
Update on the new ACPWH website

The new ACPWH website (<http://acpwh.csp.org.uk>) was launched in July 2011, making the Association the first of the professional networks (PNs) of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapists (CSP) to establish a “microsite” within the main CSP web pages. An article introducing the main features of the website was printed in the Autumn 2011 edition of the *Journal* (Radford 2011).

The design of our new microsite makes it very easy to find the material you are looking for, and its pages present just the right amount of information in a clear format. Comprehensive internal links make navigation straightforward and rapid. This collaboration between the administrators of the main CSP site, interactiveCSP (iCSP) and ACPWH has resulted in a seamless coexistence that enables the Executive Committee and other contributors to keep the membership up to date with enhanced efficiency. The improvements in design and functionality that have accompanied this innovative move are proving beneficial to members in several ways, including the following:

- Account and login details are now shared with the CSP website so that all areas of both sites are accessible with a single login.
- Any new ACPWH content is now included in a joint e-mail bulletin shared with the iCSP women's health network.
- Conversely, any new CSP content relevant to women's health also appears on the ACPWH microsite.
- In addition, the search engine is shared so that, if you search from the ACPWH website for information about a topic using keywords, it will display ACPWH results first, but also give you links for related CSP and iCSP pages.
- The new site has been designed for clarity and ease of use, but should you encounter difficulties, help is close at hand! Not only are there online help features including video tutorials, but also, because the site is part of the CSP website, the CSP help desk are able to deal with any issues by telephone or e-mail.

Members now need to be registered users of the main CSP website and must use these login details for full access to the ACPWH microsite.

Further instructions regarding member access are currently provided on the site in an item in the “News” section dated 13 July 2011 (ACPWH 2011a).

The main advantage to members of the new site over the old one is its ability to be current, dynamic and interactive. This is crucial in its role as a communication hub and the Executive Committee are now able to update information as often as daily, if required. All the members of the Executive can be identified in the “About us” section and contacted via the site using the “Contact us” page. The site is also the place to find all the details, dates and venues of ACPWH workshops, as well as academic and other courses.

As before, all ACPWH publications, including the *Journal*, educational leaflets and official documents, can be read on the website, and most are available to download and print. In particular, some *JACPWH* material previously found in the printed edition of the *Journal* is now *only* published on the site; for example, some news items, “Papers in other journals” and “Website watch” (although the current instalment is reproduced in this issue, see pp. 36–38). Current and back issues of the full *Journal* are available as downloads, with access to recent editions being restricted to members only.

Navigation of the site is achieved by selecting from the menu bar, which is arranged vertically on the left-hand side of each page and includes the following options:

- “About us”;
- “Membership”;
- “Publications and leaflets”;
- “Journal”;
- “Workshops”;
- “Conference 2011”;
- “Conference 2012”;
- “Academic courses”;
- “News”;
- “Bursaries and awards”;
- “Resources”;
- “Research”;
- “Useful links”; and
- “Contact us”.

Alternatively, users can perform a keyword search.

Website update

Available without logging in, the home page provides an overview of current affairs pertaining to women's health physiotherapy. Regular visits to the site for a quick glance at this page will keep your finger on the pulse. It is easy to spot new content, so issues that are important to you and things that require a response from you will grab your attention. Click on the items found under one of the three main headlines (i.e. "Latest news", "Highlights" and "Latest from the CSP") in order to be directed to the relevant *Frontline* articles, ACPWH documents and CSP news bulletins. Some of these links are available without logging in, such as those to official statements and guidelines, whereas links to conference presentations, recent *JACPWH* articles and certain documents are only accessible to members.

Whenever login is required to access a page you have requested, you will be redirected to the main CSP website login page. Once logged in, click on "Networks", which can be found at the top of the page. Next, select "Professional Networks" from the choices (the other options being for iCSP networks, and CSP national and regional networks) to arrive at an alphabetical list of PNs, which are clinical interest groups in a new guise. Then just scroll down to "ACPWH" and click! Being a microsite rather than out on our own gives our website unique advantages; for example, the "Networks" link stays at the top of the page, so you can easily visit any other PNs you may be interested in, and move between iCSP and regional network pages.

The ACPWH home page also features a link to Physio2u, a useful tool for finding a private physiotherapist by location using postcodes, and a "Things to do" box, situated in the lower left-hand corner, inviting you to check out the threads on iCSP. This is a direct link to the women's health pages of iCSP, where ACPWH is acknowledged as a network partner. The latest content, the editor's pick and the most popular resources/discussions are displayed, as well as a menu of general and clinical case discussions, events and courses. Once on iCSP, each topic has related discussion threads listed on the right, which is a very useful facility, but beware because you can get led astray! The "Things to do" box on this page now contains a link to a directory of iCSP women's health network members.

While browsing the ACPWH microsite, the CSP's Online Public Access Catalogue is just a click away. This massive resource contains

details of the extensive collection of publications and documents on all aspects of physiotherapy and related subjects held by the CSP Library and Information Service. The collection includes books, journals, reports, "grey literature", academic theses and CSP publications. Where available, links to full texts are included.

The Conference 2011 page gives an overview of proceedings and an external link to a webcast of Linda Brubaker speaking about conflicts of interest for clinicians. Having arrived at this external link, click on "Webcast home", where a menu of all the webcasts from the 41st Annual Meeting of the International Continence Society (ICS) in Glasgow can be found on the left. Alternatively, you can go straight to this webpage by using the relevant address (<http://webcasts.prouis.com/ICS2011/html/1-en/template.aspx?section=1>). The ICS's website (www.ics.office.org) also has Portable Document Format files from the Physiotherapy Round Tables held at both ICS 2010 and 2011. Presentations from previous ACPWH conferences can be found in the "Resources" section of our own website and are accessible to members only. The "Resources" section also contains reports from the Executive Committee, various forms, the historical index of *JACPWH* clinical papers, ACPWH official statements, and the module descriptors for the University of Bradford Post-graduate Certificate courses in Women's Health and Continence.

All content in the "Journal" section is accessible to members from the Spring 2008 edition (No. 102) to the current issue. Older journals are being added gradually by the voluntary efforts of the Journal Subcommittee. Non-members can only view editions that are more than 2 years old. A historical index, accessed via a link on the "Journal" home page, enables non-members to see the titles of what they are missing and gives members a quick way to track down specific papers. The index can be browsed or searched by keywords and authors. Some *Journal* content is only available online; for example, regional reports from the area representatives, "Website watch" (although see the note above) and "Papers in other journals". It is very convenient to be able to read *JACPWH* online when your pile of back issues is not to hand or stored in the attic!

The provision of a website is one of the ACPWH's core services to members, and its development was identified as a key priority in the 2010–2011 strategic plan (ACPWH 2011b).

The new microsite has fulfilled the Association's aim of creating an interactive site that will serve as a forum, and provide members with improved channels of communication and better networking opportunities.

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