

Press release

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Physiotherapy member organisations elect World Physiotherapy president and vice president

Michel Landry, member of [Canadian Physiotherapy Association](#), has been elected as president and Suh-Fang Jeng, member of [Taiwan Physical Therapy Association](#), has been elected as vice president of World Physiotherapy.

In 2023 World Physiotherapy has 129 member organisations, and 118 voting delegates from World Physiotherapy member organisations took part in the election at the organisation's 20th General Meeting on 30-31 May 2023 at the Conrad hotel, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and online. Of 118 voting delegates, 115 took part in the electronic vote.

After two rounds of voting, Michel Landry was elected.

Election for vice president

There was one candidate for the position of vice president. Suh-Fang Jeng, member of [Taiwan Physical Therapy Association](#), was elected unopposed.

Regional board members

In separate votes, member organisations in two regions are voting to elect regional board members who will join the president, vice president, and the previously-elected board members on the executive board.

Voting opens on 1 June 2023 and is due to close on 29 June 2023. Voting will be held electronically using ElectionBuddy and preferential voting principles.

Candidates:

Region: Africa

- Jean Damascene Gasherebuka, member of [Rwanda Physical Therapy Organisation](#)
- Witness Mudzi, member of [South African Society of Physiotherapy](#)

Region: Asia Western Pacific

- Ali Irani, member of [Indian Association of Physiotherapists](#)
- Yasushi Uchiyama, member of [Japanese Physical Therapy Association](#)

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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 600,000 physiotherapists from member organisations in 129 countries/territories. More information: www.world.physio