



Post-Congress Update July 2023

Kia ora,

This is an extra newsletter to update all members on what occurred at the World Physiotherapy Congress in Dubai last month.

I want to thank the retiring Executive Committee members of Heather, Meena, Annelie, and Sonia. They have done a wonderful job helping run IOPPWH over the last 4 years and now have more time to spend with family and friends, study, and to work in their paying jobs! Annelie was unable to attend the Congress but did attend online and gave us a lovely presentation on the Recommendations for Education that was produced by the appointed group which she chaired.



The retiring committee



IOPPWH stand





Recommendations for Education in Pelvic and Women's Health fields

by Annelie Gutke for

International Organization of Physiotherapists
in Pelvic and Women's Health



A warm welcome to our new Executive Committee members of Carina (Secretary), Cristine (Vice President), Kim (Member at Large), and Corlia (Treasurer). Shirley our Newsletter Editor and I (President) are also staying on with IOPPWH. Over the next few months, the new Executive is getting to grips with their roles and planning for the next 4 years. Details of the new Executive Committee are on our new website.



Delegates at IOPPWH General Business meeting





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At our General Business Meeting (GBM), our new Governing Document was voted in and along with this was a slight change in our name. We are now the International Organization of Physiotherapists in Pelvic and Women's Health (IOPPWH). The new logo was also on show and proved to be very popular, especially the banner for photos! The minutes from the GBM are attached to the email and are available on the website.

We would like to welcome six new members to IOPPWH. Austria, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Italy, Latvia, and United Arab Emirates have all joined us and are looking forward to learning and sharing with other members.

The pre-congress course on Physiotherapy in the Maternity Setting was a great success with positive feedback from the attendees and presenters (photos below).





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And the seminar with the mental health specialty group (photo below) gave us all different insights for women with cancer.



As part of the Congress, we held a social get to know each other over drinks and pizza, as well as a Networking Session which was open to everyone to attend. We posed a few questions to the participants of the networking session and the notes are attached here. The Executive will be working on some of the points raised over the next 4 years, just give us a bit of time to get started 😊.



Networking Session





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Our new website is up and running. www.ioppwh.org . On the website you will find information on IOPPWH, resources to download, forms to use, and information updates. And remember if your delegates are on Facebook, we have a closed group just for delegates – look up www.facebook.com/groups/1194604794222729 and ask to join. It is only open to the specified delegates of your member country so ensure you keep us updated if your delegates change.

We also have new email addresses for all committee members and our newsletter editor. Please take note of the following and ensure your email servers allow bulk emailing from these addresses:

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Working our stand at the Congress

And finally, remember to plan to attend the next World Physiotherapy Congress in Tokyo 29 – 31st May 2025. If you have topics for seminars, courses, focused symposiums or social events we would love to hear from you as soon as possible. We would also love to see you there!

Noho ora mai

Dr Melissa Davidson
President

(Kia ora = Hello; Noho ora mai = Stay well)

