

To the International Federation of Sports Physical Therapy – IFSPT

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Dear IFSPT Executive Board and members,

I'm indicating on this letter the reasons for my nomination as a candidate for an EB position for the next 4 years.

I had the pleasure to work on IFSPT EB since 2017 and I have learned a lot during this journey! I started as chair of the Membership Committee and I was specially committed to get Argentina and Chile as IFSPT members, since as past SONAFE's president, I had the opportunity to build strong relationships with these countries. Among others, both countries joined IFSPT in 2019! I'm happy to see an increased representative of South America in IFSPT!

I became IFSPT secretary after the III WCSPT in Vancouver and new learning and challenges were added in my routine. In 2020 I leaded a survey supported and disseminated by IFSPT and this experience was amazing and helped me to understand how important is to build cooperation among our members for clinical practice and research purposes! Then in the end of 2020 I started as chair of the Research Committee. I'm really excited to work on the Research Committee and I wish to have more time to develop good actions together with my colleagues at EB and also IFSPT community!

In the past, I worked hard for SONAFE (the Brazilian National society of Sports Physical Therapy). I'm associate since 2007 and I have always engaged to help my profession grow. I took part on Organizing Committees of 3 SONAFE's Conferences since then. Moreover, I had 6 years of dedication on SONAFE's Executive Board. I was the first female president of SONAFE (2016-2017), in a country with many restrictions to women participation in sport and politics. In 2018-2019 I continued to help SONAFE in the International Committee being the link to actions related to IFSPT, as we started to work on the Brazilian pathways (to get RISPT).

Moreover, I'm a teacher in a Federal University in Brazil and I develop research in Sports Physical Therapy field. I participated in the last 3 editions of IOC World Conference on Injury and Illness in Sport with poster and workshops presentations. I also engaged on the organization of the Physical Therapy services of the Rio 2016 Olympics and Paralympics Games. Therefore, I could contribute to the Scientific Committee of IFSPT events/actions. Please, see attached to this letter my CV with experience, education, publications and committee work.

I could keep contributing to IFSPT on administrative issues, research development, scientific events organization, strategies to enhance IFSPT membership and awareness among our Sport Physical Therapy community worldwide! I'm pleased to have this opportunity to be a SONAFE's candidate for an EB position on IFSPT for the next 4 years!

Kind regards,



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