

## NEWS FROM WORLD CONFEDERATION FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY

### 30th ANNIVERSARY

Founder members Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Federal Republic of Germany, Great Britain, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, Sweden, and the U.S.A. attended the Inaugural Meeting in Copenhagen in 1951. WCPT now has 40 member Organisations, representing over 100 000 physiotherapists worldwide and another 4 Member Organisations have been approved provisionally.

### EDUCATIONAL FUND

The Fund for Educational Professional and Technical Help has assisted a course on PNF in Poland, a seminar in Surinam, and Spain in a financial set-back recently. A seminar on research in Portugal in 1981 and another on a specialist subject in Thailand in 1982, are planned. Assistance from the Fund is available to any Member Organisation, but it is diminishing and donations from physiotherapists or Member Organisations to mark the 30th anniversary of WCPT would assist the Fund.

### COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee met in Bangkok in January and decided to recommend admission to full membership of the Kenya Society of Physiotherapists and the Singapore Physiotherapy Association at the next General Meeting. A similar recommendation may be made for the Physical Therapy Association of the Republic of China, should their constitution be reformed. Revision of the requirements for membership, guidelines on specialisation and the ethical principles will be presented to the Tenth General Meeting. Payment of subscriptions in the first six months of the due year were agreed and proposals for uniform per capita contributions will be put forward.

### ASIAN CONFEDERATION FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY

The first General Assembly of ACPT adopted the theme "Toward Unity and Mutual Co-operation" and was attended by 40 delegates from Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines and the Republic of China. The programme included scientific sessions as well as business meetings to approve a constitution and elect a Board of Directors. The President of WCPT, Mr. Eugene Michaels, addressed the meeting and said that the greatest growth in new national physical therapy associations had been in the countries of Asia in the last 10 years. Till now mainly founder members have served on the Executive Committee and it was felt that members from Asia and Africa should be included in the rotation.

### NEWS FROM MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

#### India

Members were involved in IYDP by arranging sports meetings for the disabled, a symposium on Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons and a Free Physiotherapy Camp sponsored by a Lions Club.

#### Spain

The Association Española de Fisioterapeutas, with the support of WCPT, has negotiated with the Ministers of Health and of Education and Science and succeeded in obtaining a Royal Decree, signed by King Juan Carlos, to provide for the establishment of schools of physical therapy as part of the Universities of Spain.

#### Switzerland

The Federation Suisse des Physiotherapeutes has set up a central secretariat in Zurich with Mr. F. Schmidt as Secretary. Address: Postfach 516, 8027 Zurich. Official address of Federation remains: S.V.P. P.O. Box 3000, Bern 1.

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