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Pre and Congress events linked to the 2nd European Congress on Physiotherapy Education

The Executive Committee of the ER-WCPT is pleased to invite all Member Organisations to participate in the **Workshop to approve the EU project Guides:**

1. **Part A – Pain in the back: Guide exercises program for avoiding back pain in children and teenagers and**
2. **Part B – Staying clean: to support smokers/ex-smokers in giving up on 24 September 2008 and in the half-day**
3. **Post-2nd Education Congress Seminar for ER-WCPT delegates on 27 September 2008.**

Both meetings will take place in Stockholm, Sweden, at the same venue that the 2nd Education Congress.

Regarding the **2nd European Congress on Physiotherapy Education**, entitled “**Lifelong learning, developing the physiotherapy profession – Linking education, the profession and employment**”

The Executive Committee encourages the entire physiotherapists from the European Region of the WCPT to participate. At the moment 400 registrations have been accepted from 34 countries for the Congress.

For further information visit the website <http://www.allready.net/lsr-intranet/>



Summary of the General Meeting of the European Region of the WCPT in 2008

The Executive Committee of the European Region of the WCPT would like to announce that a summary of the 2008 GM, held on 22 – 24 May 2008, in Greece Athens, has been posted on the ER-WCPT website

<http://www.physio-europe.org/index.php?action=14&newsId=67>

Elections at the 2008 General Meeting of the European Region of the WCPT

The following candidates were elected by the delegates at the 6th General Meeting of the ER-WCPT held on 22-24 May 2008, in Athens, Greece:

- 1st Vice Chairman of the ER-WCPT – Sarah Bazin, U.K.
- 2nd Vice Chairman of the ER-WCPT – Roland Craps, Belgium
- 1st Alternate Member - Elin Engeseth, Norway.
- 2nd Alternate Member - Hans Krijgsman, Netherlands



Members of the Executive Committee from the left:
David Gorria (Spain) – General Secretary, Emma Stokes (Ireland) – Regional Representative, Roland Craps (Belgium) – Second Vice Chairman, Antonio Lopes (Portugal) – Chairman, Sarah Bazin (UK) – First Vice Chairman, Eckhardt Boehle (Germany) – Treasurer

Elected Auditors for the 2010 GM – Slovenia and Sweden



Working Groups Members 2008-2010

The Executive Committee is pleased to present the members chosen for the ER-WCPT working groups for the period 2008 – 2010. The selection was made recognising the need for membership continuity and the

candidate's skills. All the Member Organisations, which appointed candidates, are thanked by the Executive Committee for encouraging participation in the development of physiotherapy.

Education Matters Working Group

Chairman

Antonio Lopes

Nina Holten (Denmark)
Camilla Wikström-Grotell
(Finland)
Sonia Souto (Spain)
Charlotte Häger Ross
(Sweden)
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Kingdom)
Emil Igelsboeck (Austria)

Professional Issues Working Group

Chairman

Sarah Bazin

Dieter Hollerwoeger
(Austria)
Daniel Paguessorhaye
(France)
Philip van der Wees
(Netherlands)
Malene Haneborg (Norway)
Natalie Beswetherick (UK)

EU Matters Working Group

Chairman

Roland Craps

Emma Stokes (Ireland)
John Xerri de Caro (Malta)
Ana Dimovska (Montenegro)
Hans Krijgsman
(Netherlands)
Elizabeth Carrington (UK)

General Meeting of the European Region of the WCPT in 2010

The Executive Committee of the European Region of the WCPT is pleased to announce that the next General Meeting of the European Region in 2010 will be held in

Berlin, Germany and hosted by the Deutscher Verband für Physiotherapie - Zentralverband der Physiotherapeuten / Krankengymnasten (ZVK) e. V.



Summary of the Executive Committee Meeting in Dublin, Ireland, on 26-29 June 2008

After the 6th General Meeting of the European Region, which took place in May 2008 in Athens, Greece, the last Executive Committee Meeting of the European Region focused primarily on the feedback from the meeting on future activities for the period 2008 – 2010, and appointment of the members to the three working groups for this period.

