

## Advisory Group on Research Report to Executive Committee

**Date:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb/Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2017 (by teleconference )

**Present:** Annelies Pool (IFOMPT Executive, Helen French (Ireland), Cesar Hidalgo (Spain), Eduardo Cruz (Portugal) Mindy Cairns (UK), Marco Morales (Colombia), Ingrid du Toit (IFOMPT Executive Director)

**Apologies:** Bart Vanthillo (Belgium), Richard Ellis (New Zealand) Nicola Mok (Hong Kong)

Item Number	Item	Discussion	Action/Decision
1	Minutes 9/11/2016	No amendments.	Annelies to create/share Dropbox folder as a repository for the group
2	Research Guidelines	No update on cervical guidelines (APTA) or Danish guidelines on cervical /lumbar radiculopathy. Core sets (neck pain) to be started – systematic review planned by Jan Pool and Cesar. Research platform discussed at IFOMPT Executive- how best can it be shared without cluttering the website. Feedback required from Comms Advisory group.	
3	IFOMPT website	A section on 'Advisory groups has been set up in IFOMPT website, outlining the role and terms of reference of each group <a href="http://www.ifompt.org/Advisory+Groups/AGR.html">http://www.ifompt.org/Advisory+Groups/AGR.html</a>	
4	Survey of MOs on research competence in OMT programmes	Draft survey and methods prepared by Helen for discussion at the meeting. Target audience is programme directors. Suggested also to survey External Assessors. Agreed that Ethics approvals not required- this is simply for IFOMPT use.	Helen to revise methods and survey based on discussion
5	Red Flags	Red Flags research group in place, comprising 8 members. Focus on 4 red flags for spine. A systematic review on Cauda Equina Syndrome (CES) in process by Erin Downey. There are plans to involve MOs to provide feedback using Delphi process. MOs can identify/seek reps for this process	
	Survey on manipulative therapy on thoracic spine	Nicola Heneghan (Centre of Precision Rehabilitation for Spinal Pain University of Birmingham) plans to survey IFOMPT members on thoracic spine OMT. This led to a wider discussion on the risks of IFOMPT MOs being overburdened by Surveys. Agreed by group that there should be a 'gatekeeper' to field all requests, which possibly should be within the remit of the IFOMPT research advisory group.	Mindy to provide draft process on this based on CSP work done already. Group agreed to support Nicola's survey
	Current research	Research on advanced practice – in few countries Chris McCathy (UK) sought feedback from Exec on adverse events in OMT- this was passed onto Cervical Arterial Dysfunction (CAD) group.	
	Next meeting	End April/Beginning May.	Ingrid to circulate Doodle poll