



## World Confederation for Physical Therapy Congress

As I write this report, the International Organization of Physical Therapists in Women's Health (IOPTWH) is getting ready for the World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) Congress, World Physical Therapy 2011, which will be held in Amsterdam on 20–23 June (WCPT 2011). Since it will all be over by the time this edition of the *Journal* goes to press, I will not go into too much detail about our plans, but the executive officers will be kept busy with:

- a general business meeting attended by delegates from most if not all of our member countries;
- the satellite programme on anorectal dysfunction;
- a subgroup reception;
- an Executive Committee meeting; and
- an early-morning networking session.

We hope that we will still be able to attend some of the platform and poster presentations relevant to women's health!

## Female genital mutilation

We are delighted that Ruth Broom, chief delegate for New Zealand, and other members of the IOPTWH Practice Committee have had an

abstract accepted for presentation at the WCPT Congress. This describes their Internet survey of member countries and 'Friends of IOPTWH', which was done in order to gather information on the global incidence, treatment and outcomes of women who have undergone female genital mutilation. We look forward to hearing Ruth present this abstract in Amsterdam.

## IOPTWH website

The new discussion forums on the Organization's website ([www.ioptwh.org/forum](http://www.ioptwh.org/forum)) continue to attract interest, but these are still less active than the listservs that preceded them. Please remember that, as members of ACPWH, you are all entitled to register for participation.

The Executive Committee is in the final stages of developing a new look for the site in conjunction with CaduceusWebs.net. At the time of writing, this was scheduled to be launched in early summer 2011, and additional features will be added over the coming months.

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## Reference

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