



## Press release

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### **WCPT announces new Chief Executive Officer**

**The World Confederation for Physical Therapy has appointed Jonathon Kruger as its new Chief Executive Officer. He takes up the position in London on 1<sup>st</sup> August.**

An Australian physiotherapist with almost two decades of experience in senior management, lobbying and advocacy, Jonathon joins WCPT following Brenda Myers' retirement earlier this year.

"It's a great honour to lead an organisation like WCPT," he says. "Now more than ever it's important to have a strong global body to unite the physical therapy community across the world. I look forward to working in this exciting position in the coming years."

Before his appointment as CEO of WCPT, Jonathon was employed as the General Manager (Policy) at the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists. He has also held senior roles with the Victorian Government, Australian Medical Association and Australian Physiotherapy Association.

Jonathon has substantial expertise in analysing and influencing public health policy in areas as diverse as workforce modelling, primary health care and chronic diseases.

In welcoming Jonathon to WCPT, the President, Dr Emma Stokes highlighted Jonathon's diverse experience.

"On behalf of the Board of WCPT, I welcome Jonathon's appointment to the position of CEO at a very exciting time for WCPT. From his time at the Australian Physiotherapy Association, Jonathon is very familiar with the vision of WCPT and international physical therapy.

"In addition, he brings a wealth of experience from his work in other organisations specifically in the areas of governance, policy and advocacy and will enable WCPT to strengthen its reach and impact in line with our ambitious strategic plan."

Jonathon recognises that the global physical therapy community is growing and advancing, and that organisations like WCPT must also evolve to ensure they are fit for purpose.

"I'm excited to build upon the foundations established by the previous Secretaries General, ensuring that physical therapy has a voice in global forums such as the World Health Organisation."



“With the incredible growth of physical therapy worldwide, I look forward to taking on this role and to creating connections with member organisations and other WCPT stakeholders as well as physical therapists around the globe.”

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