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Dear Member Organisations,

We bring you the IFPOHE September Newsletter 2025, please share with your members.

Please find accompanying this email Minutes of the IFPOHE General Meeting held in March 2025

Achievements

Three of our Executive Committee Members have had some important achievements recently:

First, we draw your attention a recent article about Prediction of return to work post knee arthroplasty, the lead investigator being our Vice president Yvonne van Zaanen. Congratulations Yvonne !

van Zaanen, Y., Hoozemans, M. J., Kievit, A. J., Kuijer, P. P. F., van Geenen, R. C. I., Pahlplatz, T. M. J., ... & Scholtes, V. A. (2025). Predictive Validity of the Work, Osteoarthritis, or Joint Replacement Questionnaire for Return to Work After Total Knee Arthroplasty: A 12-Month Multicenter Prospective Cohort Study. *The Journal of arthroplasty*, 40(3), 625-631.

Second, Executive Committee Member Prof. Vasiliki Sakellari, together with Prof. George Gioftsos, successfully co-edited the 1st Edition of the Special Issue "Posture, Balance, and Gait: Assessment Techniques and Rehabilitation Strategies" in *Journal of Functional Morphology and Kinesiology (MDPI)*. https://www.mdpi.com/journal/jfmk/special_issues/76CZ2L40OD with contributions also from IFPOHE Secretary, Marisa Coetzee. Vasiliki sends a heartfelt thank you to all colleagues and contributors who supported the 1st Edition. Following this success, they are now launching the **2nd Edition**, calling for submissions on innovative assessment methods, rehabilitation strategies, fall-prevention, ergonomic interventions, and technology integration

https://www.mdpi.com/journal/jfmk/special_issues/C731740M3W.

Congratulations to Vasiliki and Marisa !



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Upcoming Events

CRE-MSD upcoming hybrid event on October 1st with the theme “Where health and safety programs meet MSD prevention: The journey from idea to implementation”. More information at: <https://uwaterloo.ca/centre-of-research-expertise-for-the-prevention-of-musculoskeletal-disorders/2025-conference>

Feedback

A planning meeting will be held in mid October by the Executive Committee – if you have ideas you wish to bring to our attention please do so by October 4th, 2025.

Membership

Discussions are currently underway with the Argentine group which is interested in becoming an IFPOHE Member.

Notifications, Recent events

Yvonne van Zaanen and Tracey Atkinson presented at a webinar held by Ordem dos Fisioterapeutas, IFPOHE’s MO from Portugal celebrated a vibrant debate about IFPOHE Global Standards and current practices with over 90 attendees

Executive Committee Member Vasiliki Sakellari is completing the World Physiotherapy Leadership Programme (2024/2025) and will present her case study “Leading Change: Institutionalizing Occupational Health Physiotherapy in Greece” at the upcoming Leadership Forum on 18 September 2025. The case study drew on a landmark national event co-organised by the Panhellenic Physiotherapists’ Association and Hellenic Confederation of Professionals, Craftsmen and Merchants (GSEVEE) in June 2025, under the auspices of the Greek Ministry of Health, where Rose Boucaut, IFPOHE President, delivered the



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international keynote on the global role of physiotherapists in occupational health. This event, alongside Vasiliki's advocacy, showcases the potential of physiotherapists to shape workplace health policy, prevent musculoskeletal disorders, and promote economic sustainability.

PREMUS 2025

At the **12th International Scientific Conference on the Prevention of Work-Related Musculoskeletal Disorders**, colleagues from IFPOHE met in Tübingen, Germany. "It was very inspiring to attend a conference focused entirely on preventing musculoskeletal disorders at work and to meet colleagues from all over the world who share the same interest"



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We will be in touch later in the year, with our best wishes
from the Executive Committee

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