

# Press release

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## **Programme details for WCPT Congress 2015 announced**

The World Confederation for Physical Therapy has announced a list of prominent international speakers for the world's largest and most important physical therapy gathering, to be held in Singapore 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

The programme for the WCPT Congress 2015 will include 25 focused symposia featuring speakers from across WCPT's five regions. Focused symposia are core congress sessions providing a forum where cutting edge research and practice perspectives can be explored and debated. Details of the newly announced focused symposia, including presenters, are provided in the attached sheets.

"We've had more proposals for focused symposia than ever before, which means we have been able to select topics with high calibre speakers that physical therapists all over the world will be excited to hear from," said Aimée Stewart, Chair of WCPT's International Scientific Committee, which has responsibility for putting together the programme for the WCPT Congress. "Focused symposia are a very popular feature of our congresses, drawing large audiences. They provide the opportunity not just to hear from world authorities, but to engage with them in discussion."

Each focused symposium is organised by a convenor, who leads an international group of speakers through linked research-focused presentations. The symposium ends with key take-home messages for practice, research, education, management and policy.

"WCPT's priority is to make the congress as engaging as possible for as many people as possible, whether they be physical therapists in clinical practice, research or education," said Aimée Stewart.

### **About the WCPT Congress**

The WCPT Congress is organised every four years by the World Confederation for Physical Therapy. The last congress, held in Amsterdam in 2011, attracted 5,000 people. The 2015 congress will be held in Singapore 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> May.

Further details about the symposia and the programme for WCPT Congress 2015 can be found at: [www.wcpt.org/congress/fs](http://www.wcpt.org/congress/fs)

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### **Note to WCPT Member Organisations**

Please use this information in your magazine, journal, newsletter or social media channels to help attract delegates to WCPT Congress 2015 and celebrate the inclusion of speakers from your country or region. Press releases will be sent shortly with further details on focused symposium speakers from your country.

### **Details of focused symposium subjects and speakers**

#### **(In)activity and health in childhood onset disability across the lifespan**

Janke de Groot (Netherlands), Tim Takken (Netherlands), Olaf Verschuren (Netherlands), Carol Maher (Australia), Lesley Wiart (Canada)

#### **Advocacy in physical therapy: strategies for individuals and organisations**

Emma Stokes (Ireland), Jonathon Kruger (Australia), Kenneth Harwood (United States of America), Jon Warren (New Zealand), Zola Dantile (South Africa)

#### **Best practice for arm recovery post stroke: an international application**

Steven Wolf (United States of America), Gert Kwakkel (Netherlands), Mark Bayley (Canada), Michelle McDonnell (Australia)

#### **Braintrain: making the most of new technologies for stroke rehabilitation**

Mindy F. Levin (Canada), Jane H. Burridge (United Kingdom), Sandeep K. Subramanian (Canada), John M. Solomon (India)

#### **Chronic respiratory disease: high-quality evidence supports greater physiotherapy intervention**

Mark Elkins (Australia), Susan Jenkins (Australia), Judy Bradley (Ireland), Camila Schivinski (Brazil)

#### **Critical updates in our understanding of chronic pain**

G. Lorimer Moseley (Australia), Michael Thacker (United Kingdom), David Walton (Canada)

#### **Emerging use of interactive technology in rehabilitation for young people**

Hilda Mulligan (New Zealand), Jennifer L Rowland (United States of America), Marlene Sandlund (Sweden), Joanne Potterton (South Africa), Parimala Kanagasabai (New Zealand)

#### **Evidence based use of electrophysical agents for managing musculoskeletal pain**

Jan M Bjordal (Norway), David Baxter (New Zealand), Ernesto Leal Junior (Brazil), Gladys Cheing (China), Liisa Laakso (Australia)

#### **Exercise adherence: integrating theory, evidence and behaviour change techniques**

Jean Hay-Smith (New Zealand), Sarah Dean (United Kingdom), Helena Frawley (Australia), Doreen McClurg (United Kingdom), Chantale Dumoulin (Canada)

#### **Exercise therapy for chronic pain: retraining mind & brain**

Jo Nijs (Belgium), Rob Smeets (Netherlands), Mark Bishop (United States of America), Niamh Moloney (Australia)

#### **Frontiers in clinical trials**

Rob Herbert (Australia), Sallie Lamb (United Kingdom), Rebecca Craik (United States of America), Chris Maher (Australia)

**Go baby go!: solutions for maximizing augmented mobility for children**

Ginny Paleg (United States of America), Cole Galloway (United States of America), Elisabet Rodby-Bousquet (Sweden), Hsiang-Han Huang (Taiwan)

**ICCRPT: Exercise training/rehabilitation for people with special health needs**

Shane Patman (Australia), Cathy Evans (Canada), Natascha Plani (South Africa), Sumio Yamada (Japan)

**Integrating evidence into lower limb prosthetic rehabilitation in today's world**

Gillian Margaret Johnson (New Zealand), Lonwabo Godlwana (South Africa), Prasath Jayakaran (United Kingdom), Hemakumar Devan (New Zealand), Sara Drum (Ethiopia)

**Integrating formative assessment mechanisms during student clinical-internships: global perspectives**

Joy Karges (United States of America), Aliya Chaudry (United States of America), Ana Maria Rojas Serey (Chile), Kanda Chaipinyo (Thailand), Joyce Mothabeng (South Africa)

**Managing information and measurement to achieve excellence in service provision**

Robert Jones (United Kingdom), Fiona Jenkins (United Kingdom), Janice Mueller (New Zealand), Ina Diener (South Africa), Carolyn Oddo (United States of America)

**Meeting the global challenge of pain education for physical therapists**

Julia Hush (Australia), Kathleen Sluka (United States of America), Graciela Rovner (Sweden)

**Muscle strength in cerebral palsy treatment: current issues and developments**

Annet J. Dallmeijer (Netherlands), Karen J. Dodd (Australia), Diane L. Damiano (United States of America), Desiree B. Maltais (Canada), Nicholas F. Taylor (Australia)

**Physiotherapy in the ICU: current evidence and practical applications**

Michelle Kho (Canada), Bronwen Connolly (United Kingdom), Linda Denehy (Australia), Jennifer Zanni (United States of America)

**Rehabilitation and Parkinson's disease: exercise is as important as medication**

Gammon Earhart (United States of America), Colleen Canning (Australia), Lee Dibble (United States of America), Lynn Rochester (United Kingdom), Terry Ellis (United States of America)

**Shoulder impingement syndrome: how does opinion regarding aetiology influence treatment?**

Karen Ginn (Australia), Ann Cools (Belgium), Jeremy Lewis (United Kingdom), Jean-Sébastien Roy (Canada)

**Stratified models of care for low back pain**

Nadine E. Foster (United Kingdom), Jonathan C Hill (United Kingdom), Peter B O'Sullivan (Australia), John D Childs (United States of America), Mark J Hancock (Australia)

**Strength training in physical therapy**

Arto Hautala (Finland), Mark Richards (United States of America), Andrew Hills (Australia), Mikko Tulppo (Finland)

**The third physical therapy summit on global health: health-based competencies**

Elizabeth Dean (Canada), Gloria Umerah (Nigeria), Armele Dornelas de Andrade (Brazil), Anne Söderlund (Sweden), Margot Skinner (New Zealand)

**Tendinopathy rehabilitation and 'tickets' to treatment**

Dylan Morrissey (United Kingdom), Peter Malliaras (Australia), Henning Langberg (Denmark), Alex Scott (Canada)