

Press release

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World Physiotherapy welcomes two new member organisations

World Physiotherapy now represents more than **600,000** physiotherapists around the world, through its **129** member organisations.

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 Macedonian Society of Physiotherapists and Sierra Leone Physiotherapy Association took effect from 3 May 2023.

Blazhe Arsov, Macedonian Society of Physiotherapists president, said: “To be a part of World Physiotherapy is a great honour for us as Macedonian Society of Physiotherapists.

“We expect that it will help the Macedonian physiotherapists to be recognised as professionals in physiotherapy and to continue with development of our profession in next period.”

Ismaila Kebbie, Sierra Leone Physiotherapy Association president, said: “This news has made all members of Sierra Leone Physiotherapy Association very happy.

“I would like to thank the leadership of World Physiotherapy and the entire membership for the support through this process.”

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.

In 2023 World Physiotherapy had 127 member organisations, of which 83 (75% of eligible voters) 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 600,000 physiotherapists from member organisations in 129 countries/territories. More information: www.world.physio