

# Press release

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## World Physiotherapy announces congress programme committee for 2025

**World Physiotherapy has announced the members of the congress programme committee (CPC) for World Physiotherapy Congress 2025 in Tokyo, Japan.**

Chaired by Catherine Joy Escudra, faculty member at the University of Santo Tomas in Manila, Philippines, the committee brings extensive and diverse geographical, professional, research, clinical and academic expertise to World Physiotherapy's flagship event. Catherine has been a member of the CPC for previous World Physiotherapy congresses in 2021 and 2023.

Michel Landry, World Physiotherapy president, said: "We are delighted to confirm the programme committee for the congress in 2025. As we prepare for congress, we are very grateful to Catherine for agreeing to chair the committee. A number of members of the CPC also experienced the programme planning for 2023 and we are very pleased that they applied to serve again on the committee and we welcome seven new members. We are fortunate to be able to draw on their collective experience and insights.

"The committee represents where physiotherapy is as a profession: diverse, global, and continually developing and expanding our knowledge to serve the populations we work with. The programme for 2025 will reflect these values.

"We look forward to a positive and successful congress."

Catherine Joy Escudra, CPC chair, said: "We had the highest-ever number of applications to be part of the CPC for 2025. After a robust selection process, I'm pleased we have such a diverse group of people, who will bring their individual skills, experience, and perspectives to create a scientific programme that reflects the key issues for our global physiotherapy community."

Members of the CPC:

- Ashokan Arumugam, member of [Emirates Physiotherapy Society](#)
- Kira Bullock, member of [American Physical Therapy Association](#)
- Catherine Joy Escudra, member of [Philippine Physical Therapy Association](#)
- Nathan Hutting, member of [Koninklijk Nederlands Genootschap voor Fysiotherapie/Royal Dutch Society for Physiotherapy](#)

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- Sam Chidi Ibeneme, member of [Nigeria Society of Physiotherapy](#)
  - Emer McGowan, member of [Irish Society of Chartered Physiotherapists](#)
  - Shirley Ngai, member of [香港物理治療學會/Hong Kong Physiotherapy Association](#)
  - Sonia Roa, member of [Colegio de Kinesiólogos de Chile/College of Physiotherapists in Chile](#)
  - Georg Supp, member of [PhysioDeutschland/German Association for Physiotherapy](#)
  - Misako Yokoyama, member of [公益社団法人日本理学療法士協会/Japanese Physical Therapy Association](#)

To find out more about the CPC members, please visit: <https://world.physio/congress/wp2025/programme/cpc>

The World Physiotherapy Congress 2025 will take place, 29-31 May 2025, in Tokyo, Japan.

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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 127 countries/territories. More information: [www.world.physio](http://www.world.physio)