WCPT ICCrPT GENERAL MEETING REPORT

The 2015 General Meeting of the International Confederation of Cardio respiratory Physical Therapists (ICCrPT), of the World Confederation of Physical Therapists (WCPT) was held on Sunday 3rd May, 2015 during the World Congress of Physical Therapy in Singapore. The meeting was well attended by current financial member organizations of the ICCrPT and others. The Canadian Physiotherapy Association CEO and President also attended the meeting and feedback that the ICCrPT General Meeting was the best run and most dynamic subgroup meeting they attended at WCPT 2015!

The meeting business included nominations and elections for the Executive Committee. 4 new members were elected representing Australia (George Ntoumenopoulos), Japan (Yoshimi Matsuo), South Africa (Brenda Morrow) and the United Kingdom (Brenda O’Neil). These members join the existing executive committee for the next 4 years. The meeting also farewelled the inaugural ICCrPT Treasurer Sumio Yamadas (Japan) who stood down after 4 years of contribution. The meeting thanked Sumio for his work developing the ICCrPT and its financial structures and wished him well for the future.

Future endeavors to enhance membership value discussed during the session included:-

- Introduction to ICCrPT – WCPT subgroup, strategic plan
- Future challenges & opportunities in cardiorespiratory practice
- Capacity-building in cardiorespiratory through worldwide networking, register of experts, collaborative activities
- Practice definition, with an eye to specialization
- Planning for future conferences

The ICCrPT Strategic Plan now available for review

The ICCrPT Strategic Plan is published on the ICCrPT website (www.iccrpt.org)

The Strategic Plan transforms the mission and vision of the organization into practical actions designed to facilitate transparent achievement of the group’s overall objectives.

The Executive Committee invites member organizations to comment on the content of the Strategic Plan and provide feedback to the executive committee on the direction in which the ICCrPT is currently being steered.

All suggestions welcome!
• Scope out potential of joining with any other groups journals
• Education / research – facilitation of sharing ideas and research interests to assist collaborations and networking
• Outcome measures in cardiorespiratory: a potential guidance document with an international consensus (possible collaborative project with ACPRC).
• Defining the minimum standard of physiotherapy and skillsets which should be offered in Critical Care: an international consensus
• Defining Rehabilitation in Critical Care versus Early mobilisation and associated research agendas, in addition to defining the skillsets which should be offered for rehabilitation in Critical Care

CONFERENCES LISTINGS

Educational opportunities around the world! (If you would like your event listed here, or on the ICCrPT Website please send details to the Vice President via the Website)

16th World Congress on Lung Cancer
6th - 10th September 2015
Denver, United States
https://www.iaslc.org/events/16th-world-conference-lung-cancer
contact: Pia.Hirsch@IASLC.org

Physiotherapy UK
10th and 11th October 2015
International Convention Centre
Birmingham, United Kingdom
www.physiotherapyuk.org.uk/preseneting/2015-abstracts

29th Annual North American Cystic Fibrosis (NACF) Conference
8-10th October, 2015
Phoenix, United States
https://www.nacfconference.org/

The Primary Care Respiratory Society UK.
Expanding our Horizons: Delivering high value patient centred care.

3rd European Conference on Weaning & Rehabilitation in Critically ill Patients
November 6th and 7th, 2015
Rigshospitalet, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
The second announcement and call for papers has now been made. More information: icurehab.cph2015@gmail.com or http://www.mobilization-network.org or http://tinyurl.com/m5s58nr

ARIR 3rd International Conference on Respiratory Physiotherapy
March 10-12 2016
Physiotherapy, Rehabilitation and the Burden of Respiratory Disease: Open Challenges and

New Insights
Rimini, Italy
info@victoryproject.it
www.arirassociazione.org

4th International Conference and Exhibition, Lung and Respiratory Care
August 1-3rd, 2016
Manchester
United Kingdom
http://Ling.conferenceseries.com

ERWCPT 2016 European Physiotherapy Congress
WCPT European Region
11-12th November 2016
Liverpool, UK
www.liverpool2015.com
**ICCrPT REGISTER OF EXPERTS NOW PUBLISHED**

The Register of Experts is available to view on the Members Side of the ICCrPT Website.

