# INTERNATIONAL PHYSIOTHERAPY HISTORY ASSOCIATION

## Network Meeting 13th May, 2019

### Key themes

## WEBSITE

What’s good:

1. Some very interesting information
2. Good info hub
3. Brings people together
4. Good for updating on all sorts of history information
5. Good for updating information about the Association (2)
6. Useful for students and researchers

To add:

1. Lot of links to other useful and relevant sites (2)
2. Repository for all sorts of physiotherapy history
3. Q+A
4. In formation about places where historical documents can be found
5. List of relevant books and articles
6. List of contacts with their specific interests
7. Information about different countries

## ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION

More needed:

1. Virtual meetings, but also actual meetings when we can as far as practicable
2. Make PT history more visible (USA colleagues reported that they had not heard of physiotherapy history until polio epidemic, reconstruction aids etc., history started in the 1940s)
3. More information to help add material to curricula (Dutch colleagues mentioned that they were implementing history in their student programmes, but need far more information)
4. Support for research
5. Presentations, history sessions, conferences, etc., every few years just for history Association with all historical papers.
6. Advice on how to start history programme in your own country.
7. Don’t forget groups such as assistants within physiotherapy.

Histories of:

1. Global perspective
2. Education and regulation by country
3. Legal “battles” has resulted in some loss of scope in some states in the US, versus UK where scope is individualised by competency
4. History tied to culture, wars, epidemics
5. Public health motivating development of physiotherapy
6. Health systems changes leads to changes in physiotherapy; impact of service change on the development of the profession; differences in private and public provision
7. Physiotherapy done in non-health environments
8. Specialisation
9. Professionalisation, occupational prestige
10. Multicultural and other diversity
11. Disabled people providing physiotherapy
12. Education, regulation, service provision important.
13. Different modalities and types of physiotherapy
14. Ethics, thinking models, etc.
15. Legislation, social history and research.
16. Growth of science and relationship to physiotherapy

## RELATIONSHIP WITH WCPT

1. IPHA Should be totally different organisation from WCPT – keep our independence
2. WCPT website might be useful to access information about different countries
3. Could hold our own meeting day before WCPT
4. Could ask for a session with historical papers at WCPT
5. Do not want to be subsumed into WCPT
6. WCPT too bureaucratic, but can participate when WCPT happens as people from all over the globe are there
7. Could hold social events for IPHA at WCPT as last night was great and very good to meet
8. Let’s have own history conference once in a while; probably needs to take place just before WCPT conference as people are there