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Dear member,

Sports Physiotherapy Australia is pleased to welcome you to the December IFSP e-Newsletter. As always, the primary purpose of this e-newsletter is to keep IFSP members around the world up to date with the latest international Sports Physiotherapy (physical therapy) issues, research and news. This newsletter is in a slightly different format, just a simple one page update.

The Board of IFSP wishes all members a safe and happy Christmas and we look forward to working with you again in 2008.

Regards

IFSP Board

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Progress in Dissemination of the Sports Physiotherapy

for All Project

As members are aware the final report for the Sports Physiotherapy for All Project was submitted and accepted this year.

Consequently, the task for IFSP is now to disseminate the outcomes and products of the project and ensure that they are put into physiotherapy practice. The IFSP board and particularly the Chair Laetitia Dekker-Bakker has been very busy doing just this. Recently Laetitia traveled to Turkey and to Greece to present the Sports Physiotherapy for All project to sports physiotherapists in those countries.

The Turkish presentation was part of a large and very successful conference. The organizing committee included Gul Baltaci (Board member of IFSP) and Nevin Ergun (Chair IFSP Paralympic Committee). There were many speakers from the UK and USA, as well as Europe and the conference attracted funding from the Ministry of Health because as a result of the SPA project and a lot of work locally a Master's in Sports Physiotherapy is now being set up at the University of Anchorage. Congratulations to Turkey, this is a great step.

The presentation about the SPA project included information on development of a career pathway for sports physiotherapist by using the outcomes of the SPA project, descriptions of the competencies and standards documents, audit tool kit and tutorial for the kit and the process of flexible life long learning involving both formal and informal learning. Other main topics at the conference included soccer injuries, the shoulder and knee. More information is available on www.sporFZT2007.org

It is great news that with the completion of the SPA project Masters in Sports Physiotherapy courses are being developed all over Europe. The course in Austria goes into its third year and a flexible delivery course has started last September 2007 in Bath University UK and there is a course running in Utrecht, the Netherlands. A course is being developed in Anchorage, Turkey, Athens, Greece, Oslo, Norway, Genoa, Italy and Lisbon, Portugal.

Madrid is developing a specific sports module, which is an excellent initiative. IFSP encourages this approach. It makes sense that universities develop modules based on their areas of expertise, rather than every university developing a whole program of mixed levels.

The educational portal developed during the SPA project can be used to deliver these modules to sports physiotherapists remote from the university. This increases access and flexibility for the students and numbers of students for the university. Universities or organizations that currently conduct courses are also welcome to map their course by utilizing the IFSP competencies and standards and once accredited will be able to offer their course via the IFSP educational portal.

So it looks like the foresight of the European Union to fund the SPA project to help get Europe on the move and all the hard work by IFSP, the core group and member countries is paying off to the benefit of sports physiotherapists, athletes and the public.

Furthermore we are looking for people that have experience and expertise in assessing portfolio's and mentoring Sport Physiotherapists, who want to start putting together their portfolio's. Please contact Laetitia Dekker (laetitia.dekkerbakker@quicknet.nl) if you want to assist IFSP on this important matter.



WCPT 2011

Remember to put Amsterdam 2011 in your diaries as IFSP is working hard with WCPT to present an exciting and affordable conference.

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