



### International contacts

As Secretary of the International Organization of Physical Therapists in Women's Health (IOPTWH), I am often the first point of contact for enquiries. These can either come from within our member organizations, or from physiotherapists in non-member countries. I handle regular enquiries from physiotherapists looking for clinicians in another country to which a patient is travelling. Recent examples include requests for information about women's health or pelvic physiotherapists in France, Romania, Abu Dhabi, Italy, India, Japan and Switzerland. Although none of these countries are members, I do know of women's health physiotherapists in four of the seven, so at least I can offer some contact information. In addition, recent enquiries from within the membership include topics such as treatment codes and a policy to propose pelvic floor muscle rehabilitation for every woman postnatally.

If you are ever asked about women's health physiotherapists in another country, check the membership page of the IOPTWH website ([www.ioptwh.org/members/map.cfm](http://www.ioptwh.org/members/map.cfm)) to see if it is a member organization. If so, you can contact a delegate or delegates within that country, and you may even find a link to their organization's website.

### WCPT Congress, Singapore, 1–4 May 2015

The programme of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) Congress will showcase the best in physical therapy research and practice, and provide excellent opportunities for networking. In developing the line-up, the International Scientific Committee has consulted with physical therapists to find out what they would like to see featured. You can find out more about the programme, and about how you can be involved, on the WCPT website ([www.wcpt.org/congress/programme](http://www.wcpt.org/congress/programme)). As a veteran of four of these congresses (and one who is looking forward to number five), I would strongly recommend the event to you. Thousands of



Figure 1. Talli Rosenbaum.

physiotherapists from around the world gather for a series of keynote speeches, platform and poster presentations, focused symposia, discussion panels, and more. The five programme tracks deal with global health, professional issues, professional practice, education and research methodology. There will undoubtedly be sessions focusing on women's health and the pelvic floor, and IOPTWH will host a networking session at some point during the Congress.

### Pre-Congress study day: "Addressing Sex in Women's Health Physiotherapy Practice: Foundations and Skills"

I am delighted to announce that this one-day course, submitted by IOPTWH in collaboration with Talli Rosenbaum, certified sex therapist and pelvic floor physiotherapist (Fig. 1), has been accepted by WCPT and will run on 1 May 2015. Only 22 of the 128 submissions were accepted for the programme, so we are delighted that we were successful.

Talli Rosenbaum is an IOPTWH delegate from Israel with a first degree in Physical Therapy, and a Master's in Clinical Sociology and Counselling. She is a recognized international expert on the role of combined physiotherapy and sex therapy for the treatment of sexual pain disorders. Further details of the course will be available on the

WCPT website ([www.wcpt.org/congress](http://www.wcpt.org/congress)) in the latter half of 2014.

Previous pre-Congress courses organized by IOPTWH have been great successes, and I am

confident that our 2015 event will be no different.

**Gill Brook**  
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