

International Organisation of Physical Therapists in Paediatrics
World Confederation of Physical Therapy
2015-19 Strategic Plan

Vision: IOPTP will empower physical therapists with an interest in paediatrics to provide effective PT services for children throughout the world .

Mission: In order to promote effective services for children (birth into adulthood) and their families throughout the world , the mission of the IOPTP is to:

- ◇ provide professional development;
- ◇ disseminate current resources;
- ◇ develop and disseminate new resource ;
- ◇ promote research; and
- ◇ provide opportunities for communication and networking for physical therapists.

Goal 1: To encourage improved standards and consistency of practice in paediatrics care by physical therapists

Ref #	Strategy	Responsible Party	Target Date	Status: IP=in process, D= deferred, C=complete Comments
1A	Identify needs of pediatric physical therapists in member associations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send out surveys 	Practice Committee	2015-17	Send out surveys Survey of member organizations sent to explore the experience of PTs in assessing and treating pediatric obesity. Responses received from 248 therapists.
1B	Identify resources available through member associations (fact sheets, clinical practice guidelines, and publications) and post on website(topics to include and assessment/evaluation tools) Update Clinical Guidelines posted on IOPTP website	Practice Committee with Communications Committee	2016-19	Update Clinical Guidelines posted on IOPTP website Identification priority topics (via survey) and development fact sheets Obesity survey results indicate the learning needs of therapists in assessing and managing obesity in children.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification priority topics (via survey) • develop fact sheets 			
1C	<p>Develop resources/practice guidelines for high priority topics identified through the survey (utilizing WCPT resource on developing guidelines and AGREE 2 for appraising guidelines)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop resources and practice guidelines for priority topics 	Practice Committee	2015- 2017	Develop resources and practice guidelines for priority topics

Goal 2: To provide programming and education to support practice of paediatric physical therapy.

Ref #	Strategy	Responsible Party	Target Date	Status: IP=in process, D= deferred, C=complete Comments
2A	<p>Plan programming for WCPT conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify priority topics, speakers • Encourage proposals for posters and presentations • Work with WCPT in appropriate roles 	Program Committee	2016 for 2017 midterm congress 2018 for 2019 congress	<p>Identify priority topics, speakers Encourage proposals for posters and presentations Work with WCPT in appropriate roles</p> <p>Could consider developing a poster for the IOPTP booth as have missed the abstract submission deadline.</p>
2B	<p>Explore opportunities to partner with other organizations' continuing education conferences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication with member organizations and other associations to identify roles and opportunities for partnering, sharing information, identifying state of the art topics and 	Program Committee with Exec Committee	2015-19	<p>Communication with member organizations and other associations to identify roles and opportunities for partnering, sharing information, identifying state of the art topics and speakers</p> <p>Potential to link with the European Association for the Study of Obesity and the European Childhood Obesity Group in addition to other obesity groups worldwide.</p>

	speakers			
2C	<p>Identify or develop teaching/educational modules or webinars for academic teaching or continuing education based on high priority topics and disseminate by posting/linking on the IOPTP website (on-line education courses, power points, etc)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and/or develop teaching/educational modules • discuss how to identify and link to existing materials • determine how to measure relevance and value of existing materials • will clearly designate the materials that are available for a cost vs no cost 	Education Committee with Communications Committee	2016-2018	IP
2D	<p>Identify currently available education resources and post on the website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • focus on materials for parents and clinicians • include print and video resources 	Education Committee with Communications	2016	IP
2E	<p>Develop list of pediatric physical therapy speakers/faculty who are willing to be a resource for member countries and post on website (research projects and educational programming for priority topics)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • requesting list of potential speakers identified in 2012 survey 	Education Committee	2016-2018	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> use current list of WCPT member contacts to request assistance 			
2F	<p>Publish results from the 2012-13 survey about academic education in paediatrics for physical therapists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> requesting 2012 survey results 	Educ Comm with Commun Comm	2016	
2G	<p>Identify post-entry level programs, residencies and fellowships in paediatric PT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review WCPT member fact sheets to identify current entry level degree in each country committee to review this information 	Education Committee	2016	
2H	<p>Identify opportunities for learning (clinical and academic) and collaborative exchanges for short-term work: students, clinicians, educators, researchers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skype call to discuss plan to link those requesting learning opportunities with mentors contact Health Volunteers Overseas, WHO and other agencies which coordinate volunteer opportunities in pediatric physical therapy 	Education Committee	2017-2018	<p>Contact will be made with Lucie and Mulugeta who are currently involved with exchanges through Queens College in Canada</p> <p>Lana and Donna have both worked with HVO</p> <p>Grace completed an exchange with University of Cape Town/Red Cross Children's Hospital in the past. Potential to build on this collaboration between South Africa and Ireland.</p>
2I	<p>Identify individuals willing to serve members as mentors</p> <p>Develop process for linking mentors to learners</p>	Education Committee	2017-2018	

