



International Federation of Physical Therapists
working in
Occupational Health and Ergonomics

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Dear IFPTOHE Member Organisations,

Happy New Year and may it be a healthy one for you and your members.

This Newsletter is to inform you about

Upcoming electronic vote – Action Required

Upcoming General Meeting – for your Information only

Upcoming electronic vote

This year we will have an electronic vote on three motions **prior** to our General Meeting. This letter is to inform you of the Voting process.

Electronic voting will be conducted on the following motions (as announced in our December 2020 Newsletter):

1. Member Elect, The Ghana Physiotherapy Association seeks to join IFPTOHE as a Member Organisation.
2. Executive Committee member nominee, Professor Vasiliki Sakellari, of the Panhellenic Association of Physiotherapists (PSF) in Greece, seeks election to the IFPTOHE executive committee. Candidate information was sent out in the [December Newsletter](#) and is posted on the IFPTOHE website.

In addition, to align with the name change of WCPT to World Physiotherapy, an amendment to the constitution is proposed, supporting a name change from the International Federation of Physical Therapists working in Occupational Health and Ergonomics (IFPTOHE) to the International Federation of Physiotherapists working in Occupational Health and Ergonomics (IFPOHE). If approved, this will be carried forward with additional editing in the constitution to reflect the name change.

3. Article 1 of the constitution is amended to read “ 1.1 The name of the organisation is the International Federation of **Physiotherapists** ~~Physical Therapists~~ working in Occupational Health and Ergonomics, an international **physiotherapy** ~~physical therapy~~ organisation with specific interest in the area of Occupational Health and Ergonomics.”

The electronic voting process

The electronic vote will be run by World Physiotherapy on behalf of IFPTOHE using the electionbuddy platform.

Each Member Organisation (MO) is entitled to **one** vote as per the IFPTOHE Constitution.



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A unique voting link will be sent to the contact person of each IFPTOHE member organisation enabling them to vote on the motions listed above. If someone else will vote on behalf of your member organisation you must let [Marisa Coetzee](#) know by Friday 12 February, 2021.

IFPTOHE will share the email address of all voting delegates with World Physiotherapy for the purposes of running this electronic vote.

Voters will choose whether to approve each motion. They will also have the option to abstain from voting for either motion. Votes cannot be changed once they have been submitted.

Voting will open at 10:00 GMT on Monday 1 March and close at 10:00 GMT on Tuesday 9 March 2021. Please let your contact person be aware of the incoming unique voting link from the electionbuddy platform regarding IFPTOHE at 10:00 GMT on Monday 1 March.

World Physiotherapy will inform the IFPTOHE executive committee of the results of the electronic vote on each motion, respecting the anonymity of each voter.

The results of the electronic vote will be announced at the **2021 IFPTOHE General Meeting**, to be held virtually.

2021 IFPTOHE General Meeting

Date: Monday March 15th

Time: 10.00 -11.00 am London (United Kingdom) time.

Papers for the General Meeting will be sent out by March 1st, 2021. All members are welcome to attend and we will ask for advance notice of who will attend from your MO when we send out papers, so you can join the meeting

With our best wishes

From the Executive Committee

Rose Boucaut (Australia), Yvonne van Zaanen- de Leeuw (The Netherlands), Marisa Coetzee (South Africa), Nic Suckley (United Kingdom), Kjerstin Stigmar (Sweden), Rosimeire Simprini Padula (Brazil), Fredrik Lassen (Denmark).