

Press release

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World Physiotherapy membership votes to admit new member organisations

Three new member organisations have been admitted to World Physiotherapy by an electronic vote of the membership.

The new member organisations are:

- Botswana Physiotherapy Association
- [انجمن فیزیوتراپی ایران/Iranian Physiotherapy Association](#)
- [الجمعية العراقية للعلاج الطبيعي/Iraqi Association for Physiotherapy](#)

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

The membership committee received and assessed applications from all three organisations against eligibility criteria for membership of World Physiotherapy.

On the advice of the membership committee, the executive board recommended World Physiotherapy member organisations pass separate resolutions to approve each of the applications for admission to membership of World Physiotherapy.

World Physiotherapy has 126 eligible member organisations, of which 101 (80%) 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.

Membership of World Physiotherapy will take effect from 1 January 2026 for Botswana Physiotherapy Association, [انجمن فیزیوتراپی ایران/Iranian Physiotherapy Association](#), [الجمعية العراقية للعلاج الطبيعي/Iraqi Association for Physiotherapy](#).

Note to World Physiotherapy member organisations: please use this information in your magazine, journal, newsletter or social media channels. It may also be forwarded to your local or national media.

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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