

The WCPT Conference attracted 5274 delegates from 115 countries, with the majority coming from Netherlands. It was a great opportunity to catch up with friends as well as meet new people from a range of backgrounds and countries. As a MACP member I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity that WCPT offers to attend symposia, presentations and see posters that explored a diverse range of professional interests and issues, including education, research, as well as contemporary cardiopulmonary and neurological research. The ability to attend a conference of this size and quality gave me a global perspective of Physiotherapy practice, something I have not experienced before from a Conference.

WCPT ideally suited presentation of my own research as one of my own areas of interest crosses areas of specialism within Physiotherapy; manual therapy and COPD. As a poster presentation this worked very well and gave me an opportunity to informally discuss my research with other physiotherapists interested in this field.

The organisation of the Conference was generally very good, although the lack of refreshments and lunch as part of the Conference fee was very disappointing. Long queues and limited food outlets meant many people, including me survived on the unlimited supply of free apples. Time was precious and we did not want to miss sessions waiting for food.

Overall this was a very enjoyable conference and I thank the MACP for giving me the opportunity to attend.

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