



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

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Dear Member Organisations,

We bring you the IFPOHE end of year Newsletter 2023, please share with your members.

### ***Achievements and upcoming Events***

#### **General Meeting**

Name change from IFPTOHE to IFPOHE.

Election of new Executive committee members: Beatriz Sanz-Bustillo (Spain), Tracey Atkinson (United Kingdom), Daijo Shiratsuchi (Japan).

New Governance document (Constitution) accepted.

#### **Dubai congress**

IFPOHE hosted a networking session, held a meeting, contributed judges to a poster competition, shared a joint seminar with the Mental Health subgroup and hosted an information booth in the display area.

#### **Diary Dates**

##### **[IFPOHE Webinars](#)**

- Topic: "Sitting versus standing" at desks,  
Date: 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024", with speakers Wim Grooten (Sweden) and Venerina Johnston (Australia).  
Time: 0800 GMT, To be confirmed (TBC)
- Topic: Occupational Health Physiotherapy (OHP) practice Standards,  
Date & Time: (TBC)  
Hear about new standards developed in New Zealand in 2023, and an update on the international standards currently being developed.
- Topic: Functional Capacity Evaluation/Pre-employment screening  
Date & Time: (TBC)

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### Other further education

[ICOH 2024](#) Marrakesh, Morocco, “Enhancing Occupational Health and Research Practices” (April/May)

[IEA Congress](#), Jeju Island, Korea “Better Life Ergonomics for Future Humans”

CRE-MSD free webinar “[Development of a Survey to Explore Workplace Risk Factors and Hazards Common to Both Musculoskeletal and Psychological Injury](#)”

Visit [NIVA Education](#) Occupational health courses - some are free information sessions/webinars others are fee paying courses

### **Future topics**

If you have ideas for future webinar topics and suggested speakers, please let the Executive Committee members know.

### ***Feedback***

A planning meeting will be held in mid-January by the Executive Committee – if you have ideas you wish to bring to our attention please do so by January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### ***Membership***

We welcomed new Member Organisations in 2023 from Colombia and Philippines. Recent interest has been expressed by Portugal to join IFPOHE.

### ***Notifications***

Rose Boucaut and Yvonne van Zaanen are both currently enrolled in a World Physiotherapy Leadership course, so enjoying the opportunity to share discussions with leaders from other sub-groups.

We will be in touch early next year, with our best wishes for the holiday season.

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