



International Federation of Physiotherapists working in Occupational Health and Ergonomics

IFPOHE Newsletter

7 May 2025

Dear Member Organisations and your members,

We bring you the IFPOHE Newsletter of May 2025, please share it with your own members.

Key points from the IFPOHE General Meeting held on 11th March 2025

1. Minutes of the 2023 May 2023 General Meeting were tabled and accepted as a true record of that meeting.

2. Election results - hearty congratulations to all elected candidates

Re-election of Executive Committee member

- Vasiliki Sakellari (Scientific Department of Occupational health and ergonomics of the Panhellenic Physiotherapists Association) – 4 year term

Newly elected Executive Committee members

- Claudia Rojas Silva (Colombian Association of Physiotherapy) – 4 year term
- Rosimeire Simprini Padula (Brazilian Association of Physiotherapists in work) – 4 year term
- Shane Meys (New Zealand Occupational Health Physiotherapy group) – 2 year term

3. Farewell

We farewelled and thanked Mr Daijo Shiratsuchi from the Japanese Society of Physiotherapy in Occupational Health, Japan, and Dr Kjerstin Stigamr (Swedish Section of Work Health and Ergonomics) for work towards formation of world Physiotherapy Specialty group and subsequent Executive Committee membership.

Events

We hope you celebrated this years World Day for Safety and Health at Work on Monday April 28th 2025, <https://www.ilo.org/meetings-and-events/revolutionizing-health-and-safety-role-ai-and-digitalization-work>. Please let us know annual or other events to share among our members.

At the World Congress in Japan, Tokyo International Forum, there will be several opportunities to meet up with other colleagues:

- IFPOHE Booth -will be located in the Global and Academic village in the Exhibition Hall (Booth number 8). It will be open each day of the Congress



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- Clinical Seminar (CS-04) Occupational Health Physiotherapy, Thursday 29th May, 9.30am-10.30am, Hall C
- Business meeting – Thursday 29th May, time 13.15-14.15, in Hall D1 (this is a Member Only event - please come and meet other members)
- Networking session (NWS-06) – Friday 30th May, 9.15-10.15 in Hall D 5 (open to all congress participants)
- Poster and Oral Presentation sessions.
- Please advise Yvonne info@visiek.nl or Vasiliki vsakellari@uniwa.gr if you are coming to WP Tokyo – we would be delighted to meet you for the first time and renew acquaintances with colleagues.

We look forward to seeing any of you who are able to get to World Physiotherapy Congress in Tokyo. Please be in touch with Dr Vasiliki Sakellari if you can assist by bringing items for the IFPOHE Booth vsakellari@uniwa.gr

Other Educational Opportunities coming up

Institute for Work and Health (IWH) www.iwh.on.ca/events/speaker-series

NIVA Education <https://niva.org/courses/>

University of Waterloo [**Vibration Exposures in Arborists – Do Cut Types and Directions Make a Difference for MSD Prevention?**](#) May 28, 2025 | 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM EDT

Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers (OHCOW), Canada, links to YouTube and pdf slides <https://www.ohcow.on.ca/ohcow-events/repetitive-strain-injury-rsi-day/>

Article of Interest

Bullock GS, Fallowfield JL, de la Motte SJ *et al.* **Methodology used to develop the minimum common data elements for surveillance and Reporting of Musculoskeletal Injuries in the Military (ROMMIL) statement** F1000Research, DOI: [10.12688/f1000research.152514.2](https://doi.org/10.12688/f1000research.152514.2)

With best wishes from the IFPOHE Executive Committee

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