

**Advisory Group on Research
Report to Executive Committee
June 2017**

Meetings/Interactions of the Advisory Group in this Reporting Period:

During the last period the Advisory group on Research had 4 meetings including the start meeting in Glasgow.

General Progress Report:

Regarding Terms of Reference 2016-2017 charges the group decided these were too ambitious for one year

The group identified the problem that IFOMPT cannot reserve money for research itself. IFOMPT is dependent on research set out by other organizations. Gain can be that research important for IFOMPT members can be adopted by IFOMPT. Prioritising and focus start in 2017 led to the following actions:

- Focus on guidelines (proposition to utilise the international expertise, knowledge, language translation) in community dwelling educational programmes:
 - USA revision neck pain guideline - Report by Peter Blanpeid
Guideline input has been given by all MO's
 - Identifying other guidelines of interest - Danish Guideline on cervical and lumbar radiculopathy, might be next project
- Other research projects:
 - Development of standards on thoracic spinal manipulation – an international survey on current practices by Dr. Nicola Heneghan
 - Core sets review on pain and dysfunction related to neck pain (or low back pain)? (Eduardo Cruz/ Portugal and Jan Pool/ Netherlands)
initial phase
 - Research on red flags for treatment of the spine. Already instigated by former executive board. International committee has been formed. Grant proposal written for Systematic review by Laura Finucane in England. Grant proposal for Delphi round written by Annelies Pool in the Netherlands. If grants are awarded the project can start.

- Intention to set out a scientific survey by the advisory group- to identify barriers and facilitators to set up research (domain 9 of the standards) in community dwelling educational programs in full members, RIGs and countries struggling setting up courses and educational programs. Ethical approval needs to be required
- Set up a platform via IFOMPT website - Dissemination of knowledge
 - Translation of national guidelines summaries
 - Studying the possibilities of sharing research abstracts of congresses, or students products topic related in a organized way

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- Addressing research priorities, see Rushton et al. - Adverse events (effectiveness not possible to be initiated by IFOMPT)
- Cross cultural translation and validation of IFOMPT docs

Matters on which the executive board wanted input:

Numerous research organisations come to IFOMPT for support. Not only financially (which we cannot give) but also for letters of support, dissemination of survey's, request for crowd funding, support from international reviewers, etc. The question was raised which project can be supported and which project not?

Matters that the Group would like to bring to the Attention of the Executive Committee:

The group informs the EB that the advisory group on research doesn't want to be the committee vetting all projects requesting endorsement. The group will develop a simple checklist and will submit this to the EB for a check if a research proposal could be of benefit for IFOMPT.

If a research is identified as potentially interesting, the group advises the EB to create a 'reviewing committee' of former board and committee members, still wanting to contribute to IFOMPT, to review the quality and relevance of the proposal more thoroughly. The advisory group will develop a scorings list for reviewers on which the EB can decide to support the research or not.

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