



NEWSLETTER 3, 2020
INTERNATIONAL PHYSIOTHERAPY GROUP FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS

Dear all,

As the COVID-19 pandemic defines these times, we hope that you and your dear ones are all safe and well!

This newsletter includes the minutes of our first virtual Annual General Meeting.

At this point, we want to take the opportunity to heartily thank Marta for the all her efforts and commitment as Chairperson over the last years. She really did great job for the IPG/CF group! A huge thanks to Marta!!

As earlier informed, the annual conference in Lyon had to be cancelled and a digital mini-43rd European CF conference is planned 24-25 September 2020. It will include excerpts of the Scientific Programme which had been prepared for Lyon. Please mark the event in your calendars and do not to miss the event!

The ECFS looks forward to seeing you online in large numbers.

As my term as Secretary already ended, I want to thank everyone, especially the other board members with whom I closely worked together. You all made this job worth and fun doing! It was a great and fruitful opportunity for me! Now, I have the great pleasure to hand this position over to Jana Pleskova from Czech Republic – Thank you and welcome on board, Jana!

If you are receiving this newsletter, please forward it to your colleagues.

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

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Alumni member

Past country contacts or board members who wish to join our Alumni members should contact our Secretary Marlies 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.

Annual General Meeting on 04.06.2020
13:45 - 14:45 CET

- Election of new board members
 - Chairperson
 - Vice-Chairperson
 - Secretary
 - Pre-Course Coordinator: See Update of the constitution
- Planned Webinar in September
- Update ACT Questionnaire - Brenda Button
- Update of the constitution
- Miscellaneous

1) Marta Kerstan, IPG/CF Chairperson, opened the meeting.

Participating Board Members:

- Cecilia Rodriguez-Hortal (Vice-Chairperson)
- Emma Dixon (Treasurer)
- Marlies Wagner (Secretary)

The AGM was attended by 14 Country Contact Persons:

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, Ireland, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Sweden, Switzerland, UK

There were 14 contact members present. This represented a quorum of current active countries and the meeting was officially opened by Marta, Chairperson of the IPG/CF.

2) Election

Election of Chairperson:

One nomination was received for the role Chairperson: Marlies Wagner. Following a voting by country contact persons present, Marlies was elected and welcomed as IPG/CF Chairperson.

Election of Vice-Chairperson

No nomination was received for the role Vice-Chairperson: Cecilia Rodriguez-Hortal agreed to stay in this role. Following a voting by country contact persons present, Cecilia will stay as IPG/CF Vice-Chairperson till next year.

Election of Secretary

One nomination was received for the role Secretary: Jana Pleskova. Following a voting by country contact persons present, Jana was elected and welcomed as IPG/CF Secretary.

Election of the Pre-Course Coordinator

Board nominated Ana Rocha for this new position. Following a voting by country contact persons present, Ana was elected and welcomed as Pre-Course Coordinator.

3) Planned webinar in September

As the annual conference in Lyon is cancelled, a digital mini-43rd European CF conference is planned 24-25 September 2020.

The IPG/CF group is participating in a multidisciplinary session. It is planned to join this session with a case presentation – Physiotherapy management in COVID-19 people with CF.

There is an open call for proposals at the bottom! Please forward this call to your colleagues!

4) Update ACT Questionnaire

Brenda Button provided an update on the ACT questionnaire. The aim is to repeat the survey which was conducted 20 years ago, and it will cover the whole lifespan. The survey will be conducted through a survey monkey.

Discussion: for Europe it is important to consider GDPR – general data protection and therefore, a consent will be implemented for the interviewed physio.

5) Update of the constitution

A new role of a Pre-Conference Course Coordinator was added to the constitution. Following a voting by country contact persons present, this new board position was agreed.

Election of Pre-Conference Course Coordinator

One nomination was received for the role Pre-Conference Course Coordinator: Ana Rocha. Following a voting by country contact persons present, Ana was elected and welcomed as IPG/CF Pre-Conference Course Coordinator.

The actual version of the constitution of the IPG/CF group will be uploaded on the website of the ECFS.

