

2013 ICS Physiotherapy Committee Annual Report

Chair: Helena Frawley, PhD, FACP

Term of office: Aug 2011 – Aug 2013

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Committee members: Marijke van Kampen, Pauline Chiarelli, Chantale Dumoulin, Els Bakker, Margaret Sherburn, Jacqueline de Jong, Beth Shelly, Doreen McClurg, Fetske Hogen Esch, Stephanie Knight, Melanie Morin.
(Education Committee Representative: Marijke Slieker-ten Hove)

The Physiotherapy Committee represents and supports ICS physiotherapy members and the physiotherapy contribution to various ICS committees in order to encourage and maintain the multidisciplinary strength of the ICS. It acts as a liaison body between the Chair of ICS, ICS Board of Trustees and its physiotherapy members regarding matters of mutual concern. The Physiotherapy Committee has 3 functions: communication, research and education.

3 x Committee meetings in past 12 months: face-to-face Beijing, Oct 2012; Teleconferences x 2: Jan & July 2013.

Activities and achievements over the past year:

- Terms of Reference:
 - Committee membership:

- Membership and Communication sub-committee:
 - Physiotherapy Round-table sub-committee: Organisation of the Barcelona 'Physiotherapy Round-table' meeting:
 - State-of-the-Art topic
 - 3 x research presentations
 - 7 x workshops
 - Registrations: very popular this year: over-subscribed for attendance
 - No sponsorship secured for meeting and post-meeting socialisation, reflected in attendance fee
 - Contributions to 'ICS Newsletter', summary of Physiotherapy activities
 - Ongoing contributions and improvements to the 'ICS Physiotherapy Committee News' page on the ICS website
 - Physiotherapy committee succession planning:
 - Within PT committee, and PT representation on other ICS committees
 - 2 committee members retiring pre-Barcelona: Fetske Hogen Esch (Netherlands) (remaining on as working party member of PT Round-table sub-committee); Pauline Chiarelli (Australia)
 - 3 new members welcomed: Cristina Naranjo Ortiz (Madrid), Stephanie Madill (Canada); Bill Landry (Canada)
 - ensuring timely and appropriate physiotherapy membership of, contributions to, and follow-through of representation. Physiotherapists elected to:
 - Ethics committee: Cristina Naranjo Ortiz (Spain); committee member

- Standardisation of Terminology: Beth Shelly (USA); committee member
 - Scientific Committee: Melanie Morin (Canada); committee member
 - Fistula Committee: Gill Brook (UK)
 - Continence Promotion Committee: Peter Meyers (Belgium)
- Scientific and Research sub-committee
 - Main activity has been related to 'State-of-the-Science Seminar: Improving pelvic floor muscle training adherence strategies: from theory to practice' which was conducted in the 2 days pre-ICS Meeting in 2011. Continuing activity related to manuscript preparation:
 - 4 manuscripts nearing completion, aim for submission to N&U Journal post ICS 2013
 - Creation of a PT-specific position on the Scientific Committee: a very welcome development after a hiatus of several years. PT committee member Melanie Morin appointed to this position
 - Election of PT committee member Beth Shelly to
 - Committee representation and contribution to ICS Standardisation and Terminology Sub-committees:
 - Chronic Pelvic Pain: Helena Frawley
 - Opportunistic face-to-face meeting with Chair, Mentor and other working party members at the 1st World Congress Abdominal & Pelvic Pain in Amsterdam May-June 2013.
 - Conservative Management of Female Pelvic Floor Dysfunction: Helena Frawley (Mentor); Beth Shelly (Working Party)
 - Opportunistic face-to-face meeting with Chair in Oslo June 2013
 - Contribution to Scientific Program for 2013:
 - Lunchtime pelvic floor muscle exercise classes
- Education and Professional Development
 - External to Physiotherapy committee:
 - Physiotherapy representation to ICS education committee: review of workshop submissions, contribution to all other Education committee activities as relevant.
 - Internal to Physiotherapy committee:
 - Contribution to PT & Nursing Peri-partum voiding dysfunction working party

Plans for the next year:

- Membership and Communication sub-committee:
 - Planning for 2014 Round-table, inclusion of local speakers and liaison with local members
 - For ICS committees who have physiotherapy representation on their committee who are not members of the PT Committee, establish a system of timely and effective communication of their activities back to PT committee

- Approach relevant ICS committees who do not have physiotherapy input or representation, to establish if a contribution can be made
- Scientific and Research sub-committee:
 - Submit manuscripts from 'State-of-the-Science Seminar: Improving pelvic floor muscle training adherence strategies: from theory to practice' to N&U Journal for publication
- Education and Professional Development:
 - Continue to contribute physiotherapy topics and speakers to multidisciplinary educational activities
 - Contact key physiotherapy members to contribute to submission or workshops for 2014 Meeting

Notification of any new subcommittees (as the Trustees should formally approve these, as per the ICS Bylaws):

- nil

Details of any budget requests:

- Jan & July teleconferences 2014

Confirmation whether the committee will call for expressions of interest for new committee members, as of the 2013 AGM in Barcelona:

- Committee will approach any Brazilian Physiotherapy members who are potentially able to assist local planning and organising for 2014 Rio de Janeiro Physiotherapy Round-table Meeting

Special request for any members whose terms are ending to be renewed for one more term. This is permitted assuming this Bylaw change is voted in by the membership at the 2013 AGM:

- Not known at this stage