



## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE IAPTAP

10 MAY 2019

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1. Chairperson's report: [Click Here](#)
2. Treasurer's Report: [Click here to receive a copy](#)
  - a. Membership fee model to be adjusted to a per capita fee model. [Click here to view](#)
  - b. Draft budget for 2020 to be compiled
  - c. Additional possible sources of income:
    - i. Webinars
    - ii. Events in conjunction with other bodies to keep costs down
3. Website
  - a. Links to Member organisations websites and social media to be added
  - b. IAPTAP's own social media profile
    - i. Not currently enough manpower to manage a SM profile, nor enough need
    - ii. Aim to publish a newflash every 6 months
    - iii. New secretary to monitor news from MO's
  - c. Event calendar to be added to website
4. Education
  - a. IAPTAP Minimum standards for education and ethical guidelines document to be compiled. Switzerland and South Africa already have such documents that can be used for a draft
  - b. List of educational resources to be maintained on the website. This should include a list of instructors willing to teach abroad including a bio of what they are already teaching. This will not constitute an official endorsement of a particular instructor or course by the IAPTAP
  - c. Provisional discussions about an IAPTAP tag-on event at the IAVRT Meeting in 2020 in Cambridge
5. MO Feedback on legislative issues in their countries:
  - a. Sweden has protection of title for animal physiotherapists
  - b. Switzerland: each canton has different rules but the profession of animal physiotherapy is regulated
  - c. Finland: Has no protection/regulation of the profession and not likely to get protection. However, mostly only physio's working in the field.
  - d. Canada – regulation different in each province.
  - e. Conclusion: Because of the different socio-political environments in each country, achieving consistency in terms of regulation is unlikely. The role of the IAPTAP should be



to spread a consistent official message about who and what an IAPTAP MO physiotherapist is.

6. Potential new MO's to be encouraged:
  - a. Denmark
  - b. Spain
  - c. Norway
7. Shall we change from a Subgroup to a WCPT Network?
  - a. Will lose some of our uniqueness as an animal physiotherapy member organisation
  - b. Less credibility than a subgroup which may adversely affect our ability to support our MO's
8. Listing with One Health Initiative (an organisation that promotes the value of integrating human and animal medical care) was proposed and accepted
9. Election of new office bearers:
  - a. President: Ansi van der Walt (South Africa)
  - b. VP: Donna LaRoque-Hennig (Canada)
  - c. Secretary: Sandra Oxtoby (Canada)
  - d. Treasurer: Brigitte Stebler (Switzerland)
  - e. Members at large:
    - i. Cajsa Ericson (Sweden)
    - ii. Anna Bostrom (Finland)
  - f. Suggestion for a web-conferencing meeting of the committee at least every 6 months