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INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN ATHLETIC TRAINING
Goals

- Where have we come from as a profession
- Where we are now in the world of sports medicine
- Directions/strategies to pursue
- Discussions/Ideas
Where have we come from

- Not being recognized at all circa 1980’s
Where we are now

- World Congress on Sports Injury Prevention, Norway, 2005, 2008; Founding Patron

- Academic hands on sessions for medical organizers at the Beijing Olympics
  - Spring 2007
Where we are

- BOC and Canadian Athletic Therapists’ Association have a Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA)
- A two year process to review competencies, domains
- AT,C is eligible to sit for the CATA Exam
Where we are now: Athletic Training/Therapy

- Canada - CATA
- Japan – JATO
- Korea (2)
- United Kingdom (2)
- Ireland
- Spain
- China
- Taiwan, ROC
- Germany
Where we are now:

- International Federation of Sports Physiotherapy - IFSP
- Offers a CAQ based on competencies that include ‘prevention of injuries, intervention, rehab, performance enhancement’, etc.
- Based in The Netherlands
- Current President is Kevin Wilk
What else – Who else?

- Physios – not necessarily a regulated profession
- Sport Physios
- Sport Nurses
- Massage Therapists
- Chiropractors
- Naprapath - Sweden
- Biokinethetist - S. Africa
- Rehab Specialist
ATC Credential

- Ireland – Athletic Training and Therapy
  - Currently in the third year of new program
  - Goal is to qualify for MRA
ATC Credential

- UK
  - Sports Therapists
  - Two separate governing programs
  - Students are assured they are ‘the same’ as an AT in the US/Canada
  - Expect to find employment here
What do you want to do??

- How badly you want to work/travel overseas?
- How creative are you?
Where do you want to go?

- Information sources
  - NATA International Committee Page
    - Look at FAQs
  - Check websites of ANY organizations you're interested in
  - World Federation of Athletic Training and Therapy
    - [www.wfatt.org](http://www.wfatt.org)
      - Look at the different international organizations
Where do you want to go

- Military setting civilian status
  - [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov) - has everything
  - [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil)
  - [www.mwr.navy.mil](http://www.mwr.navy.mil)
  - Job series to look for: 0030, 0188, 0189, 0301 and PT related postings
What else can you do?

- Pilates Instructor
- Massage Therapist
- Nurse
- PT
- Strength and Conditioning Specialist
- Email campaign
What do you want to do?

- NFL Europe
- Professional Sports setting
- Universities
  - Kinesiology
  - Ex. Phys
  - Sport Psychology
Internships

- www.bunac.com
- www.globalcrossroad.com
  Developing countries
- www.international.eku.edu/studyabroad/ccsa.php
  Most costly, but housing, and lots of extras are provided like transportation, etc...
- www.capaprograms.org/index.htm
  Actually helps find housing, has monthly get together in the country you are in
Professional Presentation
Lost in Translation

- Athletic(s) → Track and field
- Trainer → Coach
- Trainers → Running Shoes
- Training → Practice
- Match → Game
- Fixture → Sports Match (see game)
- Kit → Practice or game uniforms
- Pitch → Playing Field
- Pitch side → Sideline
- Side → Team
- Football → Soccer
- Cricket → sport / match played on Cricket Grounds
- Ashes → Cricket Championships; England/Australia
Translations: Academics

- Program: Course
- Core AT class: Module
- Professor/Instructor: Tutor
- Degree: Qualification
- Licensed: Regulated
SO NOW WHERE ........
Study Abroad
“Students expect an international experience when they go to college – not the same old boring stuff all the time.”
Intersession
Spring Break Abroad

- Sports medicine academic sessions built into a Spring Break or Intersession Abroad

- Milan
- Tokyo
- London
- Dublin
- Madrid
- Barcelona
- Scotland
- Australia
- Taiwan
QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/IDEAS
DO IT!