

International Federation of Physiotherapists working in Occupational Health and Ergonomics

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Dear Member Organisations,

Herewith the IFPOHE February Newsletter, our first for 2024, please share with your members.

IFPOHE Committee Meetings – key points

- An Executive Committee meeting was held 16th January 2024, we planned upcoming education sessions and we welcome your ideas. We discussed Tokyo 2025 and how we could work with other WP subgroups. The next committee meetings are on February 13th and April 16th.
- World Physiotherapy Leadership Programme for subgroup Committee members, met in January 2024 – and the focus was on Project Management. The February session will focus on Advocacy.
- Upcoming World Physiotherapy Treasurers meeting – an IFPOHE Committee member will attend to hear how other groups manage the financial aspects of subgroup governance.

Membership

We welcome the Ordem dos Fisioterapeutas, Portugal as a new IFPOHE Member organisation, effective January 16th, 2024.

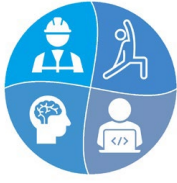
Regional Activities

The Nordic countries IFPOHE Member Organisations have connected via digital meetings on a regular basis, every second month. They plan a face-to-face meeting in the future.

The Asia Western Pacific region subgroup leaders plan to meet for the first time in February 2024.

Upcoming IFPOHE Working Together Webinars

- (i) Topic: "Sitting versus standing" at desks
Speakers: Wim Grooten (Sweden) and Venerina Johnston (Australia).
Date: 5th March 2024 Time: 0800 UTC/GMT.
- (ii) Topic: 'Expanding environmental concerns in occupational health and ergonomics'
Speakers: Filip Maric (Norway) and Augustine Appah Acquah (Ghana) from the Environmental Physiotherapy Association <https://environmentalphysio.com/>
Date: Tuesday 28th May 2024. Time: 10.00 UTC/GMT
- (iii) Topic: Global Standards Date: September 2024 (Details to follow)
- (iv) Topic: Functional Capacity Assessment Date: November 2024 (Details to follow)



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Global Standards Document

Attached please find the Global Standards to circulate to your membership. Feedback appreciated by March 17th - to Rose Boucaut rose.boucaut@unisa.edu.au or Barbara McPhee bmcphoe@jkgroup.com.au

International conferences and webinars

- [ICOH 2024](#) Marrakesh, Morocco, “Enhancing Occupational Health and Research Practices” (April 28th – May 3rd). Vice President Yvonne van Zaanen info@visiek.nl will be there and would be delighted to meet you - or organise a meeting moment for IFPOHE members - please advise her if you would like to meet.
- WP Congress Tokyo May 2025 – Kjerstin Stigmar from the Executive Committee is taking the lead on IFPOHE related activities in collaboration with our Japanese colleague Ms Kaori Suwa. Watch for further information in the future. Start thinking about submitting an Abstract! Any ideas please share with Kjerstin <kjerstin.stigmar@med.lu.se>

NIVA Education free webinars (Nordic region) <https://niva.org/courses/webinars/>

- 20th March 2024 Work Environment Conditions for Health Care Professionals – Modifiable factors on organizational level to improve health and wellbeing
- 14th of November 2024 Prolonging Working Life among Senior Workers

With regards from

The IFPOHE Executive Committee

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