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World Physiotherapy member organisations in three regions elect new board members

Representatives of World Physiotherapy member organisations in the Europe, North America Caribbean, and South America regions have elected new board members.

Europe region

Of 44 member organisations in the Europe region, 41 were eligible to vote. The votes were cast as follows:

- Maria Fernandez Munoz, member of the [Spanish Association of Physiotherapists](#) 3
- John Xerri de Caro, member of the [Malta Association of Physiotherapists](#) 25
- Pascale Mathieu, member of the [French National Council of Physiotherapists](#) 8
- Abstain 1
- Did not vote 4

TOTAL 41

North America Caribbean region

Of 15 member organisations in the North America Caribbean region, 14 were eligible to vote. The votes were cast as follows:

- Stacy de Gale, member of the [Physiotherapy Association of Trinidad and Tobago](#) 10
- Janet Bezner, member of the [American Physical Therapy Association](#) 2
- Alice Aiken, member of the [Canadian Physiotherapy Association](#) 2
- Abstain 0
- Did not vote 0

TOTAL 14

South America region

Of 11 member organisations in the South America region, 10 were eligible to vote. All 10 voted to approve the appointment of Karim Martina Alvis Gómez, member of the [Colombian Association of Physiotherapy](#), as the regional board member from the South America region.

The following people were elected to serve on the board:

Europe region

John Xerri de Caro, member of the [Malta Association of Physiotherapists](#)

North America Caribbean region

Stacy de Gale, member of the [Physiotherapy Association of Trinidad and Tobago](#)

South America region

Karim Martina Alvis Gómez, member of the [Colombian Association of Physiotherapy](#)

The new board members will begin their terms on 1 July 2021 and each will serve a 4-year term from 2021-2025.

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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