

Press release

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Congress programme committee members for World Physiotherapy Congress 2027 announced

World Physiotherapy has announced the members of the congress programme committee (CPC) for World Physiotherapy Congress 2027 in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Chaired by Dr Judith Deutsch, professor of rehabilitation and movement sciences, school of health professions, and professor, graduate school of biomedical sciences, at Rutgers University, the CPC brings extensive and diverse geographical, professional, research, clinical and academic expertise to World Physiotherapy's flagship event.

Dr Mike Landry, World Physiotherapy president, said: "We are delighted to appoint the CPC for World Physiotherapy Congress 2027. We are very grateful to Judy for accepting the role of chair of the committee, and her global stature will certainly draw people to our event. Two members of the CPC have been involved in programme planning for our previous congresses. We are very pleased that they were willing to serve again and we welcome nine new members. We are delighted to be able to draw on their collective experience and insights.

"The CPC represents where physiotherapy is as a profession: diverse, global, and continually developing and expanding our knowledge to serve the populations we work with. The programme for the congress in 2027 will epitomise these values, and we look forward to another successful congress."

Dr Deutsch, CPC chair, said: "We had the highest-ever number of applications to be part of the CPC for 2027. After a robust selection process, I'm pleased we have such a diverse group of people, who will bring their individual skills, experience and perspectives to create a scientific programme that reflects the key issues for our global physiotherapy community."

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Members of the CPC:

- **Dr Nihad Almasri**, member of [جمعية العلاج الطبيعي الأردني/Jordanian Physiotherapy Society](#)
- **Dr Charles Batcho**, member of [Association Béninoise des Kinésithérapeutes - Reeducateurs/Beninoise Association of Physiotherapists – Reeducators](#)
- **Dr Judith Deutsch**, member of [American Physical Therapy Association](#)
- **Norma Elisa Galvez Olvera**, member of [AMEFI Colegio Nacional de Fisioterapia/Mexican Association of Physiotherapy](#)
- **Thanh-Van Le**, member of [Hội Vật lý trị liệu Việt Nam/Vietnam Physical Therapy Association](#)
- **Dr Mindy Levin**, member of [Canadian Physiotherapy Association](#)
- **Atwongyeire Night**, member of [Uganda Association of Physiotherapy](#)
- **Sonia Roa Alcaino**, member of [Colegio de Kinesiólogos de Chile/College of Physiotherapists of Chile](#)
- **Dr Megan Ross**, member of [Australian Physiotherapy Association](#)
- **Dr Oka Sanerivi**, member of [Physiotherapy New Zealand](#)
- **Dr Nikolaos Strimpakos**, member of [Panhellenic Physiotherapists' Association](#)
- **Georg Supp**, member of [Deutscher Verband fuer Physiotherapie/German Association for Physiotherapy](#)

The World Physiotherapy Congress 2027 will take place, 14-16 May 2027, in Guadalajara, Mexico.

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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