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Conferences Attended:

World Physiotherapy Congress 2023, Dubai, United Arab Emirates. 2nd to 4th June 2023.

Attendance at the World Physiotherapy Congress benefited my academic and professional development in a number of ways. Firstly, I attended numerous eHealth-related presentations and networked with leading researchers in the field of musculoskeletal healthcare and eHealth such as Professor Nadine Foster (University of Queensland), Professor Trevor Russell (University of Queensland), Dr Mark Merolli (University of Melbourne), and Professor Cindy Veenhof (Utrecht University). I discussed my PhD research and received valuable feedback which will inform the eHealth: It's TIME intervention, my postdoctoral research and teaching. These contacts also represent potential host organisations for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowship.

Secondly, I attended numerous sessions in which unpublished research was showcased. Most notably, the session on 'recommendations for telerehabilitation' highlighted key

recommendations for clinical practice developed by an international steering group. This knowledge will inform my future research and teaching on the UCC entry-level Physiotherapy programme.

Thirdly, attendance at this biennial conference afforded me the opportunity to hone my presentation and communication skills. I presented the findings from my second PhD study during an ePoster session. This session type involved a chair leading a live discussion between myself and attendees, with my poster on an electronic screen (attached to email). This was a fantastic opportunity to answer questions about my research on an international stage and was very useful for viva examination preparations.

Finally, I attended a networking session for early career researchers which was facilitated by very experienced researchers. Most notably I received invaluable information on applying for funding and building international collaborations.