

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to our second newsletter of 2022.

Before we continue the newsletter however, as a committee and membership, we would like to pass on our thoughts and support to all those affected by the events happening in the Ukraine. If anyone feels that the IPG-CF can help colleagues and people with CF in the Ukraine or those displaced to neighboring countries, in anyway, then please do get in touch.

The **45th ECFS Conference 2022** (8-11th June) held in the beautiful Dutch city of **Rotterdam**, is fast approaching and gives a much needed opportunity to network and learn together (not something we have been able to do for a while!)

But first, we will start the newsletter with one no less important event.

**Brenda Button**, our Australian colleague, has emailed all the country representatives with the much anticipated **ACT questionnaire**. Once again, dear country representatives, please go through the exact information in the email from Brenda and send the questionnaires to the CF centers in your country. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and your time. All the data gathered will benefit the CF community worldwide.

Secondly: **Pre- conference fun and games!** Check list before attending Rotterdam 2022.

1. Pre-conference physiotherapy Short Course: **The upper airway: Practical assessment and therapy - From research to daily work practice.**

If you are not registered yet, consider attending this interesting course. The course runs from Tuesday 7th June (8AM - 5PM) to Wednesday 8 June (8AM - 12 AM).

The pre-conference course is focused on the assessment and interpretation of literature regarding upper airways. The course will help build on existing knowledge as well as how research results can be translated into daily working practice recommendations. The course will include both theory and practical sessions, while small group sessions allow lots of opportunity for discussion between participants and course tutors.

2. Annual general meeting (AGM)

**“International Physiotherapy Group-CF AGM”** will take place on Wednesday 08 June from 13:30 to 14:30. It is accessible to all physiotherapist, who are interested.

3. **Annual fee reminder from our Treasurer: Emma Dixon ( e.dixon@rbht.nhs.uk)**

As a quick reminder, before we close the accounts for 2021-2022, I would like to thank those countries who have kindly paid membership fees of 50 euros. If there are any others who wish to do so, please may I ask that you do this as soon as possible by April 30<sup>th</sup> 2022.

**The bank account** remains at Credit Suisse in Switzerland.

Bank transfer details are :

Bank Name: Credit Suisse 8070 Zürich

Address: cf-physio.ch, Artishus 1, 3527 Grossaffoltern, Switzerland

IBAN: CH51 0483 5163 5631 6200 0

BIC: CRESCHZZ80A

Account Nr: 0094-1635631-62

Account Name: CFinternational

Currency: EURO! Not Swiss Francs

Please declare clearly for which **country and year** you are paying

e.g. *UK 2021/22*

#### 4. Annual report reminder

Dear contact persons, as every year, we want to ask you to send us a short annual report from your country. A report should be a short summary of information regarding the number of CF physiotherapists (perhaps with the number of CF patients they manage), recent activities and planned events in the country.

- your reports will be available to other physiotherapists in the next issue of the IPG / CF newsletter at the end of May

- Please aim to submit an **annual report till 15th May**, on email: [jana.pleskova@fnmotol.cz](mailto:jana.pleskova@fnmotol.cz)

If you are receiving this newsletter, we are happy for you to forward it to your CF interested colleagues.

As always, we welcome your feedback and input. Enjoy!

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INTERNATIONAL PHYSIOTHERAPY GROUP  
FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS

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**Alumni member**

Past country contacts or board members who wish to join our Alumni members should contact our Secretary Jana with details of their terms with the IPG/CF and their areas of expertise/interest. We are compiling a list of experienced alumni members who might help us with conference preparations, and they will receive all IPG/CF communications directly as supporters of the IPG/CF.

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