THE SECOND WORLD CONGRESS OF SPORTS PHYSICAL THERAPY: CONFERENCE REGISTRATION CLOSES TODAY, SEPTEMBER 18!

OCTOBER 6-7 | TITANIC BELFAST
Registration Event Microsite

Following the 2010 publication of the ACPSEM Acute Management of Tissue Injuries, its authors recommended the inclusion of “Optimal Loading” by practitioners to enhance biological healing. Next month, the Second World Congress of Sports Physical Therapy brings us right up to date with the latest cutting edge knowledge, delivered by experts from across the world and hosted by the 2010 authors.

The World Congress of Sports Physical Therapy is presented by the International Federation of Sports Physical Therapy (IFSPT) every two years in conjunction with their general meeting. The first World Congress held in Bern, Switzerland, hosted over 800 sports physical therapists and allied professions. The IFSPT is collaborating with the ACPSEM to present this year's event, along with the support of BJSM.

This must attend event will examine optimal loading for various tissue types and systems such as muscle, ligament, tendon, bone and
types and systems such as muscle, ligament, tendon, bone and neurological, and present each system moving through
- The hard science
- Translating science into practice
- Worked examples/case studies from elite sport environments.

Should I Attend?
If you are one of the following, then YES, this Congress is for you:
- If you’re tasked with the physical preparation of athletes for competition such as coaches, strength and conditioning personnel, or sports scientists.
- If you’re a medic or therapist who prescribes rehabilitative exercise/loading in the management of musculoskeletal injury such as Outpatient Physiotherapist, Private Practitioner, Podiatrist or Osteopath.
- If you’re a Sports Medicine Professional.

Why Should I Attend?
ACPSEM have been instrumental in developing the concept of Optimal Loading in the management of injury and this congress takes this concept to a new level. (Also earning you 16 CPD hours)

Professionals will not only get the most up to date rationale on applying optimal loading in practice, but will gain an understanding of the mechanisms underpinning the correct application of load to generate therapeutic outcomes.

Still not convinced? Watch this video and get ready for an amazing conference!

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS SEPTEMBER 18. No registrations will be accepted past this date.

Programme
Speakers
Prices
Exhibitors
Venue
Accommodations (please note: the Hilton Belfast is sold out)
Other accommodations near the venue, but do not offer discounted rooms, include the Premier Inn Belfast Titanic, Premier Inn Belfast City Cathedral Quarter, Hotel ibis Belfast Queens Quarter and others. Please look online for many options.

Colleagues
IFSPT General Meeting at the Second World Congress of Sports Physical Therapy

OCTOBER 5, 2017 | The Olympic Suite
1:30 PM-3:00 PM | Preliminary Round Table
3:00 PM-5:00 PM | General Meeting

Meeting attendance limited to Member Organization designated representative.

An important part of the biennial World Congress of Sports Physical Therapy is the IFSPT General Meeting.
World Congress of Sports Physical Therapy is the IFSPT General Meeting. Here, the delegates of each member organization gather to discuss topics of importance to those countries' organizations and to review the educational, financial and administrative health of our international federation.

In addition, elections are held during the general meeting as board members complete their terms of office.

We urge all IFSPT members to connect with their member organization's leadership to share their thoughts on positive ways IFSPT can move forward and benefit its members. Your leaders will then bring your suggestions to the Round Table Meeting.

We hope to see as many IFSPT members in Belfast as possible, so register today!

IFSPT ANNOUNCES NOMINEES FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD

No organization of IFSPT's size and scope can function without the help of an executive board to oversee finances, provide timely communications, gather input from the member organizations, and facilitate the means for new member benefits.

The IFSPT board has eight members. This year, president Nicola Phillipson and board members Bente Andersen and Mario Bizzini will be leaving the board after eight years of dedicated service. Therefore, elections will be held during the General Meeting in Belfast.

Executive board member positions are unpaid, and their member organizations must agree to support these individuals for travel expenses to executive board meetings up to twice each year. There is a personal commitment and one from the member organization to serve on the IFSPT board.

The designated voting delegate from each member organization will place his or her vote for four individuals...replacements for the three departing board members and for the incumbent board member. In order that the
process is completely transparent, we gladly share new information about the nominees running for these positions on October 5. We encourage you to speak with your member organization leaders about your thoughts about the nominees. All are strong leaders in their own countries!

IFSPT Secretary Maria Constantinou will be distributing the complete information to the delegates directly.

