



International Federation of Physical Therapists
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Dear IFPTOHE Member Organisations,

Please share this newsletter with your members.

The virtual General Meeting on March 15th 2021 was attended by members of 12 Member Organisations with 20 attendees. The minutes of the meeting are attached to this email.

Results of recent voting were announced at the meeting:

- The Ghana Physiotherapy Association, is now a Member Organisation of IFPTOHE. Welcome!
- Professor Vasiliki Sakellari, of the Panhellenic Association of Physiotherapists, IFPTOHE is now an Executive Committee member. Congratulations! We look forward to working with you Vasiliki.
- To align with the World Physiotherapy the name IFPTOHE was voted to become IFPOHE, this requires a constitutional change before being implemented, so in the meantime we remain IFPTOHE.

World Physiotherapy Congress 2021 was successfully held in April. A networking session was conducted with around 28 attendees from around 17 World Physio member countries sharing their views and getting to know each other. As a result of the meeting the IFPTOHE-padlet will remain open for communication until July. There were a number of poster and podium presentations related to our group and we offer congratulations to prize winners.

Congress Award winners related to Occupational Health and Ergonomics

From Japan – the Award winning Poster was

Association between presenteeism and low back pain among nurses in a Japanese acute care hospital: a cross-sectional study. Daijo Shiratsuchi, Kosei Hashimoto, Norio Hamada, Setaka Kasumi, Daisuke Yoshida.

From Chile the Award winning Presentation was

Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour of workers in Chile, according to the 2016-2017 National Health Survey. Marco Leppe Zamora, Barbara Munoz Monari, Jaime Leppe Zamora

Membership: We welcome Zyra Mae Villamor Sicut from the Philippines as a new Associate Member of IFPTOHE. The Colombian Association of Physiotherapy-ASCOFI is formalizing the interest group of physiotherapy in health and work and is welcomed as a member-elect for our General Meeting in 2023.



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This year we hope to have some informal virtual gatherings – please keep an eye out for these on social media and join if you can. The tentative date for the first gathering 'IFPTOHE- working together' is June 29th 10.00-11.00 AM GMT.

Kind regards,

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On behalf of the Executive Committee IFPTOHE