The meeting also focused on the revision of the situation of the next events such as the 2nd Education Congress on Physiotherapy Education, to be held on 25 – 26 September 2008, in Stockholm, Sweden.

Further work for the period 2008-2010 of the three working groups as recommended by the 2008 GM was reviewed by the committee and agreed as follows:

Education Matters Working Group

1. Follow up the implementation of the European Physiotherapy Benchmark Statement. To renew the EPBS with emphasis on physiotherapy specific knowledge, skills and competence as well as on the independence of the profession and its knowledge development

2. Updating of the Policy Statement on Physiotherapy Education since Education is evolving quickly due to the Bologna Process

3. Continuation of the Project on Specialisation

4. Address education issues for Member Organisations involved in the Enlargement process and cooperate with the EU Matters Working Group in Accession facilitating;
Monitoring and reacting to issues as they arise from enlargement

5. Identify information to be included on the website under the button of education relating to basic education, post basic education, and research

6. Gather information on quality assurance measures in Physiotherapy education and monitor the involvement of the Member Organisations in quality assurance activities

7. Follow up the activities on Continuous Professional Development within the Member Organisations, and continue to monitor developments in re-registration, re-certification in collaboration with the Professional Issues Working Group

8. Monitor the developments in re-registration, re-certification in all the ER-WCPT countries, in collaboration with the Professional Issues WG

9. Continue facilitating closer links and cooperation with ENPHE.

10. Monitor and promote the use of Evidence Based Practice in Physiotherapy education at all levels (Life Long Learning)



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and support efforts to embed EBP in clinical practice

11. Contribute to the completion of the 2nd European Congress on Physiotherapy Education

12. Prepare the 3rd European Congress on Physiotherapy Education to take place in 2012.

13. To complete the Pain in the back project and make recommendations for its implementation.

14. Maintain Glossary of key terms of the ER-WCPT to reflect all the documents produced by the Region

15. Identify issues related to research in Physiotherapy that might be addressed by the ER-WCPT

16. To investigate the relationships between MO's, the education providers, and their practice providers/partners

Professional Issues Working Group

1. Further work to develop the Network on health promotion and healthy life styles.

2. Involvement with WHO activities on this matter

3. Keeping updated the data base on Clinical Guidelines and Multidisciplinary Guidelines:

- Monitor the procedures for Adopting

existing foreign Guidelines

- To participate in the GIN
- To prepare a 2nd Conference on Clinical Guidelines in 2010
- Promote further collaboration in Clinical Guidelines development, especially in collecting the evidence.

4. Follow up the activities on Continuous Professional Development within the Member Organisations, and continue to monitor developments in re-registration, re-certification in collaboration with the Education Matters Working Group

5. Promoting the role and position of the physiotherapists in Europe.

6. To complete the Staying Clean project as planned and made recommendations for its implementation.

European Union Matters Working Group

1. Migration issues

1.1 Continue following up the implementation of the Directive on Recognition of Professional qualifications

1.2 Continue following up the implementation of the Migration Policy at national level

1.3 Continue providing Migration statistics for physiotherapists in the EU

1.4 Continue facilitating migration for physiotherapists

2. Enlargement of the EU

2.1 Continue providing general information about the enlargement of the EU

2.2 Continue following up and



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assisting Member Organisations on their specific needs in relation to the EU accession

2.3 Encourage networking among Member Organisations

2.4 Continue mapping the prospective EU countries if they are not in the WCPT

3. Health issues in the EU

3.1 Continue being proactive in the field of health issues in the EU

3.2 Continue following up the implementation of the Health Policy Statement of the European Region of WCPT

3.3 Continue liaison with other health professionals and organisations at EU level

4. Legislation and Directives in the EU

4.1 Continue monitoring EU Legislation development relevant to the Physiotherapy profession and being proactive in that field.

