

# Press release

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## World Physiotherapy member organisations vote to change structure to a charitable incorporated organisation

Voting delegates from 118 national physiotherapy associations have voted to revise the World Physiotherapy constitution to change the structure of the organisation to a charitable incorporated organisation, registered in the UK.

The vote took place on 31 May 2023, the second day of the 20<sup>th</sup> General Meeting at the Conrad hotel, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Other business at the general meeting included:

- approval of a policy statement on rehabilitation
- approval of a policy statement on climate change and health
- approval of a motion on language proposed by the Japanese Physical Therapy Association
- confirmation of awards recognising the contribution of individual physiotherapists to the global profession and to World Physiotherapy
- election of president and vice president.

### About the 20<sup>th</sup> General Meeting

The 20<sup>th</sup> General Meeting took place on 30 and 31 May 2023. The general meeting takes place every four years. The next general meeting will take place in 2027.

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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. More information: [www.world.physio](http://www.world.physio)