



NEWSLETTER

Elections at the 2010 General Meeting of the European Region of the WCPT

The following candidates were elected by the delegates at the 7th General Meeting of the ER-WCPT held on 27-29 May 2010, in Berlin, Germany:

Chairman of the ER-WCPT
Sarah Bazin, U.K.

1st Vice Chairman of the ER-WCPT
Roland Craps, Belgium

2nd Vice Chairman of the ER-WCPT
Sonia Souto, Spain

Treasurer
Bodo Schlag, Germany

Regional Representative
Emma Stokes, Ireland

1st Alternate Member
Mateja Znika, Croatia

2nd Alternate Member
Zbigniew Sliwinski, Poland.

Regional Alternate
Johnny Kuhr, Denmark

Elected Auditors for the 2012 GM
Austria and Lebanon



Members of the Executive Committee from the left:

David Gorria (Spain) – General Secretary, Sonia Souto (Spain) – Second Vice Chairman, Roland Craps (Belgium) – First Vice Chairman, Sarah Bazin (UK) – Chairman, Bodo Schlag (Germany) – Treasurer, Emma Stokes (Ireland) – Regional Representative.

Working Groups Members 2010-2012

The Executive Committee is pleased to present the members chosen for the ER-WCPT working groups for the period 2010 – 2012. The selection was made recognising the need for membership continuity and the candidate's skills. All the Member Organisations who nominated candidates are thanked by the Executive Committee for encouraging participation in the development of Physiotherapy.

Education Matters WG

Sonia Souto
Chairman

Camilla Wikström-Grotell
(Finland)

John Xerri de Caro
(Malta)

Antonio Lope
(Portugal)

Astrid Schäman
(Switzerland)

Charlotte Häger Ross
(Sweden)

Emil Igelsboeck
(Austria)

Professional Issues WG

Sarah Bazin
Chairman

Karen Langvad
(Denmark)

Hille Maas
(Estonia)

Ulrike Steinecke
(Germany)

Esther-Mary D'Arcy
(Ireland)

Philip van der Wees
(Netherlands)

Javier Gonzalez Iglesias
(Spain)

EU Matters WG

Roland Craps
Chairman

Reinhard Beirkircher
(Austria)

Anna Kukka
(Finland)

Francis Hebting
(France)

Hans Krijgsman
(Netherlands)

Natalie Beswetherick
(UK)

General Meeting of the European Region of the WCPT in 2012

The Executive Committee of the European Region of the WCPT is pleased to announce that the next General Meeting of the European Region in 2012 will be held in St. Julians, Malta and hosted by the Maltese Association for Physiotherapists (MAP)

Summary of the Executive Committee Meeting Brussels, Belgium, on 19-20 June 2010

After the 7th General Meeting of the European Region, which took place in May 2010 in Berlin, Germany, the last Executive Committee Meeting of the European Region focused primarily on the feedback from the meeting, on future activities for the period 2010 – 2012, and the appointment of the members to the three working groups for this period.

The meeting also discussed the next regional events which include the 2nd Conference on Clinical Guidelines in December 2010 and the 3rd Education Congress on Physiotherapy Education in November 2012 as announced to the MOs at the 2010 GM.

The work programme for the period 2010-2012 of the three working groups as recommended by the 2010 GM was reviewed by the Committee and agreed as follows:

Education Matters Working Group

1 Monitor the evolution of physiotherapy education (at all levels) and research activities

1.1. Monitoring entry level education

- To keep the inventory on Physiotherapy Entry Level of Education within the ER-WCPT updated.

1.2. Monitoring education at Masters level

- To continue following up Masters programmes in Physiotherapy within the ER-WCPT.

1.3. Monitoring CPD and specialisation

- To 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.