The current executive board hard at work at the 2015 General Meeting in Bern. Left to right: Vice-President (President-Elect) Tony Schneiders; Maria Constantinou, Secretary; Nicola Phillips, IFSPT President; Bente Andersen, board member; Mario Bizzini, board member; Gordon Eiland, treasurer; Craig Smith, board member; Nevin Ergun, board member.

NOMINEES

Nevin Ergun
Turkey
Incumbent
Video

Gail Freidhoff-Bohman
United States
Video

Karl Lochner
THREE ADDITIONAL MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS ADDED TO RISPT PATHWAY LIST

The IFSPT is pleased to announce that three additional Member Organizations have been added to the list of organizations approved for membership as Registered International Sports Physical Therapists (RISPT).

IFSPT President Dr. Nicola Phillips announced the approval of the two member organizations at the most recent Executive Board meeting in Rome.

"We are very pleased to announce that Norway, Italy and Canada have received approved pathways by the IFSPT," Dr. Phillips says. "It's a rigorous process to develop these programs within our member organizations, and an equally rigorous process to gain approvals from IFSPT.

"The number of countries who have pathways leading to Registered International Sports Physiotherapist status continued to increase, and reflects the importance of promoting our skills and expertise as sports
reflects the importance of promoting our skills and expertise as sports physical therapists globally."

Norwegian members may apply for RISPT status after completing the Specialist in sport physical therapy course.

The steps in the Norwegian model include

1. Norwegian authorization as a physical therapist
2. Achieved our extensive competence goals (as described in the application)
3. Master degree in physical therapy or health science
4. Two years full time clinical practice within sport PT (including tutored practice from a specialist)
5. Internet course with mentoring from a specialist

GISPT members may gain RISPT status after becoming Italian Sport Physical Therapist accredited in the third level of certification through GISPT SPT pathway.

Canadian members may gain RISPT status through the SPC Credential Program.

According to Ashley Lewis, Executive Director of Sports Physiotherapy Canada, "SPC sought recognition of our credentials from IFSPT. We are thrilled that the registration committee through their rigorous review has granted recognition of the SPC credentials as eligible for competency as Registered International Sports Physical Therapist. We look forward to collaborating and meeting our international colleagues at upcoming events. Thanks for welcoming SPC...we are thrilled to be a part of such a distinguished group of individuals."

Sport Physiotherapy Canada (SPC) is a division of the Canadian Physiotherapy Association (CPA). SPC has been implementing and subsequently modifying a Post-graduate Credential program in Sport Physiotherapy since 1978. The SPC Credential Program was developed with two basic goals in mind:

**Goal 1:** Offer an avenue whereby SPC members could upgrade their knowledge and practical skills in the field of Sport Physiotherapy, Sport Science, and Sport Medicine.

**Goal 2:** Ensure that Canada's competitive and recreational athletes receive a uniform quality of care from physiotherapists working in sport.

A physiotherapist can progress through the credential program by completing their Emergency Care First Responder certification, followed by Certificate level and Diploma level. Both the Certificate and Diploma are competency based and formally evaluated in both a theoretical and practical environment.
Learning is supported by a vast mentor network and examination team.

SPC Credentials are the recognized standard of excellence in Canada recognized by the Canadian Olympic and Paralympic Committees, Major Games organization committees, Sport Institutes, National teams as well as local and provincial teams.

**Registration**

Members of approved countries - those with established national pathways - may apply to be recognized as a Registered International Sports Physical Therapist simply by purchasing a five-year registration certificate for 50 euros. These individuals are pre-approved. Your membership within your country’s specialist pathway will be confirmed and your certificate e-mailed to you for printing and display.

These countries include:

- Australia: Titled Sports Physiotherapist
- Canada: SPC Credential Program
- Denmark
- Ireland: Irish Society of Chartered Physiotherapists, Level 3 Accreditation in Sports Physiotherapy
- Italy: Italian Sport Physical Therapist accredited - 3th level of certification through GISPT SPT pathway
- New Zealand: Complete the Specialisation Pathway through the Physiotherapy Board of New Zealand. Must complete specialisation in the Musculoskeletal Category. Applications for NZ Board MSK Specialty must have a sports focus with evidence provided.
- Norway
- Sweden - Sports Physiotherapy Specialization
- The Netherlands
- United Kingdom: Continuing Professional Development Level 3 Gold
- United States: APTA Sports Certified Specialist

Information on registration and how to apply may be found at this link.

Congratulations to all three countries!