

Press release

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World Physiotherapy welcomes four new member organisations

World Physiotherapy now has 129 member organisations, representing more than 600,000 physiotherapists around the world.

Membership of World Physiotherapy for [Collegi oficial de fisioterapeutes d'Andorra/Official Professional Association of Physiotherapists of Andorra](#), [中国物理治疗学会/Chinese Physical Therapy Association](#), [Asociación de kinesiólogos y fisioterapeutas del Paraguay/Association of Kinesiologists and Physiotherapists of Paraguay](#), and [Polskie Towarzystwo Fizjoterapii/Polish Society of Physiotherapy](#) took effect from 1 January 2025.

Tracy Bury, World Physiotherapy interim 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.”

Merixell Agromayor Santure, [Collegi oficial de fisioterapeutes d'Andorra/Official Professional Association of Physiotherapists of Andorra](#) president, said: “This achievement represents a significant milestone for the physiotherapy profession in Andorra and reaffirms our commitment to excellence and the continued development of our practice.

“Being part of this prestigious international organisation gives us the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues from around the world, share knowledge and experiences, and contribute to the global advancement of physical therapy. This affiliation not only raises the profile of our profession in Andorra, but also allows us to access cutting-edge resources and training, directly benefiting our patients and the community at large.

“We thank all our members for their dedication and effort, which have made this important step possible. Together, we will continue to work to improve the health and well-being of our society, promoting the highest standards of care and professionalism.”

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

In 2024, World Physiotherapy had 125 member organisations, of which 104 (83%) 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.

Please note: The Chinese Physical Therapy Association (CPTA) is the operating name of the Chinese Rehabilitation Medicine Association (CARM) Physical Therapy Committee. CPTA is a fully autonomous organisation and not under the direction of CARM.

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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