



International Federation of Physiotherapists  
working in  
**Occupational Health and Ergonomics**

May 29<sup>th</sup> 2023

Dear Member Organisations,

We bring you the IFPTOHE May 2023 Newsletter, please share it with your own members.

### General meeting

On May 16<sup>th</sup> 2023, the IFPOHE General meeting was held virtually. Minutes are attached for your information.

#### Key points from the meeting:

1. IFPOHE has a new governance document, note our new name (updated from IFPTOHE). This document will be uploaded onto our website soon.
2. Two new Member Organisations were elected:
  - The Colombian (Asociación Colombianade Fisioterapia, ASCOFI)
  - The Philippine Physical Therapy Association
3. Four existing committee members, nominated for re-election and were elected
  - Rose Boucaut (President) – 4 year term
  - Yvonne de Leeuw (Vice- president) – 4 year term
  - Marisa Coetsee (Secretary) – 4 year term
  - Kjerstin Stigmar (General Committee) – 2 year term

*The committee thank Nicola Suckley who has served IFPOHE well during her four-year term and will be missed. Nicola will now take up a position with ACPOHE, we wish her well and plan to maintain our good working relationship.*

4. Three new committee members were elected, we welcome them. They are:
  - Beatriz Sanz-Bustillo Aguirre Asociación Española de Fisioterapeutas en Fisioterapia del Trabajo y Ergonomía (AEF-FITE)
  - Tracey Atkinson, ACPOHE Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Occupational Health & Ergonomics (ACPOHE), United Kingdom
  - Daijo Shiratsuchi from the Japanese Society of Physiotherapy in Occupational Health, Japan

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**World Physiotherapy Congress 2023 - Dubai**

After our general meeting we are now looking forward to the World Physiotherapy Congress 2023 in Dubai, June 2-4. Are you planning to go? Please have a look at the scheduled activities regarding IFPOHE on the next page and reach out to us to get connected at the congress.

Best wishes,  
the Executive Committee

Rose Boucaut (Australia), Yvonne van Zaanen (The Netherlands), Marisa Coetzee (South Africa), Vasiliki Sakellari (Greece), Kjerstin Stigmar (Sweden), Beatriz Sanz-Bustillo Aguirre (Spain), Tracey Atkinson (United Kingdom) and Daijo Shiratsuchi (Japan).



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**World Physiotherapy Congress 2023 Dubai, June 2-4**

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>** **IFP(T)OHE working together meeting (XM-03)** 13.00-14.00 hours.

This meeting is organized for our subgroup members with the aim to:

- get to know your peers from other countries
- find ways for closer collaboration between subgroup members and IFPOHE
- discuss the needs for the future of IFPOHE members

**ePoster sessions Occupational Health & Ergonomics (ePOS-67)** 10.40-11.05 hours

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>** **Networking session Occupational Health (NWS-14)** 8.00- 9.00 hours.

**Indaba; World Physio Subgroups (IN-15)** 12.00-12.30 hours.

**ePoster sessions Occupational Health & Ergonomics (ePOS-69)** 16.30-16.55 hours

**ePoster sessions Occupational Health & Ergonomics (ePOS-68)** 17.05-17.30 hours

**June 4<sup>th</sup>** **Indaba; Health and Safety (IN-24)** 10.45-11.00 hours.

**Everyday** **Posters**

**IFPOHE Booth** at all lunch breaks and most of other breaks.

Will you be joining the congress? We invite and encourage all IFPOHE members to connect to each other and IFPOHE committee members who will be present at the congress. We would also welcome your help in our activities, for instance to attend the booth and provide it with materials. We would like to ask you in advance to bring a small 'hand-waving flag' of your country of origin, one manuscript regarding OH&E written by one of your members or with specific importance for physiotherapists in OH&E in your country, any other memorabilia from your country to visually add to the IFPOHE booth.

Please let us know if you **wish to assist and/or connect in advance or at the congress** by sending an email to Yvonne de Leeuw- van Zaanen at [info@visiek.nl](mailto:info@visiek.nl).

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