

Submit an idea for an idobata session

Submission deadline: 30 January 2025

The call for idobata opens on 9 January 2025. Submissions are invited that address one of the three following session types:

1. **Got a problem to solve? Global thinking to address local challenges.** Use the collective experience of participants to help find solutions to a local problem.
2. **My light-bulb moment.** Have you got an inspiring story to tell? Has there been a pivotal event that has impacted your professional life? What can we all learn from it?
3. **Get on the soapbox in your preferred language.** You may feel more comfortable discussing something topical in your native language. While we support contributions in languages other than English, please bear in mind that this may limit the number of participants who can follow your session as we do not offer interpretation for these sessions.

You should choose the session type which best suits the topic you would like to address.

Deadline: 30 January 2025

Notification of outcome: March 2025

Selection criteria:

Idobata submissions will be reviewed by the congress programme committee (CPC).

The following principles will be used to review submissions:

1. Does the submission contribute to the diversity of the programme already announced?
2. Will the session inspire participants and/or provide 'food for thought'?
3. Does the submission have an engaging title?

Presentation format

Idobata is an informal meeting space that aims to break down the distinction between speaker and participant, providing inspiration and 'food for thought'. Listening to stories and experiences, discover how these are shaping and advancing physiotherapy practice.

Idobata is a Japanese word that roughly translates to mean 'informal conversation'. The concept was first introduced at World Physiotherapy Congress 2017 in Cape Town, and previously known as Indaba.

Participants may wander in and out of the idobata area at any time, or gather on the perimeter, to listen to what is happening. The format allows participants to explore topics with peers in small group discussions, or facilitate short talks and exchanges with the audience, drawing on their experiences. Some of these sessions will be delivered in an interview-style with the audience being included in the conversation.

Idobata sessions are scheduled for either 15 or 30 minutes. The time allocated depends on the nature of the topic and will be determined by the CPC. No requests for specific times or days will be considered.

There is no PowerPoint available for idobata sessions.