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## Press release

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### **World Physiotherapy welcomes increase in global physiotherapy profession**

**World Physiotherapy now represents more than 685,000 physiotherapists around the world, through its 125 member organisations.**

One of the factors that has influenced this has been a growing demand for physiotherapy services and a consequent rise in the number of physiotherapists, which may be one impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A national physiotherapy association, Yemeni Physical Therapy Association, has become a new member organisation of World Physiotherapy.

Ahmed Hasan, general secretary of the Yemeni Physical Therapy Association, said: "Being part of World Physiotherapy is a great opportunity for the Yemeni Physical Therapy Association to learn from the experiences of other member organisations and collaborate to develop and improve the physiotherapy profession in Yemen."

Jonathon Kruger, World Physiotherapy chief executive officer, said: "World Physiotherapy is committed to expanding our membership to ensure that physiotherapists around the world benefit from the networking, support, and collaboration platform that we provide to our community."

Membership of World Physiotherapy for the Yemeni Physical Therapy Association took effect from 1 January 2022.

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.

100 of World Physiotherapy's member organisations 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.

*Note to World Physiotherapy member organisations:* please use this information in your magazine, journal, newsletter or social media channels. It may also be forwarded to your local or national media.

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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 685,000 physiotherapists from member organisations in 125 countries/territories. More information: [www.world.physio](http://www.world.physio)