

## Press release

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World Physiotherapy publishes data from its member organisations every year on a range of issues, including professional regulation, practice, education, and the number of employed physiotherapists. This data provides a comprehensive and valuable global profile of the profession.

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The new member organisations are:

- [Dominican Association of Physical Therapists](#) (Asociación Dominicana de Terapeutas Físicos)
- [Palestinian General Syndicate for Physical Therapy](#)
- [Vietnam Physical Therapy Association](#) (Hội Vật lý trị liệu Việt Nam)

Membership of World Physiotherapy for the three new member organisations took effect from 1 January 2021. The total number of World Physiotherapy member organisations is now 125, representing more than 660,000 physiotherapists around the world.

At the general meeting held in Geneva in May 2019, the member organisations approved a new constitution, which allows for electronic voting outside a general meeting on resolutions that relate to the approval of an organisation's application for membership.

At the time of the vote, World Physiotherapy had 122 member organisations, of which 94 took part in the electronic vote. A simple majority of the number of World Physiotherapy member organisations is required to approve applications for admission to membership of World Physiotherapy. The electronic vote was conducted using the online voting platform [Election Buddy](#).

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## **EDITOR'S NOTES**

### **About physiotherapy**

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.

Physiotherapists 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 physiotherapists to practise independently. Continuing education ensures that they keep up to date with the latest advances in research and practice. Many physiotherapists are engaged in research themselves.

### **About World Physiotherapy**

World Physiotherapy is the profession's global body representing over 660,000 physiotherapists from member organisations in 125 countries/territories. More information: [www.world.physio](http://www.world.physio)

