What is the value of a Europe wide professional conference? Evaluating the impact of the 4th ER-WCPT Congress 2016

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Conference objectives

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• Scientific programme;
  – To provide an inclusive, collaborative learning opportunity
  – To create opportunities to share expertise and perspectives in advancing physiotherapy education, practice and research
  – To showcase advances in physiotherapy

• International programme, fringe meetings, social programme
Challenges

- Identifying roles and responsibilities SC and CSP staff
- Identify/attract international speakers
- Meeting the needs of the audience
- Logistics
Outcomes

1172 delegates
60% UK
69% scientific programme good

548 abstracts peer reviewed
350 posters
94 platforms

120 student volunteers

70% survey would recommend
63% value for money

Clinical visits - 46
Reflections

• Considerations
  – European conference
  – International events require consideration for non-native speakers/delegates
  – Open mind to challenge

• Benefits
  – Sharing knowledge and resources
  – Learning from others
  – Alternate approaches
  – Challenging concepts
Implications

Why attend an international event?

Profile of poster presentations

Partnership working

Planning

Insight

Sharing of resources