

**Advisory Group on RIG Development  
Report to Executive Committee  
May 2017**

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**Meetings/Interactions of the Advisory Group in this Reporting Period:  
The RIG advisory Group met on Feb 17 and 18 by teleconference  
In attendance** Duncan Reid, Jan Pool, Karen Beeton, Ann Porter Hoke, Chris Showalter, Ken Olson, Ingrid du Toit

The following was decided at the meeting:

**Allocation of responsibilities and model of operation**

It was decided to divide the work of the Group regarding assisting potential RIGs geographically based on the experience of the group members and their current activities as follows:

- **South Pacific/Asia – Duncan**

Duncan is currently working with one of the groups in Korea and will teach the NZ community based programme there twice this year and will meet with the RIGs while in Korea re their process and formation of an umbrella. The NZ/Korea collaboration is one way of having the bigger MOs assist the RIGs in developing their skills and programmes.

- **Europe, North Africa – Jan and Karen**

Jan to lead re Poland and Karen re France. Jan visited Poland recently and will do so again at the end of the year.

- **South America – Ann, Chris and Ken** (Also assisted by Phil Sizer).

Ken has been invited to Peru later this year and will feed back after the visit. We are awaiting the inputs from Colombia and Ann will work with Marco in this regard.

It was agreed that all members will continue their work independently and report back to the group via Duncan and the office from time to time and when there are developments to note. Duncan to write to all the prospective MOs that have made contact and let them know who their primary contact will be.

**General Progress Report:**

There has been a proliferation of groups wanting to be RIG's in 2017. We have completed applications from Brazil, Colombia and the Philippines. We also have interest from another group in Chile and Egypt. Another group is Japan has contacted us and are having problems with JFOMT who don't seem to want to assist in development of other groups. See notes on barriers below.

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

All present agreed that it is not an easy process to evolve from a RIG to a MO. The groups applying for RIG status often have the manual therapy part of the requirement under way but there are other areas where these prospective members fall down e.g. pain management, research etc. and many of them will struggle reach the requirements on their own. Could IFOMPT possibly assist with this by developing material and making it available online in those fields for

them to access on a user pay basis? This was discussed with Ken and some options were put forward. For the most part though, the members of the RIG advisory group will need to keep working with their allocated countries. Jan is doing a lot in Poland, Duncan goes to Korea again in June and Ann has been working with the America's group along with Ken and Chris.

It would be useful in the documentation that RIG's submit to have greater emphasis on how future groups will form an Umbrella group should more groups come on board. The recent request for another group from Chile is an example of a local split for whatever reason but when I communicated with this person he was not aware he would still have to communicate with the other group even if they had separate RIG's and eventually form an umbrella.

**Submitted by: Duncan Reid**

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