

## Press release

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### **13 physical therapy associations admitted as WCPT member organisations**

**13 physical therapy associations were admitted to the World Confederation for Physical Therapy at its General Meeting on 8 May 2019 in Geneva. This brings the total number of member organisations to 121.**

The new member organisations are the physical therapy associations from: Bhutan, Costa Rica, Georgia, Haiti, Ivory Coast, Kosovo, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Senegal, Sudan.

12 of the new member organisations were ceremonially welcomed at the General Meeting, parading their flags and being officially received by the WCPT President. Representatives of the member organisation in Senegal were unable to attend the General Meeting.

Patricia Bertrand, President of the Haitian Physiotherapy Society, said: 'Alone, we can only go faster, together we go further.'

All WCPT member organisations have the right to be represented at the General Meeting, which is held every four years. This year, voting delegates from 106 member organisations attended the meeting, where the President and Vice President will be elected, policies adopted, and strategic priorities for the next four years determined.

#### **About the WCPT General Meeting and Congress**

The WCPT General Meeting was due to take place on 8 and 9 May.

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

Please use this information in your magazine, journal, newsletter or social media channels. It may also be forwarded to your local or national media.

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

### About physical therapy

Physical therapists (also known as physiotherapists) are experts in developing and maintaining people's ability to move and function throughout their lives. With an advanced understanding of how the body moves and what keeps it from moving well, they promote wellness, mobility and independence. They treat and prevent many problems caused by pain, illness, disability and disease, sport and work related injuries, ageing and inactivity.

Physical therapists are educated over several years, giving them a full knowledge of the body's systems and the skills to treat a wide range of problems. This education is usually university-based, at a level that allows physical therapists to practise independently. Continuing education ensures that they keep up to date with the latest advances in research and practice. Many physical therapists are engaged in research themselves.

### About WCPT

WCPT is the profession's global body representing over 450,000 physical therapists/physiotherapists from member organisations in 121 countries. More information: [www.wcpt.org](http://www.wcpt.org).



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