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World Physiotherapy member organisations elect physiotherapist from Jordan as general executive board member

World Physiotherapy member organisations have elected Alia Alghwiri, a member of the Jordanian Physiotherapy Society, as a general executive board member.

Alia will start her two-year term of office on 1 January 2022 and her term of office will finish on 31 December 2023.

World Physiotherapy holds elections for executive board members as required in accordance with the constitution. The election for a general executive board member position closed earlier today and used a preferential voting system to determine the outcome.

In a preferential voting system, each ballot counts as a vote for that particular candidate, and the votes are tallied. If no candidate receives a majority (greater than 50% of the total valid ballots), the candidate with the fewest number of votes is eliminated and the ballots for that candidate are redistributed to each ballot's second preference. This process continues until a majority is reached by one of the candidates. Further details can be found in this [explanatory note](#).

Voting

99 ballots were submitted (97 votes and 2 abstentions) from 124 member organisations eligible to vote (80% voter participation). The following first preference votes were cast:

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| • Alia Alghwiri, member of the Jordanian Physiotherapy Society: | 32 votes (33.0%) |
| • Ali Irani, member of the Indian Association of Physiotherapists: | 18 votes (18.6%) |
| • Nihad Almasri, member of the Jordanian Physiotherapy Society: | 26 votes (26.8%) |
| • Dalia Woznica, member of the Polish Chamber of Physiotherapists: | 9 votes (9.3%) |
| • Ali Albarrati, member of the Saudi Physical Therapy Association: | 4 votes (4.1%) |
| • Magdalena Hagovska, member of the Slovak Chamber of Physiotherapists: | 8 votes (8.2%) |

After round 1, no candidate had a majority of votes. Therefore, Ali Albarrati, member of the Saudi Physical Therapy Association, was eliminated and his votes redistributed.

After round 2, no candidate had a majority of votes. Therefore, Magdalena Hagovska, member of the Slovak Chamber of Physiotherapists, was eliminated and her votes redistributed.

After round 3, no candidate had a majority of votes. Therefore, Dalia Woznica, member of the Polish Chamber of Physiotherapists, was eliminated and her votes redistributed.

After round 4, no candidate had a majority of votes. Therefore, Ali Irani, member of the Indian Association of Physiotherapists, was eliminated and his votes redistributed.

After round 5, one candidate received a majority of votes:

- **Alia Alghwiri, member of the Jordanian Physiotherapy Society: 54 votes (55.7%)**
- Nihad Almasri, member of the Jordanian Physiotherapy Society: 43 votes (44.3%)

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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. More information: www.world.physio