4.2 Continue monitoring the EU Cross Border Health Care Directive (Health Service Directive)

The members of the three working groups were appointed for the next period, 2008-2010. The selection was made recognising the need for membership continuity and the candidate's skills. The working groups are starting to prepare their first meetings and the Executive Committee wish them successful work.

Fifty-eight session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe

The European region of WCPT has been invited to participate in the fifty-eight session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe to be held from 15 to 18 September 2008, in

Tbilisi, Georgia.

Further Information:

<http://www.euro.who.int/rc>

French Presidency of the EU - Health Priorities

The French Presidency of the EU started on 1 July for a period of six months till 31 December 2008.

The Presidency wishes to place greater emphasis on three major themes:

- Alzheimer's disease: the Presidency will promote better care for sufferers and their

families, based on three strands of action namely, health, solidarity and research. This will entail fostering the exchange and sharing of national experience and, where applicable, cooperation on a subject that affects all Member States because of their ageing populations. A major European conference will be dedicated to this on 30-31



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October in Paris;

- strengthening food security and safety in Europe: in light of the experience gained in preparing for a global influenza pandemic, and in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, we must look into ways of improving coordination of the management of large-scale safety risks within the European Union. This topic will be

specifically addressed at the informal meeting of EU Health Ministers scheduled for 8-9 September at Angers;

- EU health strategy serving the needs of patients: the French Presidency will further work on the proposal expected from the Commission.

Further Information:

<http://www.ue2008.fr/PFUE/lang/en/accueil>

World Health Day 2008: “protecting health from climate change”

Traditionally, the climate change debate has been centred on issues such as the environmental and economic consequences of global warming; however, an aspect of the problem which should be at the core of the public agenda is the impact of climate change on human health. Many countries in Europe have already experienced significant climate change related events, leading to tens of thousands of deaths, and estimates predict more deaths from, for example, extreme weather.

The WHO Regional Office for Europe is engaged in developing partnerships to strengthen the support for its Member States in responding to the new threats to health posed by climate change. As more than half of these countries are also EU Member States the European Commission is a key partner. This is evident in a number of co-

funded projects: EuroHEAT carried out an assessment of the health impact of heat-waves and promoted development of early-warning tools and action plans; other projects include the European Flood Alert System, PHEWE, cCASHh, Eden, and MircoDYS.

This World Health Day, dedicated to “protecting health from climate change”, provides an opportunity for all to place health at the centre of local, national and international dialogues, and to raise awareness of current and potential climate-related threats to health.

Recognizing the importance of sharing the WHO agenda with the EU and EU-related stakeholders, WHO/Europe has chosen Brussels as one of the two European spots for this year’s campaign on the World Health Day.



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The 5th annual World Health Care Congress Europe 2009

For the 5th consecutive year, the **World Health Care Congress Europe** is the only major international forum where over 600 health leaders share best-practices and successful initiatives for improved delivery and outcomes in Europe. Participating thought-leaders include: health ministers, leading government officials, hospital directors, IT innovators, decision makers

from public and private insurance funds, pharmaceutical and medical device companies, and health care industry suppliers.

The Congress will take place in Brussels, Belgium, on 13 – 14 May 2009

For further information:

<http://www.worldcongress.com/events/HR09015/index.cfm?confCode=HR09015>

eHealth 2008: Electronic healthcare for the 21st century

This event is devoted to analyze the role that eHealth will play in the delivery of healthcare records across the globe. It is organized as a meeting point for telecare product vendors, policy makers, government ministers, academics, clinicians and all those involved in electronic & mobile health, to examine and to share ideas contributing to the

advancement of telecare into the 21st century.

The event will take place in London, UK, on 8 – 8 September 2008

For further information:

<http://www.electronic-health.org/index.shtml>

The European Region of WCPT wishes all Members a nice
Holiday Period

2nd European Congress on Physiotherapy Education

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