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Three physiotherapists from India to address World Physiotherapy Congress 2023

Three physiotherapists from India will be among the main presenters at the profession's largest and most important international gathering, the World Physiotherapy Congress 2023, to be held next year in Dubai, 2-4 June.

The three physiotherapists are profiled below.

They will be contributing to a focused symposium featuring international presenters from across different World Physiotherapy regions. Focused symposia are core congress sessions where cutting edge relevant topics will be explored from an international and diverse perspective.

Jackie Whittaker, chair of World Physiotherapy's congress programme committee (CPC), said: "We were incredibly pleased with the breadth and quality of the many proposals we received. The focused symposia to be presented in Dubai combine truly global perspectives with content that we believe represents professional challenges that physiotherapists around the world are facing today. The topics cover a range of timely issues, such as pain management, services for refugees and migrants, health economics, and the role of technology, and are relevant to clinicians, managers, educators and researchers.

"Focused symposia are a great opportunity to hear from presenters who are experts in their area and gain a unique global understanding and insight into a particular field.

"The CPC is excited to announce the first confirmed programming for the World Physiotherapy Congress 2023 and is looking forward to developing it further with relevant and innovative content."

Each focused symposium is organised by an expert in the field, who leads an international group of presenters working together and engaging with the audience to draw out the relevance, challenges, applicability and take-home messages.

Further details about the focused symposia for the World Physiotherapy Congress 2023 can be found at:

<https://wp2023.world.physio/#/programme/sessions>

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Presenters from INDIA**Presenter** **Srijani Banerjee****Focused symposium** IMPLEMENTING PLANETARY HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY IN INTERNATIONAL PHYSIOTHERAPY EDUCATION**Biography**

Srijani Banerjee (PT, MPT Cardiorespiratory Disorders) is a Faculty and Member of the Board of Studies at the Department of Physiotherapy at The Neotia University, India. She has clinical experience and a Master in Physiotherapy in Cardiorespiratory Disorders and Onco Rehabilitation. She is specifically interested in the psychosocial aspects of physiotherapy care and looking beyond the realms of mainstream physiotherapy. Srijani actively conducts seminars and publishes in print media to promote the physiotherapy profession and its further development. Her research works are often an amalgamation of Physiotherapy and Dance Movement Therapy, where she is also interested in embodied and experiential approaches to learning and rehabilitation that emphasize the interconnections between health, function, participation and environment. She has presented papers on the effects of aerobic exercises delivered through telerehabilitation on anxiety; and the effects of authentic movements on social interaction in patients with dementia, at both international conferences including World Physiotherapy Congress 2021. Recent publications: Banerjee, S. & Suresh, A. (2020). A study on the effect of manual hyperinflation on oxygenation and hemodynamic parameters in mechanically ventilated patients after valve replacement surgery. *Physiotherapy – The Journal of Indian Association of Physiotherapists*. 14 (2).

Presenter **Vincent Singh Paramanandam****Focused symposium** OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO EVIDENCE-BASED CLINICAL PRACTICE**Biography**

Dr. Paramanandam is currently a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Melbourne. He worked as a clinical physiotherapist for >20 years at Tata Memorial Hospital – a large-volume cancer centre in Mumbai, India. During his clinical career, he founded the Society of Onco-Physiotherapists of India. Qualified Cancer Care professional and a certified lymphoedema therapist, he established the evidence-based course in oncological physiotherapy that continues to be offered at Tata Memorial Hospital. His research addresses physiotherapy for cancer sequelae, particularly lymphoedema after breast cancer. His most recent randomised trial proved that prophylactic use of compression sleeves reduces the incidence of arm swelling in women at high risk of breast cancer-related lymphoedema. This trial, published in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology* (JIF 44), is in the top 5% of all research outputs scored by Altmetric. He was awarded a prestigious USydIS Strategic Scholarship from the University of Sydney, where he maintains an Honorary Research Associate title. The quality and importance of his research have been recognised with a Distinction from Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, the UK, and the Paper of the Year award (2014) from the *Journal of Physiotherapy*.

Presenter **John Solomon****Focused symposium** IMPLEMENTING TECHNOLOGIES INTO GLOBAL STROKE REHABILITATION: WHY, WHAT AND HOW?**Biography**

Dr. John M. Solomon, PT, PhD, is the Head of Department of Physiotherapy, Manipal College of Health Professions, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal, and the coordinator of Centre for Comprehensive Stroke Rehabilitation and Research, MAHE, India. He has 20 years of clinical, teaching and research experience in neurological rehabilitation. His research focus is on strategies to improve motor recovery after stroke, use of technology and implementation of evidence-based practice. He was the Co-Investigator on the collaborative grants with McGill University on 'Evidence based practice-Assessing neurological recovery' and 'Virtual reality stroke rehabilitation'. He is a part of the recently completed tri-nation project 'ENHANCE' with McGill University, Canada and Tel-Aviv University, Israel. He is a member of various international working groups on stroke rehabilitation and has been actively involved in developing stroke rehabilitation strategies for low-income countries. He has 52 peer-reviewed scientific publications to his credit.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

About physiotherapy

Physiotherapists are experts in developing and maintaining people's ability to move and function throughout their lives. With an advanced understanding of how the body moves and what keeps it from moving well, they promote wellness, mobility and independence. They treat and prevent many problems caused by pain, illness, disability and disease, sport and work related injuries, ageing and inactivity.

Physiotherapists are educated over several years, giving them a full knowledge of the body's systems and the skills to treat a wide range of problems. This education is usually university-based, at a level that allows physiotherapists to practise independently. Continuing education ensures that they keep up to date with the latest advances in research and practice. Many physiotherapists are engaged in research themselves.

About World Physiotherapy

World Physiotherapy is the profession's global body representing over 685,000 physiotherapists from member organisations in 125 countries/territories. More information: www.world.physio