



## Press release

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### **Rehabilitation, diversity and inclusion, and migrant health feature on WCPT Congress programme**

**Rehabilitation, diversity and inclusion, and migrant health are among the topics on the programme for the world's largest and most influential gathering of physical therapists in Geneva, 10-13 May.**

Organised by the World Confederation for Physical Therapy at Palexpo in Geneva, the WCPT Congress 2019 will include [26 focused symposia](#) and [12 discussion sessions](#), featuring speakers from a range of specialisms and 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.

WCPT Congress Programme Chair Charlotte Häger said: 'The focused symposia are very popular features of WCPT's congress and draw large audiences. The symposia offer an opportunity to hear the most recent evidence from and engage with experts in their fields, and the discussion sessions explore current and critical issues and tap into the experience and knowledge of everyone in the room.'

'Some of the subjects on the programme should be familiar to delegates but, in addition to presenting updates in important areas, we've also included some new topics, for example [diversity and inclusion](#) and [migrant health](#). Rehabilitation is an important issue for physical therapists and I'm pleased we've been able to include a number of novel sessions exploring this, [rehabilitation in humanitarian emergencies](#), [strengthening rehabilitation leadership](#), and [rehabilitation in low-resource countries](#).'

The programme also includes [networking sessions](#), [clinical visits](#), and [pre and post congress courses](#).

Professor Häger said: 'WCPT's priority is to make congress as relevant and engaging as possible for as many people as possible. It's an opportunity to share professional knowledge and experience, gain insights, and build networks in an international context.'

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### EDITOR'S NOTES

#### About physical therapy

Physical therapists (also known as physiotherapists) are experts in developing and maintaining people's ability to move and function throughout their lives. With an advanced understanding of how the body moves and what keeps it from moving well, they promote wellness, mobility and independence. They treat and prevent many problems caused by pain, illness, disability and disease, sport and work related injuries, ageing and inactivity.

Physical therapists are educated over several years, giving them a full knowledge of the body's systems and the skills to treat a wide range of problems. This education is usually university-based, at a level that allows physical therapists to practise independently. Continuing education ensures that they keep up to date with the latest advances in research and practice. Many physical therapists are engaged in research themselves.

#### About WCPT

WCPT is the profession's global body representing over 450,000 physical therapists/physiotherapists from member organisations in 112 countries. More information: [www.wcpt.org](http://www.wcpt.org).



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