

Education Task force

Impact of COVID-19 on physiotherapist entry level education

2020 Webinar series

Webinar #1: Teaching spaces with restrictions

Meet our moderators and speakers



Dr. Suh-Fang Jeng obtained her doctoral degree of Applied Kinesiology from Boston University in the USA in 1993. She is the Chairperson of World Physiotherapy- Asia Western Pacific (AWP) region, Professor of School and Graduate Institute of Physical Therapy at National Taiwan University, Executive Board of Taiwan Physical Therapy Association (TPTA), Associate Editor of Pediatric Physical Therapy, and Editorial Board of Physical Therapy Journal. She served as the Associate Dean of National Taiwan University College of Medicine, President of TPTA, and AWP treasurer.

Dr. Jeng has worked in neonatal care, education and professional advancement, regional networking and collaboration, and disaster/pandemic management. Her areas of expertise include early assessment and intervention of high-risk infants, professional promotion and advocacy, and international collaboration.



Dr. Emma Stokes is the head of the newly established Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Science at Qatar University. She has worked in education for almost 25 years and is on leave from Trinity College Dublin where she is an associate professor and fellow. Her research and teaching focus on professional practice issues for the profession. She has taught and lectured in over 40 countries around the world.

In 2015, she was elected to serve as president of World Physiotherapy. She was re-elected for further four years in 2019. She has experience as member and chair of boards in Ireland and internationally in a diversity of settings including education, health, research and regulation.



Dr. Roy Film is an assistant professor at the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) in the Department of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science (PTRS) where he teaches primarily in the areas of orthopedic PT, orthopaedic manual physical therapy (OMPT), persistent pain, and evidence-based practice. He is the Director of UMSOM Fellowship in OMPT and the Academic Director for the University of Maryland Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Residency. He is also a PhD student in Epidemiology on campus where he plans to study nonpharmacological pain management approaches to combat the worldwide opioid crisis. Roy's students have named him the Faculty of the Year five times – twice as an adjunct faculty member and three times as a core faculty member.

Dr. Film is the Vice President of the Maryland chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association and the Nominating Committee Chair of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists. He serves on the Specialty Academy of Content Experts for orthopaedics through the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties. He also serves as a team leader for accreditation of residency and fellowship programs and as an External Assessor for OMPT fellowship programs in the US.



Dr. Olsen is an associate professor at the Department of Health and Functioning, Faculty of Health and Social Science at Western Norway University of Applied Sciences. She led a MSc in Clinical Physiotherapy (2018-2020) and is now program director of MSc in Evidence-based Practice. She is head of the research group "Educational research in health- and social care professions". She received her PhD in 2015, holds a master's degree in physiotherapy, University of Bergen, Norway and a bachelor's degree in physiotherapy, Coventry University, UK. Dr. Olsen supervises master and PhD students within the field of evidence-based practice (EBP) and implementation science.

Dr. Olsen is author and co-author of 11 publications in peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Olsen is engaged in research and development projects related to education, such as development of a mobile application; the EBPsteps. She co-facilitates the Facebook group World Physiotherapy Network for Physiotherapist Educators, and she is also member of the global task force that have produced a number of briefing papers on the impact of COVID-19 on physiotherapy education.



Oscar Ronzio, DHSc - P.T., is a Chair of World Physiotherapy South America Region and Secretary of Institutional Relations at Asociación Argentina de Kinesiología. He is an Ex Vicepresident and founding member of International Society of Electrophysical Agents in Physical Therapy (ISEAPT), World Physiotherapy subgroup. Dr. Ronzio head the Physical Therapy program at Universidad Maimónides, Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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