

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

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**Meetings/Interactions of the Advisory Group in this Reporting Period:**  
The Group met on 17/18 February 2017

**General Progress Report:**

**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 Reid
- Europe, North Africa – Jan Pool and Karen Beeton
- South America – Ann Porter Hoke, Chris Showalter and Ken Olson (Also assisted by Phil Sizer).

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.

As new interest is noted and the potential RIGs begin their journey, they will be allocated to the members of the group to assist them in their process. Once RIGs are ready to submit their curriculum, they will then be handed over to the Standards Committee

**Barriers to Membership for RIGS**

All present agreed that it is not an easy process to evolve from a RIG to a MO. The fact that IFOMPT has not had any new MOs for some years underlines this. The question is how this group can help and facilitate this. The reality, however, is that the manual therapy part of the requirement is relatively easy and many of the potential members could get that part going. It is the other areas where these prospective members fall down e.g. pain management, research etc. and many of them will never be able to reach the requirements re those areas 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?

Two possible vehicles to use where they provide the technology and IFOMPT or its partners provide the material in this regard could be Physiopedia and MedBridge

Another option could be for IFOMPT to have a tiered system of membership.

- Tier 1 members will be the current MOs that have the curriculums in place and have met the standards.
- A new Tier 2 can be added, namely RIGS that have some of the elements in place but still need some others but that are committed to working on developing those. This category should be very attractive for a number of aspiring countries who need assistance to meet the requirements and e.g. the online training would be aimed at them.

- Tier 3 would be the RIGS, both existing and new ones, that are either happy to remain RIGs or are still in the early stages of developing a programme. This would grow the IFOMPT family and also clearly identify where the energy needs to be put in to assist potential new MOs.

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

None

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