

Geoffrey Maitland Award for Advancement of Clinical Practice in Orthopaedic Manipulative Physical Therapy

a) Purpose

To acknowledge an individual who has made an outstanding and lasting contribution to the clinical practice of orthopaedic manipulative physical therapy (OMPT) as exemplified by the professional career of Geoffrey Maitland.

b) Eligibility

The nominee must:

- Be a member of an IFOMPT Member Organisation (MO).
- Have positively and substantially influenced the shape, scope, and quality of OMT practice.
- Have significantly influenced other physical therapists in a manner that has enhanced their ability to practise OMT.
- Have contributed to the overall and widespread validation and/or development of OMPT.
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c) Criteria for Selection

The Awards Committee will consider the following as guidelines in the selection process:

- Duration of clinical practice.
- Substantial effect on shape, scope, and quality of OMPT practice.
- Effect on other physical therapists' abilities to practise OMPT.
- Effect on the development of evidence-based OMPT practice.
- Quality and quantity of contributions to the IFOMPT Member Organisation and IFOMPT.
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d) Procedure for Nomination

- Any member of an IFOMPT MO may nominate a candidate for the award.
- Members of the IFOMPT Awards Committee, Standards Committee, and Executive Committee are excluded from eligibility to be nominated during their term of office.
- The nomination and supporting documents must be submitted electronically to the IFOMPT office at least 6 months prior to the next IFOMPT General Meeting.
- The following documentation must be submitted for a nomination to be considered:
 - A letter supporting the nomination that specifically focuses on the strengths of the nominee in relation to the award criteria (maximum three A4 pages).
 - Details of the person nominating and their membership number of the MO.
 - Current curriculum vitae or resume of the nominee.
 - Letters of support from three individuals upon whom the nominee has had an impact, which specifically address one or more of the criteria for selection (maximum two A4 pages each letter).

a. Procedures for Review and Selection

- The IFOMPT office will retain the original set of electronic materials and will provide the Awards Committee with electronic copies for review.
- The Awards Committee will review the nominations and recommend a recipient to the IFOMPT Executive Committee with a summary of all received nominations.
- Members of the awards committee cannot nominate or write the application for a potential candidate for the Maitland award.
- The award will be presented to worthy nominations only. No award will be made if the Awards Committee is not satisfied that all criteria for the award are satisfied.
- Submitted nomination materials are considered the property of the IFOMPT Awards Committee, who will maintain their confidentiality.
- If a nomination is unsuccessful, the same nomination can be made in a subsequent year.

b. Notification of the Award

- The IFOMPT President will notify the recipient of the award 3 months prior to the General Meeting.
- Those nominees not selected will be informed in writing.
- All people making a nomination will receive a letter thanking them for their submission and informing them of the award recipient.
- The confidentiality of the Maitland Clinical Practice Award will be maintained until the recipient has been notified.

c. Award Presentation

- The award will be presented at the IFOMPT General Meeting.
- This award will be made once every 4 years and IFOMPT reserves the right not to make an award if there are no suitable applications.
- The recipient shall receive:
 - US \$1000.00 without obligation
 - A Certificate of the Award
 - An invitation to present a speech outlining their contributions to the advancement of orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy in a 20 minute time slot in the plenary session at the next IFOMPT Congress.
 - A free Congress Registration and one ticket to attend the Congress Banquet.
 - The presentation can be made 'in absentia'.