

Loèche-les-Bains, 9th May 2021

Statement of the Swiss Association of Sports Physiotherapy (SSPA) to support the nomination of Ms. Suzanne Gard to the IFSPT EB

Since joining the Swiss Association of Sports Physiotherapy (SSPA) in 2006, Ms. **Suzanne Gard** (Geneva) has always been a very active member within our association.

Suzanne was/is one of the driving forces for the dissemination/implementation of the 11+ program and other preventative strategies in youth sports in Switzerland, working in close cooperation with former IFSPT EB member and current SSPA Vice President Mario Bizzini.

Suzanne was the first Swiss sport PT to obtain (in 2012) a MSc degree in Sports Physiotherapy at the University of Bath (one of the very first MSc programs based on the IFSPT standards and competencies back in 2007). She has been and still is an advocate of continuous professional development (CPD) in sport physiotherapy in Switzerland, where she also cooperated with our CPD committee chairs (Nicolas Mathieu and Mario Bizzini) to finalize the SSPA CPD accreditation process (which was officially approved by IFSPT in January 2020).

Suzanne was invited several times to act as chair at our annual conference, and in 2019 she was one of our keynote speakers at “Shoulder & Sports” in Bern, Switzerland.

Suzanne became an International Registered Sports Physical Therapist (RISPT) in February 2021, and is currently a provisional member of our SSPA committee (the General Assembly is due to ratify this decision in November 2021).

We unconditionally support Ms. Suzanne Gard's candidacy for the IFSPT Executive Board and we will cover the various costs of the annual meetings for this function.

Sincerely,

Nicolas Mathieu, MSc, PT

SSPA President



Mario Bizzini, PhD, PT

SSPA Vice President