- To continue the update of the Monitoring report on Specialisation

1.4. Monitor developments in quality assurance of Higher Education

- To gather information on quality assurance measures in Physiotherapy education and monitor the involvement of the Member Organisations in quality assurance activities

- To update the document on Quality Assurance Guidance and develop a tool kit resources to support Quality Assurance process.
- To investigate and monitor the introduction of Ranking process within Higher Education at national and International levels. (In cooperation with ENPHE)

1.5. Monitor Research activities

- To identify priority research issues and monitor possible opportunities for action by the ER-WCPT

2 Elaborate or revise Policy statements regarding physiotherapy education and research

- To update the Policy Statement on Physiotherapy Education
- To collaborate with the PI WG to create the ER-WCPT Policy on Research
- To align the Policies on Education and Research

3 To address education issues for Member Organisations in collaboration with the EU WG

4 To promote the use of Evidence Based Practice in Physiotherapy education at all levels (Life Long Learning) and support efforts to embed EBP in clinical practice

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5 To collect and spread relevant Information on education and research

- To identify information to be included on the ER WCPT website, under the button of education, relating to all education levels, research and EBP.
- Monitor the information about education, displayed at the web pages of the MO's
- To contribute to the completion of the 3rd European Congress on Physiotherapy Education
- To prepare the 4th European Congress on Physiotherapy Education to take place in 2016.

6 To cooperate with other relevant entities related with physiotherapy education at European level

- To continue facilitating closer links and cooperation with ENPHE.

7 To maintain the Glossary of key terms of the ER-WCPT

Professional Issues Working Group

1. Clinical Guidelines and Multidisciplinary Guidelines:

- To monitor and promote procedures for adopting existing foreign guidelines
- To promote further collaboration in Clinical Guidelines development, especially in collecting the evidence.
- To maintain involvement with GIN
- To hold a 2nd Conference on Clinical Guidelines in 2010 To include implementation
- To investigate if the agree instrument is useful for the implementation of Guidelines
- To include economic aspects
- To keep the clinical and multidisciplinary guidelines database updated

2. 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

- To include workplace

3. To continue promoting the role and position of the physiotherapists in Europe.

- To map good examples
- Value of PTs being responsible for prescription
- Physical means versus operative techniques

4. To promote and update the Keep Active – Keep Healthy document and stress the value of the Physiotherapists' involvement in health promotion and disease prevention.

- To include recommendations from the Workshop, including a section on the increasingly elderly population

5. To promote and map the implementation of self referral / direct access programmes by MOs within ER-WCPT

6. To develop links and explore collaboration with the European Forum for Primary Care.

7. To explore the relationship and involvement of ER-WCPT MOs with Trade Unions.

8. To collaborate with the EU WG on responses to EU Legislation related to the profession of physiotherapy and the users of its services.

9. To collaborate with the Education WG to create the ER-WCPT Policy on Research

10. To produce a marketing tool

11. To link with insurance companies

European Union Matters Working Group**1. EU Legislation related to the profession of physiotherapy and the users of its services**

1.1 Monitor the developments

1.1.1 Follow up any new development in legislation and directives issued and/or discussed at level of the EU Commission

- Provide responses on recent developments and proposals for consultation to the EU Commission
- Follow up the evaluation process of the Directive on Recognition of Professional qualifications including facilitation of migration (priority)
- Monitor the development of the Directive on Patient Rights in Cross Border Health Care (Health Service Directive) – COM (2008) 414 final. (priority)
 - Follow up the development of eHealth legislation at EU level.

1.1.2 Monitor the implementation of the Migration Policy at national level.

1.2 Inform Member Organisations about developments

1.2.1 Inform the Member Organisation on developments regarding directives and legislation relevant to the physiotherapy profession.

1.2.2 Providing general information about the enlargement of the EU.

1.2.3 Update all relevant documents concerning EU matters on the ER-WCPT website.

1.3 Seek responses and expert opinions from Member Organisations

1.4 Provide responses and expert opinions to the EU Commission.

2. EU Policy related to the profession of physiotherapy and the users of its services

2.1 Monitor the developments

2.1.1 Being proactive in the field of health issues

in the EU related to the 2020 Health Strategy.

2.1.2 Revise the Health Policy Statement of the ER-WCPT in collaboration with the Professional Issues Working Group recognising the role of physiotherapy in public health.

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2.5 Provide ER-WCPT health promotion material for the website of European Commission for public health in the European Region.

