Call for abstracts

The 4th European Congress of the European Region of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy (ER-WCPT) will take place in Liverpool, UK on 11-12 November 2016

The ER-WCPT Scientific Committee is now inviting abstract submissions for platform and poster presentations.

Timetable:
- 7 September 2015: Call for abstracts published on website. Abstracts should be submitted online at: http://www.liverpool2016.com/
- 29 February 2016: Closing date for submission of abstracts
- 22 April 2016: All applicants notified of the outcome of the review process

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Submit your abstract(s) by 29 February 2016
Congress themes
The 2016 ER-WCPT Congress Advancing Physiotherapy – Demonstrating Value and Impact will be structured around five themes, see appendix 1 for details:

- Policy, strategy and influencing
- Research, education and practice
- Practice in a digital age
- Responding to changing population needs
- Public health, prevention and social care

Your abstract must be relevant to at least one of the themes and you will be asked to indicate this within your application.

This world class event aims to bring together physiotherapy educators, managers, practitioners and researchers to showcase advances in physiotherapy within practice, education and research. The comprehensive programme offers physiotherapists from a wide range of backgrounds a collaborative learning opportunity to hear about advances in physiotherapy, engage in discussions and share knowledge and expertise in the pursuit of demonstrating the value and impact of physiotherapy.

The final decision on which theme your abstract will be allocated to is at the discretion of the ER-WCPT Scientific Committee

Categories of presentation
Abstracts are requested for the following categories:

Research reports
Research reports are presentations of original scientific data collected by the authors. Submissions with pending results will not be accepted. Any research approach, research design or research method will be welcomed.

Special interest reports
Reports concerned with the organisation, regulation or management of physiotherapy services or allied health professions, education, research development and service delivery will be considered in this category.

Presentation format
Submissions may be made for one of the following formats:

Presentation
A platform presentation is an oral presentation and has two different formats;

- **Traditional**
  A platform presentation of 10 minutes with 5 minutes allocated for a Q and A session.

- **Rapid 5**
  A platform presentation of 5 minutes with 5 slides covering key points followed by 10 minutes poster viewing and discussion at points around the room. An additional 15 minutes of moderated discussion will be held at the end drawing all presenters back together.
Please note that platform presenters will be required to attend the event on the day they are speaking, booking their place through the congress website www.liverpool2016.com

Poster presentations
Posters are reports summarising information using brief written statements and graphic materials, such as graphs, charts, figures and photographs. Posters accepted for display must be produced according to guidelines, which will be issued to the successful authors. It is not possible to display posters which do not adhere to the guidelines.

Posters will be on display during exhibition hours. There will be an opportunity for presenters to discuss their poster with delegates and presenters will be assigned a specific time to be at their poster.

Please note that poster presenters will be required to attend and book their own place. If you do not attend then your poster will not be displayed.

Selection criteria
Selection criteria will be used to review both research and special interest report abstracts. See Appendix 2 for full selection and scoring criteria.

Submission guidelines
Each submission must be made electronically via the ER-WCPT Congress website: http://www.liverpool2016.com/. The submitting author must be the presenting author. Correspondence will be with the presenting author. The presenting author does not have to be the first named author listed on the abstract. The online submission form provides restricted space for data entry and word count limits are described below.

Having entered your abstract online you will be able to amend your submission up to the deadline of 29 February 2016 (23:59). Abstracts received after the deadline will not be accepted. Please take time to check your submission carefully, to make sure that your text is submitted as intended.

Submissions should include the following:
- Title of abstract [maximum 20 words]
- Names and titles of presenter and co-authors and full contact details
- Relevance to ER-WCPT Congress 2016 themes – state which theme applies
- Ethics approval / statement on adherence to ethical principles
- Preferred presentation method - your preference for an oral (traditional or rapid 5) or poster presentation (or state if all will be acceptable).
- The completed abstract (maximum 500 words). Abstracts for both types of presentation will be published on the ER-WCPT Congress 2016 website and must be structured using the following headings:
# Category (state congress theme)

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**Ethical approval**

We are aware that each country/organisation will have their own governance arrangements in relation to ethical approval and permissions. We expect each author to have abided by their countries/organisations requirements. Please therefore name the ethics committee that approved your work; if ethical approval was not required or you do not have an ethics governance system in your country please state this and how you have upheld the ethical principles in your work (maximum 500 words) as kindly put together by Prof. Julius Sim and outlined here [http://www.liverpool2016.com/sites/all/themes/l16/files/ethical_principles.pdf](http://www.liverpool2016.com/sites/all/themes/l16/files/ethical_principles.pdf)

The ethics statement will be published with the abstract.