Goal 3: To encourage scientific research and promote opportunities for the spread of knowledge of new developments in the field of paediatrics

Ref#	Strategy	Responsible Party	Target Date	Status: IP=in process, D= deferred, C=complete Comments
3A	Organisation of research committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create working groups within the Research Committee • Update and give new information and guidance to members via newsletter and website 	Research Committee	2016	
			2016-19	
3B	Networking/Collaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compile a database of research committee member's research interests. • Develop a database of international/inter-country exchange opportunities to build links and projects • Develop/disseminate guidelines for practice • Facilitate and report on collaboration between researchers and clinicians, e.g. in developing research questions, designing projects, and implementing and evaluating interventions. • Provide education regarding ethics in research and practice 	Research Committee	2016	
			2017-18	
			2017-19	
			2016-19	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Promote understanding of the ethics around clinical research to insure protection of human subjects and patients' records. ○ Ask if the Scientific Committee inform authors who submit abstracts to WCPT if abstract has been declined because of ethical issues? 	<p>Research Committee Chair</p>	<p>2017-19</p> <p>2017</p>	
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3C	Research into Practice/ Knowledge translation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promote dissemination of research using the newsletter, website, blogs, WCPT Congress • Develop PhD student theses database 			
		Research Committee With Communications	2016-19	

Goal 4: To foster cooperation and advance practice by sharing resources and information

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4A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate what is available and where/how • Seek new or updated information for disseminating • Post contact information for available resources on the website 	Communications Committee / Website Editor	2016 and ongoing	D= due to lack of members there is no designated member devoted to the newsletter but the FaceBook page is very active and is IP IP= at this time we develop and post 2 newsletters per year

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education resources • Online courses • Speakers • Practice guidelines/documents • Post-entry level programs • Residencies & fellowships • Specialization/certification processes 			
4B	<p>Provide information through eblasts to IOPTP member presidents, newsletters and website re: IOPTP activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lists of officers, Committee chairs and members, • minutes of meetings, • constitution, • strategic plan, • newsletters 	Communications Committee /Website Editor	2015 and annually	IP= newsletters are published twice a year
4C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send links to each member organization to include in their newsletters and resources • Send Emails to member organizations at time of publication of newsletters with appropriate links • Use Facebook as means of distributing information about IOPTP to members and potential members • Committee members post other resources 	Communications Committee / Website Editor	2015-ongoing	IP= newsletters are posted twice a year

4D	Identify individuals to respond to or initiate postings on the website, listserv, facebook or other social media related to specific areas, ie research, teaching, interventions, practice settings	Communications Committee with IOPTP Board		Seeking individuals to take these roles
4G	Represent pediatric physical therapy internationally by providing advice/expertise to relevant bodies (eg WHO, UN) via WCPT when requested	Executive Committee	Upon request or identified opportunity	Facilitated participation in school and health of children webinars, meetings and conferences: Liz Gray (UK) and IOPTP President

Goal 5: To assist WCPT member countries in the initial and ongoing development of recognized Sub-sections in paediatrics

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5A	Provide information for forming and recognizing sub-sections in Pediatrics; post on website and include in newsletter	Exec Committee with Communications Committee	2015-19	Letters sent to WCPT member presidents to encourage membership of affiliated and recognized pediatric groups
5B	Explore ways to coordinate and support activities of member countries/associations	Exec Committee	2015-19	Asking for ideas as communicate with IOPTP member organization presidents
5C	Implement activities to promote awareness of IOPTP among national PT organizations and national subgroups/special interest groups to encourage involvement in and support of IOPTP (outreach to WCPT member org)	Exec Committee	2015-19	Provided updates of IOPTP activities to pediatric member organizations of IOPTP