



General meeting in Dubai



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IPTOP General Meeting in Dubai



The IPTOP General Meeting was held at the World Physiotherapy Congress in Dubai on 2nd June.

We welcomed delegates in person and online to the meeting—a first chance to meet in person since Geneva 2019. Amongst all the usual business we agreed our new constitution and elected a new executive committee.

Some farewells...



A huge THANK YOU to our outgoing executive committee members, Helen Johnson (not pictured), our Communications officer, Susan Hunter, our Vice President and Jill McClintock, our Patron.

They have worked tirelessly for IPTOP over the last 4 years and the contribution of Susan and Helen was recognised with a presentation of an IPTOP globe.

A very special mention to Jill who has served IPTOP in multiple capacities over the past 21 years, being present at the very first meeting of IPTOP in 2002. We will miss her vast knowledge of IPTOP and her wise counsel during our committee meetings.

Some welcomes...



We are delighted to welcome 3 new faces to our executive committee.

Dr Kate Lawler will be our new Vice President

Jan Tessier is our new Patron and

Dr Mel Farlie is our new (and first ever) Education Officer

Welcome!

Congratulations to Hans!



The IPTOP President, Hans Hobbelen was presented with a World Physiotherapy International Service Award for Education on 3rd July during the World Congress in Dubai.

The award was in recognition of the enormous contribution that Hans has made in the field of older peoples physiotherapy, with his research into paratonia, the development of curricula for geriatric physiotherapy and his publications; research papers and books focused on older peoples physiotherapy.

Congress seminars



IPTOP organised and chaired two seminars at the World Physiotherapy Congress. The first was on 'Training for Older Adults' and the second focused on Falls in people living with dementia co-chaired with the Mental Health sub group.

If you attended congress but missed out on the seminars then you can still catch up with the recordings on the congress website

Networking sessions



We held a busy networking session at congress and were delighted to see so many physiotherapists with an interest in older people from so many different countries.

There were so many common issues, showing how vital the work of IPTOP is, to draw together the voices of physiotherapists working with older people.

Education award



IPTOP were delighted to make a second Education Award this year, to support Annabelle Long to present a platform presentation at the World Physiotherapy Congress. Her presentation was focussed on work undertaken during her PhD, an ethnographic study on exercise classes for people living with dementia. We recently heard that she had been awarded her PhD—congratulations Dr Long!

Education Award—it could be you!



We have now supported two members with funding to attend conferences and present their work. **Could you be next?**

The Education Award is open for applications all year round—it is not just for World Congress. So if you are looking for funding then why not apply? It is a quick and simple online form, so is only a click away. Take a look at www.iptop-physio.org for who is eligible and how to apply.

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