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General information
1. All abstracts, presentations and posters must be submitted in English. If the
reviewers identify any shortfalls (in an otherwise acceptable abstract) which are due
to the use of the English language, the submitter will be given the chance to re-
submit within a week’s time to address any language related issues.
2. The maximum word limit for each abstract is 500 words.
3. If the section on ethical practice is not addressed, the abstract will not be
considered.
2. A written abstract must be submitted for each proposed presentation.
3. All submissions should reflect at least one of the congress themes.
4. Each prospective presenter may submit and present a maximum of three
abstracts. They may be named on other abstracts as a co-author but only as
presenting author on three.
5. Only one presenting author per paper is permitted.
6. All presentations must describe original work to which all the authors listed have
made a significant contribution. Any reference to personal experience should be
clearly labelled as such.
7. All abstracts and presentations must adhere to the use of “people-first” language.
A person must not be referred to by disability or condition, and terms that could be
considered biased or discriminatory in any way should be removed (e.g. use “person
with a stroke” instead of “stroke patients”).
8. Any source of funding or support for the work being presented should be
acknowledged.
10. Each abstract submission must indicate if the material has been or will be
published or presented at another national or international meeting prior to the ER-
WCPT Congress 2016.
11. Abstracts for previously published or presented work will be considered only if
they are unlikely to have reached the UK and European national physiotherapy
audience and if the authors take responsibility for providing any copyright clearance
needed for inclusion in the event proceedings or other ER-WCPT publications.
12. The author presenting the paper must register to attend the ER WCPT Congress
2016 and be available to participate in the programme at the time scheduled. The
submitting author must be the presenting author. If this author is not available the
abstract will be withdrawn.
13. Any changes to the presenting author will need to be made through the abstract
submission page. Changes will be incorporated into the final programme if there is
sufficient time, but thereafter no further changes will be reflected in the programme.
14. The scheduling of all presentations will be determined by the ER-WCPT Scientific
Committee to ensure best fit with the overall event programme. Any requests for
specific dates and times cannot be considered. Similar abstracts in related topic
areas will be grouped together for platform presentation/rapid five and poster display.
15. All abstracts will be anonymised and reviewed without knowledge of the identity
of the author(s). The abstract submission tool ensures that the authors of an abstract
cannot be identified during the review process.
16. Selection will be based on the abstract’s conformance to the stated criteria.
17. PowerPoint presentation will be available in all rooms and will be the primary
resource available for platform presentations.
18. Contributors should not use these sessions for marketing opportunities for new
products, equipment or organisations, nor use the presentation time to speak badly
of competitors’ products.
19. All presentations during the ER-WCPT Congress 2016 must include the same
content and follow the same outline as that described in the submitted and accepted
abstract. No exceptions will be made.
20. All decisions of the ER-WCPT Scientific Committee are final. This includes the format for which an abstract is accepted (platform presentation, rapid five or poster) and the allocation to a congress theme.

21. Honorarium, fee or payment of expenses will not be provided for presentations.

**Credit**
With grateful thanks to WCPT and Council for Allied Health Professionals Research for the development of these guidelines.