Dear Country Representatives and members of the IPG/CF!

Welcome to our 2020 AGM and the strange times that we find ourselves in.

Treasurer reports are notoriously dry I am afraid, but a necessary part of any AGM, so please bear with us.

Courtesy of Peter, here is an updated summary of the last 4 years' voluntary Annual Membership Fees.

Annual Membership Fees Summary

Country (Alphabetical Order)	2016	2017	2018	2019
Australia	√	√		
Austria			√	√
France	√		√	
Germany	√	√	√	
Greece	√		√	√
Ireland	√	√		
Israel		√		
Italy	√		√	
Norway	√	√		
Poland			√	
Sweden		√		
Switzerland	√	√	√	√
Czech Republic	√			
UK	√	√	√	

For those of you who may not be aware, the annual membership fee for the IPG/CF is set at 50 Euros and is non-compulsory. The money is mainly used to support the Physiotherapy Short Course at the ECFC, speakers at the ECFC conference who are not funded by the ECFS Organising Committee, special occasions and bank fees. The IPG-CF Board work voluntarily and no salaries are paid to them. We are mindful that not all membership countries are financially equal, but we would ask if your organisation is able to contribute, we would be grateful.

We have had great difficulty this year in transferring the current account, which is held with Credit Suisse in Switzerland, due to requiring two bank signatories and COVID 19.

Nicola Collins, Lead Paediatric Physiotherapist at the Royal Brompton Hospital, has agreed to be the 2nd signatory, if the membership at this AGM (4th June 2020) agree with the current board's decision to appoint her?

Current balance, as of June - 3,983.55 Euros. No expenses, other than bank charges, were incurred this year due to cancellation of ECFC 2020 in Lyon.

Payments are made in 2 ways:

- 1) Bank transfer, details of which will be communicated to the Country representatives when available.
- 2) Cash with receipt at the annual ECFC.

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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Call for Proposal

International Physiotherapy Group for Cystic Fibrosis (IPG-CF)

Event:	Digital 43rd European CF Conference (24-25 September 2020)
Session Date:	25/9/2020
Session Title:	WEB05 - Body and Soul - Psychological influences on physical outcomes
Session Time:	11:00-12:30
Presentation title:	A case presentation: physiotherapy management in Covid-19 people with CF
Presentation time:	12:06-12:30

Outline

The European Cystic Fibrosis Conference did not take place in Lyon, France, 3-6th June 2020, due to COVID-19. The European Cystic Fibrosis Society (ECFS) has selected elements of the cancelled conference content planned in Lyon to feature in a digital event that will take place from 24 to 25 September 2020. The details above are for one of the sessions organised.

The IPG-CF would like a call for proposal for the above session presentation. The IPG-CF annually hold a 'Physiotherapy Case Presentation' session before the ECFS conference as part of their educational activities. The submission of case presentation abstracts by Physiotherapists who work in the field of cystic fibrosis will enable an individual to disseminate invaluable knowledge to peers about how they have approached the treatment of a person with cystic fibrosis who had COVID-19.

Physiotherapist country representatives will receive the invitation to submit a case presentation for the session. Forwarding of the invitation to other Physiotherapists who work in the field of cystic fibrosis is allowed. Abstracts must be 200-250 words and submitted between 05th - 26th June 2020. The IPG-CF Board will select and announce the successful applicant by 31st July 2020. The successful applicant will present their case presentation at the above session.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be a Physiotherapist working in the field of cystic fibrosis
- Applicants must be the presenting author of the abstract
- Applications will be considered where the abstract relates to the physiotherapy management of a patient with CF who had COVID-19

Non-eligibility criteria

- Applicants who are not a Physiotherapist e.g. doctor, dietitian etc.
- Abstracts that do not involve people with cystic fibrosis and the physiotherapy management related to COVID-19 will not be considered.

Coming up:
44th European Cystic Fibrosis Conference in Milan 2021

Please feel free to provide feedback and forward your suggestions or content to the IPG/CF Secretary – marlies.wagner@medunigraz.at
Distribute this widely and enjoy!