

Will Specialisation in Physiotherapy meet the Current Challenges in Health Care?

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Aims:

- To inform the participants of the development of specialisation models in Europe.
- To heighten the awareness of the Proposed Model for development of Specialisation within Physiotherapy in the European Region of WCPT.
- To provide a forum for discussion around the benefits and risks associated with specialisation.

Objectives:

The symposium will present and discuss the following areas in relation to the development of future specialisation models in the European Member Organisations

- Description of the process towards the Proposed Model within the ER-WCPT.
- Description of the use of the Proposed Model.
- Core attributes. General competencies. Theoretical and clinical competence levels. Academic levels.
- Specialisation areas. Examples of the development and description of specific areas/competencies within a specialisation model.
- Description of CPD (Continued professional development), knowledge building, learning possibilities and career building as one of the routes to reach "extended scope"/specialisation.
- Measures and validation of the proposed competence to specialisation
- The role of Specialisation in the member organisations. Sharing a common European process model?
- The coming questionnaire round between the Member Organisations and the ER-WCPT Education Working Group

Structure:

The chairmen will introduce the proposed model.

Two contributors will present their topic within max. 15 minutes each, followed by an open discussion including questions and comments from the floor.

The questionnaire to the Member Organisations in 2005 will be presented.

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