



International Organization of Physical Therapists in Women's Health

A sub-group of WCPT



Introduction

Since my last report, the International Organization of Physical Therapists in Women's Health (IOPTWH) – particularly, treasurer Ros Thomas – has been busy finalizing its accounts for the 2009 conference in Oeiras, Portugal, and I am happy to report an overall profit. Other Executive Committee members are working on the actions that were agreed at our last general business meeting in 2007, and at subsequent Committee meetings later that year and in 2009.

Female genital mutilation

The IOPTWH's Practice Committee will shortly circulate a survey around all the member countries in order to gather information on the global incidence of female genital mutilation (FGM), its treatment and the outcomes of women who have undergone FGM. It is hoped that the Practice Committee will report on the results of the survey at the 2011 World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) Congress.

World Congress for Physical Therapy Congress 2011

As an official subgroup of the WCPT, the IOPTWH will be heavily involved with its 4-yearly Congress, which is to be held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, from 20 to 23 June 2011 (Fig. 1). We have submitted a proposal to run a one-day satellite programme either before or during the congress, and we will know soon whether or not this request has been accepted. Previous WCPT congresses have featured platform sessions, focused symposia, workshops, and poster presentations on pelvic floor dysfunction and women's health, as well as a wealth of other sessions and keynote speeches of relevance to physiotherapists. The event is also an opportunity to liaise with literally thousands of therapists from around the world.



Figure 1. Emblem of the 2011 World Confederation for Physical Therapy Congress.

Since Amsterdam is so accessible, I would urge as many of you as possible to take the opportunity to attend. You won't regret it! Further details are available at: www.wcpt.org/congress

Listservs

The IOPTWH listservs continue to be a very popular and successful means of discussing current issues and developments with physiotherapists internationally, and new members request access on almost every day. If you like interactiveCSP, then this is another means of sharing your thoughts, and canvassing the views and experiences of others. You will find details at: www.ioptwh.org (click on the 'Listservs' link). Please e-mail me (gill.brook@lineone.net) if you wish to subscribe, but remember to include the following details: your name; confirmation that you are a member of ACPWH (or another IOPTWH member organization); and the names of the listservs that you wish to access.

Website

The IOPTWH's Executive Committee is currently considering how to develop its website (www.ioptwh.org). If you have any suggestions about how it can be improved, then please let me know.

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