combinations of a range of timely topics with relevance to clinicians, educators and researchers, delivered by excellent speakers from all over the world,” said Charlotte Häger, Chair of WCPT's Congress Programme Committee (CPC), which has responsibility for putting together the programme for the WCPT Congress.

“Focused symposia are a great opportunity to gain a unique understanding and real insight into a particular field from different global perspectives.”

“The CPC has a strong commitment to ensure that there is as much interaction as possible in the congress, as well as something of interest for every single delegate. Together we will make the most of this congress.”

Each focused symposium is organised by a convenor, who leads an international group of speakers through linked research-focused presentations. The symposium ends with key take-home messages for practice, research, education, management and policy.

Further details about the symposia for the WCPT Congress 2019 can be found at: [www.wcpt.org/wcpt2019/programme/fs](http://www.wcpt.org/wcpt2019/programme/fs).

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### **Note to WCPT member organisations**

Please use this information in your magazine, journal, newsletter or social media channels to help attract delegates to the WCPT Congress 2019 and celebrate the inclusion of speakers from your country or region. **Press releases will be sent shortly with further details on focused symposium speakers from your country.**

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### **Details of focused symposium subjects and speakers**

#### **CAN YOU IMAGINE? MOTOR IMAGERY IN NEUROREHABILITATION**

Christian Collet (France), Giancarlo Lucchetti (Brazil), Corina Schuster-Amft (Switzerland), Nikhil Sharma (United Kingdom)

#### **DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION – WHAT THIS MEANS FOR PHYSIOTHERAPY**

Tracy Blake (Canada), Maria-Lousia Busuttill (Malta), Uchenna Ossai (United States), Jenny Setchell (Australia), Mohammad Shoiab (United Kingdom)

#### **EARLY REHABILITATION IN HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCIES - CHALLENGES AND SUCCESSES**

Ripon Chakraborty (Bangladesh), Andre Da Silva (France), Pamela Henderson (Iraq), Peter Skelton (United Kingdom), Daniel Wappenstein (Ecuador)

#### **EDUCATION RESEARCH IN PHYSICAL THERAPY: MAKING THE INVISIBLE - VISIBLE**

Steven Chesbro (United States), Joy Higgs (Australia), Gail Jensen (United States), Terry Nordstrom (United States), Nina Rydland Olsen (Norway)

#### **EVOLUTION OF ADVANCED PRACTICE IN THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY, WHO BENEFITS?**

Ina Diener (South Africa), Laura Finucane (United Kingdom), Andrews Tawiah (Ghana), Jonathan Warren (New Zealand)

#### **EXERCISE TESTING AND TRAINING CONSIDERATIONS FOR CANCER SURVIVOR REHABILITATION**

Jacqueline Drouin (United States), G. Stephen Morris (United States), Caroline M. Speksnijder (Netherlands)

#### **FALLS AROUND THE WORLD - A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE TO PREVENTION**

Keith Hill (Australia), Susan Hunter (Canada), Shanthi Johnson (Canada), Ellen Smulders (Netherlands), Plaiwan Suttanon (Thailand)

#### **HOW ABOUT WORK? INTEGRATING OCCUPATIONAL FACTORS WITHIN MUSCULOSKELETAL PHYSIOTHERAPY**

Douglas Gross (Canada), Nathan Hutting (Netherlands), Venerina Johnston (Australia), Kjerstin Stigmar (Sweden), Heather Watson (United Kingdom)

#### **IMPROVEMENT OF AND ACCESS TO PHYSICAL THERAPY IN KNEE-HIP OSTEOARTHRITIS**

Kim Louise Bennell (Australia), Rana S. Hinman (Australia), Soren T. Skou (Denmark), Martin van der Esch (Netherlands), Marike van der Leeden (Netherlands)

#### **IMPROVING MOBILITY LEVELS OF HOSPITALISED PATIENTS**

Brian Dolan (United Kingdom), Michael Friedman (United States), Alison Mudge (Australia), Cindy Veenhof (Netherlands)

#### **LEADERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT IN PHYSIOTHERAPY**

Phil Glasgow (United Kingdom), Denise Gobert (United States), Stefan Jutterdal (Sweden), Emer McGowan (Ireland)