Members who have registered themselves as “Experts” on the ICCrPT Experts Register are now available to view through the ICCrPT Website.

The register is designed to help us connect members around the world interested in particular issues. You can request the contact details of any registered expert by contacting Monika Fagevik Olsén through the website or via the details found on the Register Page. Please consider joining the register today, visit [www.iccrpt.org](http://www.iccrpt.org).

**MEET THE EC**

The Executive Committee member highlighted in this Edition is Natascha Plani. Tasch was elected as the ICCrPT Treasurer at the WCPT Members meeting in 2015. Natascha is a clinician in private practice in Johannesburg, South Africa, with a special interest in critical care and trauma. She obtained a Masters degree in Physiotherapy - Traumatology & Critical care in 2012. She is involved in post-graduate lecturing and a speaker at short courses and congresses locally and internationally. She has served on various committees of the South African Society of Physiotherapy and WCPT. Natascha has been part of the Executive Committee of ICCrPT since its inception in 2011, and is currently the treasurer.

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You can also contact Tasch through the ICCrPT Website.

**WCPT Singapore 2015:**

The abstracts for all the presentations delivered at WCPT Singapore 2015 can now be viewed at the following link. [www.professionalabstracts.com/wcpt2015/iplanner](http://www.professionalabstracts.com/wcpt2015/iplanner)

**BOOK REVIEW**

*Cardiopulmonary Physiotherapy in Trauma: An Evidence-based Approach*

Heleen van Aswegen and Brenda Morrow (Eds) August 2015

A variety of Trauma topics are brought together in this volume, which shares information from published research as well as the extensive clinical expertise of the authors. The dissemination of the authors experience is key in cases where evidence to support certain treatment techniques in patients with traumatic injury is still lacking. The book is an essential reference encouraging evidence-based practice from undergraduate students, as well as graduate physiotherapists who work with trauma patients in the acute care setting. Contents include: the physiological response to trauma, trauma and immunosuppressive diseases, Physiotherapy modalities, markers and outcome measures, blunt & penetrating trauma, burn injuries, multiple orthopaedic injuries, acute spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury and quality of life of survivors of Trauma. [www.jutaonline.co.za](http://www.jutaonline.co.za)
The recent WCPT Singapore 2015 Congress was the first in which the International Confederation of Cardiorespiratory Physical Therapists (ICCrPT) had a role and presence, following its ratification as a subgroup of WCPT at the preceding 2011 Amsterdam gathering. The ICCrPT endeavored to play a significant part in this Singapore Congress from the earliest opportunity and was able to play a positive role contributing to:

- Scientific committee nominations
- Abstract, courses & symposia reviewer panel, thereby influencing congress programming content
- Submission awards – the ICCrPT provided an award for the best cardiorespiratory abstract
- Networking session – the ICCrPT conducted a general members forum and networking session
- Symposia – the ICCrPT submitted a number of submissions for symposia and was successful in its application on the topic: Exercise Training/Rehabilitation for People with Special Health Needs
- Post congress workshop – the ICCrPT was also successful in its application to provide a post-congress on Respiratory Muscle Training

In addition there were 3 cardiorespiratory oral presentation sessions and several cardiorespiratory poster sessions. Abstracts for this content can be accessed through the link provided above. [www.professionalabstracts.com/wcpt2015/planner](http://www.professionalabstracts.com/wcpt2015/planner)

The ICCrPT nominated Dina for the 2015 WCPT International Service Award and were delighted to learn that she was selected for this outstanding recognition. Excerpts of the extensive list of achievements within the nomination included:

- >100 presentations at international conferences
- >200 peer reviewed publications
- >100 research grants (CAD$7.5 million)
- Scientific editor of Physiotherapy Canada
- Helped to establish the Canadian COPD Alliance, a network of researchers, educators, and practitioners who work towards improve the care that is given to people living with COPD in Canada

The ICCrPT wish to congratulate Dina for this incredible achievement.

The ICCrPT Outstanding Poster Presentation Award WCPT 2015

Koji Takase (Japan):

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EFFICACY OF A HOME-BASED EXERCISE PROGRAM FOR RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED CHRONIC HEART FAILURE PATIENTS

Congratulations Koji