

International Federation of Physical Therapists working in Occupational Health and Ergonomics

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TO: Provisional Members of IFPTOHE

Dear Colleagues

RE: The International Federation of Physical Therapists working in Occupational Health and Ergonomics

This letter contains some important administrative information for dissemination to your members.

1. Draft Constitution

The draft Constitution of the proposed International Federation of Physical Therapists working in Occupational Health and Ergonomics is attached to this email. We would appreciate any feedback your group may have on this document. Please send your comments to the working party in writing by October 1st 2018, to allow time for final editing. The constitution forms part of our submission to WCPT for WCPT recognition. Acceptance of the draft Constitution will be voted on in Switzerland in May 2019 at our first General Meeting.

2. Nominations of Executive Committee members – will open shortly

The working party will soon be calling for nominations for Executive Committee members of the International Federation of Physical Therapists working in Occupational Health and Ergonomics. We will have seven members on this committee, as per the draft constitution. The roles will be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer plus three committee members. Terms of office are to be staggered and terms of either 2 years and 4 years are available – this is for succession planning to retain some experienced members over the years from 2019. Nominees require support from their Member Organisation with regard to suitability to hold an administrative position, and will need to provide a short written statement of their background and interest in working on the Executive Committee. Details will follow in a subsequent email in late September, 2018.

3. First General Meeting in Switzerland Thursday May 9th, 2019

The first subgroup General Meeting will be held in Switzerland on Thursday May 9th, 2019. This date is immediately prior to WCPT congress. Details to follow.

The General Meeting will coincide with a planned informal gathering where attendees will share information from their country (details of time and venue to be confirmed). In both Singapore and Cape Town this proved to be a very pleasant way of networking with each other and learning about work beyond our own country. Information about the General Meeting and pre-congress meeting will follow in a subsequent email.

With kind regards from the working party,

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