3. Development of information resources and policies

3.1 Develop resources/policies for approval at the General Meeting

3.1.1 Further develop the Info-tool (priority)

3.2 Identify and disseminate other sources of information relevant to MOs on EU matters

3.2.1 Monitor migration of PTs in the EU.

3.2.2 Assist MOs with their specific needs in relation to EU accession.

4. Liaisons

4.1 With health professionals and organisations at EU level

4.1.1 EU Health Policy Forum

4.1.2 EPHA

4.2 With the other Working Groups in the ER-WCPT

4.2.1 Monitor developments in electronic patient record keeping in collaboration with the Professional Issues Working Group

ENPHE & ER-WCPT

A meeting took place on 27 March 2010, in Riga, Latvia. The meeting was combined with an ENPHE Conference at the same venue. Antonio Lopes, Grahame Pope and the ER-WCPT General Secretary, David Gorria attended the meeting on behalf of the ER-WCPT.

The main conclusions of the meeting on future collaboration were as follows:

1. ENPHE will continue the development of a database of Physiotherapy educational institutions across Europe, also including information about Masters and PhD programmes.
2. ER-WCPT will continue the development of a database on the description of Physiotherapy education within the National Educational Systems across its Member Organisations.
3. CPD Collaboration
4. ER-WCPT Quality Assurance: enhance the involvement of member organizations in quality assurance by developing an inventory of processes of quality assurance. The outcome of this will be a document of examples of good practice.

5. ENPHE will discuss the involvement of the Focus Group "Quality" in order to inquire the interest and opportunity to collaborate on the development of this item.

6. Thematic Network: activities are on hold until further notice

7. ER-WCPT European Guidelines: 2nd December

8. ENPHE Conference March/April 2011, Moscow, Russian Federation

9. WCPT Congress June 2011, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

A third meeting between the organisations will take place in the second half of 2010.

Sixtieth session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe

The European region of WCPT has been invited to participate in the sixtieth session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe to be held from 13 to 16 September 2010, in Moscow, Russian Federation.

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

Belgium Presidency of the EU - Health Priorities

The Belgium Presidency of the EU started on 1 July for a period of six months until 31 December 2010. The Belgium Presidency has presented its priorities on health as follows:

Under the Belgian Presidency, the Council will enter into policy discussions on the way in which Member States and the Commission manage public health risks together, in particular as a result of evaluation of the influenza pandemic.

Based on a communication by the Commission, the Council will adopt conclusions on nuclear medicine and radioisotopes.

Under the Belgian Presidency the Council will continue negotiations on the draft directive relating to cross-border healthcare.

Particular attention will be devoted to the question of professionals from the healthcare sector, to determining social factors of health, to the fight against cancer and chronic illnesses as well as to solidarity and innovation in the proprietary medicinal products sector.

The Council will continue to work on legislative initiatives constituting the pharmaceutical package. Particular attention will be paid to proposals aimed at combating the counterfeiting of medicines, and pharmaco-vigilance.

At an international level, the Belgian Presidency will ensure preparation and coordination of the European Conference on the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

Bologna process

The European Commission presented a report entitled "Focus on higher education in Europe 2010: impact of the Bologna process" which reveals that, ten years after the launch of the Bologna Process aiming to reform European higher education to make it more compatible, comparable, competitive and attractive for students, 46 countries participating in the Bologna Process still encounter some difficulties in modernising their higher education. According to the report, this process has largely met its initial objectives, thanks to a joint approach. The three-cycle degree system and higher quality standards are now the norm across Europe, although recognition of qualifications is still a problem in some cases.

For further information:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/education/eurydice/documents/thematic_reports/122EN.pdf

A healthy city is an active city - a physical activity planning guide

Ideas, information and tools to develop a healthy and active city

For further information:

http://www.euro.who.int/data/assets/pdf_file/0012/99975/E91883.pdf

Health e-Library online

The health-related publications highlight the results of research projects financed by the European Union through the 6th and 7th Framework Programmes concerning strategic health research areas, such as stroke, influenza, cancer, new therapies as well as general publications on health research funding.

For further information:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/health/elibrary.cfm>

Special Euro barometer Survey on Sport and Physical activity

The results show large disparities in attitudes to sport and physical activity. The findings are based on face-to-face interviews with nearly 27,000 people in the 27 Member States.

For further information:

http://ec.europa.eu/public_opinion/archives/ebs/ebs_334_en.pdf



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