Appendix 1 – Congress Themes
Appendix 2 – Scoring Criteria
### Appendix 1: Congress Themes

#### ADVANCING PHYSIOTHERAPY: DEMONSTRATING VALUE AND IMPACT

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<td>Theme characteristics</td>
<td>The European community offers both challenges and opportunities for advancing physiotherapy. This theme aims to bring about a greater understanding of physiotherapy across Europe and how diversity, equivalence, harmonisation and collaboration are of value for the profession. Additionally this theme explores how physiotherapy can promote itself and influence policy on a regional, national and European level.</td>
<td>Researchers, educators and clinicians maybe regarded as separate groups of practitioners in physiotherapy, with perceived boundaries of practice and with individuals having to choose where they best fit. This theme aims to explore the potential for a more symbiotic relationship between all of these areas of physiotherapy to be both innovative and maximise the impact on practice.</td>
<td>Technology plays a significant role in daily life. This theme aims to explore new innovations as well as the opportunities and challenges posed by using technology both in teaching and in physiotherapy and healthcare practice.</td>
<td>The world of health and practice continues to evolve rapidly and physiotherapy needs to adapt and develop for the future to remain a viable contributor to health and wellbeing in the face of competition from other groups. This theme offers an opportunity to consider how physiotherapy can impact on, and enhance, the population’s health and wellbeing.</td>
<td>Physiotherapy has an important role to play in public health, health promotion and social care in a context of changing population demographics and growth with competing demands on resources. This theme aims to explore how physiotherapy can contribute to the health priorities that confront society at regional, national and European levels.</td>
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<td>Papers are welcome on these or related topics:</td>
<td>• Entry level competencies and knowledge. • The development of the profession across and within Europe e.g. achieving autonomy, new practices – prescribing. • Mobility in and across Europe e.g. ERASMUS, ER-WCPT, ENPHÉ, regulatory frameworks. • Management and leadership at all levels and in all arenas. • Developing models of access to health and physiotherapy services: examples of innovation or good practice. • Health economics. • Methodologies and methods, including audit and service evaluation. • Examples of service evaluation and implementation of service change. • Examples of evidence based practice. • Pedagogy: innovative curriculum design. • Career pathways: for the individual, the profession and practice. • Leadership at all levels and in all arenas. • Clinical guidelines – the challenge of implementing them and being both practice-relevant and evidence-based. • Collaboration from inception through to evaluation: research, inter-professional education. • Involving users (e.g. patients, students) in education and research. • Health economics. • E-pedagogy; forms of delivery e.g. on-line, blended; e-methods e.g. webinars, wikis etc. • Engaging staff, students and patients with e-learning and e-health including innovative practices. • Access to learning: continuing professional development. • Preparing practitioners, students and patient for services such as telemedicine, telehealth or connected health. • Health informatics. • Developing and managing services that use e-technology. • Bioengineering and the impact of the human genome on practice and education. • Connected health. • Challenges of the patient with complex and multiple comorbidities. • Population-centred and person-centred care. • Clinical guidelines – the challenge of being both practice-relevant and evidence-based. • What is the domain of the generalist vs that of the specialist? • Leadership at all levels and in all arenas. • Redesigning services; utilising the workforce more intelligently so that the workforce meets population needs; skill mix. • Service users’ influence on the development of self-management approaches. • Educating for diverse health and social care needs through innovative curriculum design. • Service delivery and audit. • Community based services. • Promoting wellbeing – living longer and living well: health promotion and prevention. • Physical activity and physiotherapy. • Mental wellbeing and physiotherapy. • Current and future health challenges e.g. ageing population, obesity, diabetes, physical activity and physiotherapy. • Physiotherapy and its relationship to WHO and European Union policy e.g. Alzheimer’s and Health Life Years. • Roles and scope of practice. • Continuing professional development in public health. • Examples of good practice and innovation within both pre and post-registration education. • Evidence based prevention methods.</td>
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Appendix 2: Scoring Criteria  ER-WCPT 2016

Each criterion is scored out of a possible 3. The table below gives descriptions of the scoring system against each criterion

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<td>The abstract’s methods/analysis/approach were clearly explained, rigorous and appropriate to the topic/research question</td>
<td>Approach/analysis/methods adequately explained and justifiable</td>
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<td>Are the discussion and conclusions consistent with the data/findings?</td>
<td>Findings of research/activity discussed well, with clarity about strengths &amp; weaknesses and messages/questions for discussion/further work clearly articulated</td>
<td>Findings of research/activity discussed with some interpretation and inference of further work</td>
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