



World Physical Therapy 2007 Speaker Profiles: Issue Three Focused Symposia and Workshops

There will be a total of 10 symposia and 14 workshops at World Physical Therapy 2007.

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Internationally respected speakers from many areas of practice, research, education and management promise to provide delegates with a stimulating and thought provoking programme. No where else can physical therapists have access to this wealth of international expertise all in one place.

Here we feature six of our speakers; more will appear in future press releases.

David Baxter

Contributor to Focused Symposium: Moving Electrophysical Agents Forward in an Evidence-Based Practice Environment

David Baxter TD, BSc(Hons)Physio, DPhil is Professor and Dean of the School of Physiotherapy, University of Otago, New Zealand. He completed an honours degree in physiotherapy in 1987, and his doctorate (DPhil) in 1991 at the University of Ulster, where he subsequently held various positions including Head of Research Graduate School and Head of School of Rehabilitation Sciences before moving to Otago in 2005. David's areas of teaching interest include electrophysical agents, research methods, and pain management. His research interests are varied and include the non-pharmacological management of musculoskeletal pain (particularly low back pain), laser therapy, and complementary and alternative medicine. During his career he achieved recognition for his research on physiotherapy and rehabilitation, as part of which he has authored or edited two books, four book chapters, and over 100 full papers in peer-reviewed scientific and clinical journals. He is Editor-in-Chief of *Physical Therapy Reviews*, the only review journal in the field, and is an Editorial Board member for several other international journals. David has a particular interest in graduate research training, and has supervised 37 PhDs to successful completion. He was previously a member of the UK Council for Graduate Education's Executive Council, and acted as convenor for the Council's Working Group on Research Training in the Healthcare Professions, which reported in 2003.

Joshua Cleland

Contributor to workshop: Structural Differentiation Diagnosis of the Upper and Lower Quarter

Dr Cleland is currently an Assistant Professor in the Physical Therapy Program at Franklin Pierce College, Concord, NH. His research interests focus on the identification of subgroups of patients with spinal and extremity disorders that are likely to benefit from a specific physical therapy interventions as well as the specificity of manual therapy techniques. His research efforts have led to over 30 peer-reviewed publications. He is an Editorial Review Board Member for the *Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy* and an Associate Editor for the *Journal of Manual and Manipulative Therapy* and serves as a reviewer for *Physical Therapy*, *Spine*, *Manual*

Therapy, and the Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics. He recently authored a textbook titled "Orthopaedic Clinical Examination: An Evidence-Based Approach for Physical Therapists".

Linda-Joy Lee

Contributor to workshop: Bridging the Gap: The Role of the Pelvic Floor in Musculoskeletal and Urogynecological Function

Linda-Joy is a physiotherapy graduate from the University of British Columbia, Canada, and UBC Wesbrook Scholar (1996). "LJ" became a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Manual and Manipulative Therapists in 1999 with distinction and completed her certification in Intramuscular Stimulation (IMS) in July 2001. LJ is a clinical and education consultant at Synergy Physiotherapy in North Vancouver (www.synergyphysio.ca), BC. LJ has co-taught with Diane Lee since 2000, and is currently collaborating with Diane on several projects relative to the Integrated Model of Function. In addition to contributing to a chapter on "Restoring Force Closure/Motor Control of the Thorax" in the book "The Thorax: An Integrated Approach" by Diane Lee LJ co-authored two chapters in the 3rd edition of "The Pelvic Girdle" by Diane Lee. In addition, she co-produced, along with Diane, a 4.5 hour DVD titled "An Integrated Approach to the Assessment and Treatment of the Lumbopelvic-Hip Region". Passionate about new challenges, LJ is also pursuing a PhD investigating motor control of the thoracic spine and its relation to the lumbopelvic region at The University of Queensland with Professor Paul Hodges.

Meg Morris

Contributor to Focused Symposium: Gait Analysis and Training: Stepping from Mechanistic Research to Practice

Meg E. Morris, PhD, PT is chair of Physiotherapy at The University of Melbourne, Australia and has a joint position at Southern Health. She is a Fellow of the Australian College of Physiotherapists and specializes in physiotherapy and gait disorders in Parkinson disease. She has over 120 journal publications and has supervised 15 PhD students and 3 post-doctoral fellows. Her research grants include a Michael J Fox Clinical Discovery Grant, a US National Parkinson Disease Association grant and a NHMRC Grant to establish a Clinical Centre of Excellence in Gait. She is also associate editor of the journal Gait and Posture.

Jo Nijs

Organiser of workshop: Guided Activity and Exercise Therapy for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and other Chronic Pain/Fatigued States

Jo Nijs is a physiotherapist and a manual therapist with special interest in chronic pain and chronic fatigue patients. He teaches human physiology at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium) and musculoskeletal physiotherapy (including physiotherapy for chronic patients) at the University College of Antwerp (Belgium). He is head of the division of musculoskeletal physiotherapy, department of health sciences, University College Antwerp. His main area of research is chronic fatigue syndrome and fibromyalgia, and he is researching shoulder disorders and (chronic) low back pain as well. He has published 30 full-length papers in international peer-reviewed journals (the majority on chronic fatigue syndrome and as the first author) and has presented on a variety of international meetings.

Daniëlle van der Windt

Contributor to Focused Symposium: Randomized Trials in Common Musculoskeletal Problems: Challenges and Future Directions

Daniëlle van der Windt obtained an MSc in Human Movement Sciences in 1989, and completed postgraduate training in epidemiology in 1991. Her PhD thesis (1997) concerned the management of shoulder disorders in primary care. Next to her appointment as associate professor at the VU University medical centre in Amsterdam, she is a reader in general practice

epidemiology at the Primary Care Musculoskeletal Research Centre (Keele University, UK). Her research activities focus on the diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment of musculoskeletal disorders and other common symptoms in primary care. She leads a course on systematic reviews, and is currently working on one of the pilot reviews of diagnostic accuracy studies of the Cochrane Collaboration. She has been involved in the development of national guidelines for physiotherapists and general practitioners regarding the management of shoulder pain, whiplash related disorders, and work-related upper extremity disorders. She provides methodological support to physiotherapists, and other health professionals, to undertake prospective cohort studies and clinical trials of common musculoskeletal pain conditions.