**MAXIMIZE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ROBOT-ASSISTED GAIT TRAINING AFTER STROKE**

Jaap Buurke (Netherlands), Nina Lefeber (Belgium), Jan Mehrholz (Germany), Eva Swinnen (Belgium), Federica Tamburella (Italy)

**MODERN TECHNOLOGY IN REHABILITATION**

Carlos Chiatti (Italy), Eva Ekvall Hansson (Sweden), Jorunn Helbostad (Norway), Suzanne McDonough (United Kingdom), Ulrik Røjezon (Sweden)

**PERSONALIZED TRAINING WITH NEUROMODULATION AND VIRTUAL REALITY TECHNOLOGIES IN STROKE**

Silvi Frenkel-Toledo (Israel), Mindy F. Levin (Canada), Dario G. Liebermann (Israel), John M. Solomon (India)

**PHYSICAL ACTIVITY: POSITIONING PHYSIOTHERAPY AS A GLOBAL FORCE FOR CHANGE**

Night Atwongyeire (Uganda), Nicole Freene (Australia), Sara Hazzard (United Kingdom), Breanne Kunstler (Australia), Anna Lowe (United Kingdom)

**PHYSICAL THERAPY IN MENTAL HEALTH**

Emanuel Brunner (Switzerland), Joanne Connaughton (Australia), Lene Nyboe (Denmark), Michel Probst (Belgium), Brendon Stubbs (United Kingdom)

**PREOPERATIVE PHYSIOTHERAPY MANAGEMENT FOR PATIENTS UNDERGOING MAJOR VISCERAL SURGERY**

Lanthe Boden (Australia), Julio F Fiore Jr (Canada), Julie Reeve (New Zealand), Karin Valkenet (Netherlands)

**PREPARING PHYSICAL THERAPISTS FOR TECHNOLOGY REVOLUTION IN THE DIGITAL AGE**

Cameron Greenland (Australia), Eleanor Main (United Kingdom), Brenda Morrow (South Africa), Shane Patman (Australia), Amanda Thomas (United Kingdom)

**REHABILITATION OF PERSONS WITH LOWER LIMB AMPUTATIONS: THE ICRC'S EXPERIENCE**

Saeda Albarawi (Palestine), Leslie Angama (Colombia), Jacqueline Duarte (Colombia), Sayeed Shapin Ibne (Bangladesh), Sara Haile Taye (Ethiopia)

**STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE THE APPLICATION OF EVIDENCE TO INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS**

Leonardo Costa (Brazil), Rebecca Craik (United States), Mark Elkins (Australia), Sallie Lamb (United Kingdom), Philip van der Wees (Netherlands)

**STRENGTHENING REHABILITATION LEADERSHIP IN LINE WITH WHO REHABILITATION 2030 AGENDA**

Cornelia Barth (Switzerland), Zeon De Wet (Tanzania), Pauline Kleinitz (Switzerland), Graziella Lippolis (Belgium), Felix Nindorera (Burundi)

**TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATICS CURRICULUM CONSIDERATIONS FOR PHYSIOTHERAPY UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS**

Catherine Dean (Australia), Ann Green (United Kingdom), Karen Litzy (United States), Mark Merolli (Australia)

**THE EVIDENCED ROLE OF ELECTROPHYSICAL MODALITIES IN CONTEMPORARY PHYSICAL THERAPY**

Alison Hoens (Canada), Karthikeyan Ramalingam (Papua New Guinea), Oscar Ronzio (Argentina), Tim Watson (United Kingdom)

**THE SHOULDER & ELBOW: ADVANCES IN ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT**

Ann Cools (Belgium), Karen Ginn (Australia), Jeremy Lewis (United Kingdom), Jean-Sébastien Roy (Canada), Bill Vicenzino (Australia)

**TOXIC STRESS, TRAUMA AND PAIN MANAGEMENT IN VULNERABLE POPULATIONS**

Nasirul Islam (Bangladesh), Veena Raigangar (United Arab Emirates), Bassima Schbley (United States),  
Lori Maria Walton (United Arab Emirates)

**WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT DATA**

Heidi Jannenga (United States), Karim Khan (Canada), Rachael Lowe (United Kingdom), Andrew Walton (United Kingdom)