
Press release

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World Physiotherapy membership votes to admit four new member organisations

Four new member organisations have been admitted to World Physiotherapy by an electronic vote of the membership.

The new member organisations are:

- [National Association of Physiotherapists of Angola](#)
- [Association of Physiotherapists](#) (Guatemala)
- [Oman Physical Therapy Association](#)
- [Order of Physiotherapists](#) (Portugal)

Our constitution allows for electronic voting outside a general meeting on resolutions that relate to the approval of an organisation's application for membership.

The membership committee received and assessed applications from the [National Association of Physiotherapists of Angola](#), [Association of Physiotherapists](#) (Guatemala), [Oman Physical Therapy Association](#), [Order of Physiotherapists](#) (Portugal) as being eligible for membership of World Physiotherapy.

On the advice of the membership committee, the executive board recommended World Physiotherapy member organisations pass a resolution to approve applications for admission to membership of World Physiotherapy from the [National Association of Physiotherapists of Angola](#), [Association of Physiotherapists](#) (Guatemala), [Oman Physical Therapy Association](#), [Order of Physiotherapists](#) (Portugal).

World Physiotherapy has 125 member organisations, of which 78 (62%) 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 ElectionBuddy.

Membership of World Physiotherapy for the [National Association of Physiotherapists of Angola](#), [Association of Physiotherapists](#) (Guatemala), [Oman Physical Therapy Association](#), [Order of Physiotherapists](#) (Portugal) will take effect from 1 January 2023.

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