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WCPT announces Congress Programme Committee for Dubai in 2021

The World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) has announced the members of the Congress Programme Committee (CPC) for WCPT Congress 2021 in Dubai.

Chaired by Shane Patman, Associate Professor at the University of Notre Dame in Australia, the committee brings extensive and diverse geographical, professional, research, clinical and academic expertise to WCPT's flagship event.

WCPT President Emma Stokes said: 'We are delighted to confirm the programme committee for the congress in 2021 in Dubai. Collectively, these people bring a wealth of experience and insights, which will translate into one of the most exciting programmes yet.'

'The committee represents where physical therapy is as a profession: diverse, global, and continually developing and expanding our knowledge to serve the populations we work with. The programme for 2021 will epitomise these values.'

'Everyone will be welcome in Dubai and we look forward to a positive and successful congress.'

Shane Patman said: 'We had the highest-ever number of applications to be part of the CPC for Dubai 2021. After a robust selection process, I'm pleased we have such a diverse group of people, who will bring their individual skills, experience and perspectives to create a scientific programme that reflects the key issues for our global physical therapy community.'

Members of the CPC:

- Hana Alsobayel (Saudi Physical Therapy Association)
- Karim Alvis (Colombian Association of Physiotherapy)
- Darren Brown (Chartered Society of Physiotherapy)
- Catherine Joy Escudra (Philippine Physical Therapy Association)
- Felipe Lemos (Physiotherapists' Association of Brazil)
- Shane Patman (Australian Physiotherapy Association)
- Naima Saleh (Emirates Physiotherapy Society)
- Dale Scalise-Smith (American Physical Therapy Association)
- Remla Shirima (Association of Physiotherapists in Tanzania)
- Jackie Whittaker (Canadian Physiotherapy Association)
- Tomer Yona (Israeli Association of Physiotherapists)

To find out more about the CPC members, please visit:

<https://www.wcpt.org/wcpt2021/programme/cpc>

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The WCPT Congress 2021 will take place in Dubai, UAE, 8-10 April 2021.

Note to WCPT member organisations

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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 121 countries. More information: www.wcpt.org.



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