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European Region of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) Professional Issues WG

Introduction

The main objective of this Report is to give a short general overview of the activities of the Professional Issues Working Group of the European Region of the WCPT within the period from January 2008 until December 2008

The main objectives of the Professional Issues working group are:

- Involvement in the EU Projects: Staying Clean and Pain in the Back
- Develop a network on health promotion and healthy life styles
- Revision of the Core Standards and Service Standards for presentation at the 2008 General Meeting in Athens
- Work in the field of Clinical Guidelines
- Work on CPD with the Education Group.

Members of the Working Group:

Members of the working group until the General Meeting in May 2006 were:

Chairman:

Dagmar Pavlů (Executive Committee European Region of WCPT)

Members:

Miriam Barcia (Spain)
Natalie Beswetherick (UK)
Malene Haneborg (Norway)
Philip van der Wees (The Netherlands)
Dieter Hollerwöger (Austria)

After the General Meeting in May 2008 the members of the group were newly appointed by the Executive Committee for a two year term. Members of the group are:

Chairman:

Sarah Bazin (UK)

Members:

Natalie Beswetherick (UK)
Malene Haneborg (Norway)
Daniel Paguessorhaye (France)
Dieter Steiner (Austria)
Philip van der Wees (The Netherlands)

General Secretary:

David Gorría

Meetings:

In the year 2008 the working group had the following meetings:

- 25 – 27 January 2008 in Brussels, Belgium
- 11 – 12 October 2008 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Activities in the period January – May 2008

- EU Project Staying Clean
- Development of the network on Health Promotion and Healthy Life Styles
- Review of the European Region Core Standards and Service Standards
- Update of the database on Clinical Guidelines
- Adoption of existing foreign guidelines
- Information paper on implementation of guidelines
- Core competencies of the physiotherapy profession related to the Common Platform agenda
- Continuous professional development activities within member organisations
- Promotion of the field of physiotherapy activities
- Physiotherapy standards and CEN.

The General Meeting of the European Region, in May 2008, approved the following terms of reference for the working group for the period 2008 – 2010:

1. Further work to develop the Network on health promotion and healthy life styles. – Malene Haneborg, Philip van der Wees and Natalie Beswetherick
2. Involvement with WHO activities on this matter – Malene Haneborg, Philip van der Wees and Natalie Beswetherick
3. Keeping updated the data base on Clinical Guidelines and Multidisciplinary Guidelines: - Philip van der Wees
 - 3.1. Monitor the procedures for Adopting existing foreign Guidelines
 - 3.2. To participate in the GIN
 - 3.3. To prepare a 2nd Conference on Clinical Guidelines in 2010
 - 3.4. Promote further collaboration in Clinical Guidelines development, especially in collecting the evidence.
4. Follow up the activities on Continuous Professional Development within the Member Organisations, and continue to monitor developments in re-registration, re-certification in collaboration with the Education Matters Working Group – Malene Haneborg
5. Promoting the role and position of the physiotherapists in Europe - Dieter Steiner

6. To complete the Staying Clean project as planned and made recommendations for its implementation. – Philip van der Wees and the PI WG members

Activities in the period June – December 2008

- Development of guidance on Health Promotion and Healthy Life Styles
- Update the database on Clinical Guidelines
- Participate in the Guideline international conference
- Prepare for a second conference on Clinical Guidelines in 2010
- Promote further collaboration in Clinical Guideline development related to collecting the evidence
- CPD development within MOs in collaboration with the Education Matters Working Group
- To complete the Staying Clean project as planned and make recommendations for its implementation
- Physiotherapy service standards and CEN.

Closing remarks

The activities of the Professional Issues Working Group are very commendable, and I wish to thank the members of the whole Committee for their ongoing commitment in the year 2008.

Special thanks to Secretary General David Gorria for his very active participation and support and to Dagmar Pavlů for having so ably chaired the Committee between 2006 and 2008.

Sarah Bazin

Chairman Professional Issues Working Group of the Europe Region of the WCPT