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Worldwide Advancement of OMPT

From the President - Ken Olson

As I begin to compose this message, I am on the final flight home from spending nearly a week in Montpellier, France where I represented IFOMPT and provided presentations on topics including Advanced Practice Physiotherapy and Direct Access, Integration of Pain Science Education into an OMPT approach, and a full day workshop on TMD and CGH.



Ken Olson with TMO France Members in Montpellier, France

Over the same timeframe, Laura Finucane represented IFOMPT as a keynote speaker at the Second Annual OMTA-Egypt Congress in Cairo. Additional speakers with ties to IFOMPT also presented at these two conferences, which further contributed to IFOMPT's mission of worldwide advancement of OMPT and knowledge sharing.



IFOMPT Vice President Laura Finucane among the key note speakers at the 2nd Annual OMTA Egypt Congress in Cairo

The next major opportunity to promote IFOMPT on a world stage will be at the WCPT Congress in Geneva, Switzerland from May 11-13, 2019. The IFOMPT Executive Committee (EC) and Executive Director are making plans to host membership activities on Thursday afternoon and evening and all-day Friday prior to the Congress, May 9 and 10, 2019. This will provide great opportunities for networking, collaboration, and knowledge sharing, and the Standards Committee is also planning Friday afternoon workshops for the MOs and RIGS.



There are issues we need membership input on to build consensus and move the organisation forward toward the 2020 Conference in Melbourne. Foremost, is the proposed Constitutional change to allow the EC to make the final decision on the location of future IFOMPT conferences. The Advisory group on Finance has recommended and the EC concurs that this a critical step toward improving IFOMPT financial stability into the future. The EC will have the ability to assess the conference bids in an objective manner to determine which host country is best positioned to provide a profitable conference.

Other issues to be discussed include establishing a Taskforce for Constitutional Review following the Geneva meetings to update and modernise the Constitution and to consider if any changes in criteria for membership categories should be made to the Constitution, as is currently being researched by the Membership Qualifications Taskforce. The EC will also be looking to recruit

MO delegates to make up a new Elections Committee to assure the Constitutional requirements are met for the 2020 election of office bearers in Melbourne.



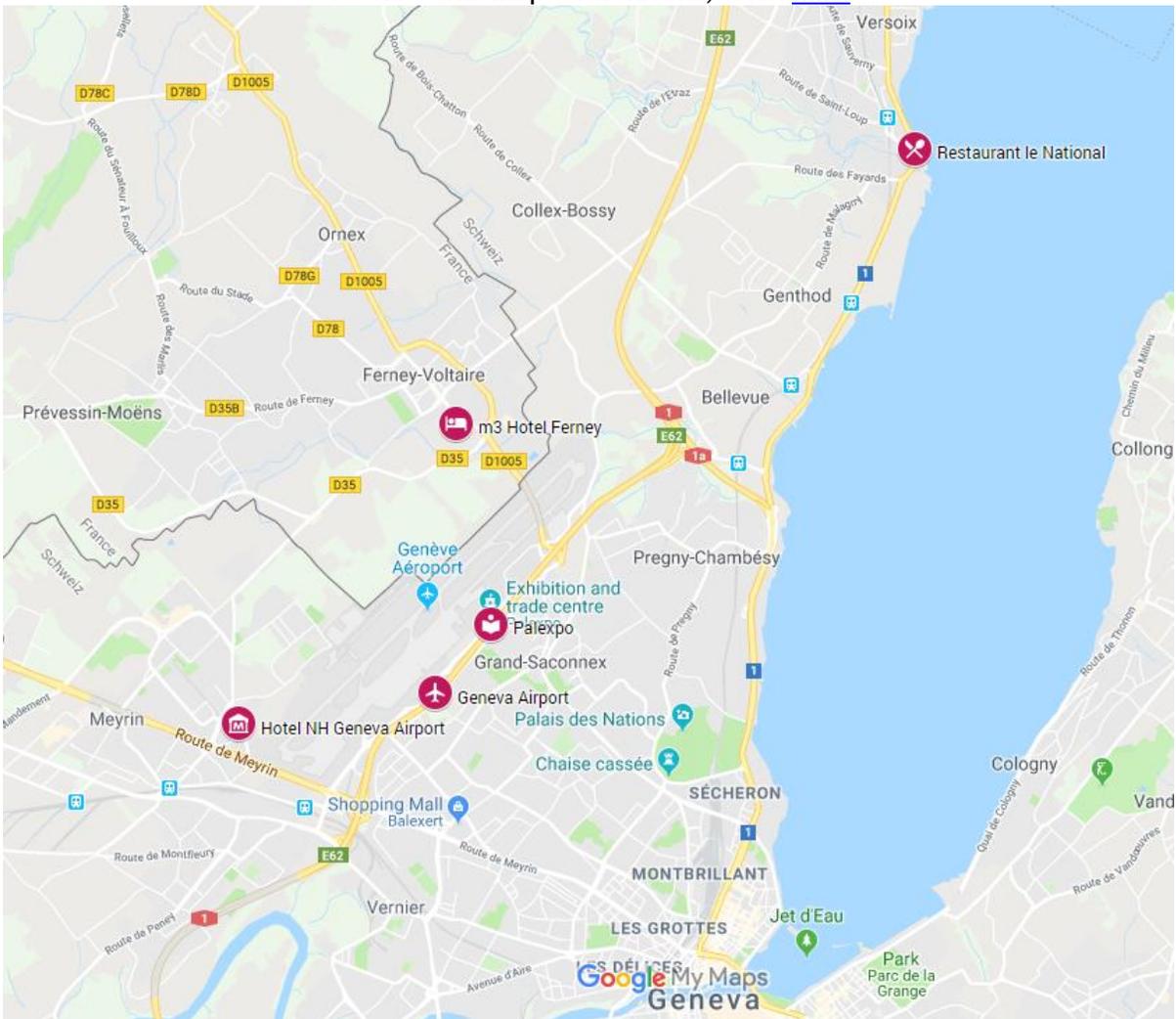
The EC has been faced with a situation at our home office in Auckland, New Zealand, where we have subleased office space from the IFOMPT MO from New Zealand, NZMPA, for many years. NZMPA is undergoing significant organisational changes and have asked IFOMPT to consider a move to allow them more space to deal with their situation. As a result, we have signed a short-term lease agreement with our Executive Director, Ingrid du Toit, to allow Ingrid to continue business as usual from her home office effective March 5, 2019. Moving forward, Ingrid plans to form an Association Management Company that IFOMPT can contract with to allow greater flexibility in management of the organisation.

Ingrid's role as Executive Director allows IFOMPT members to be more engaged in the development of programmes to benefit IFOMPT and its members. One example is the fact that Ingrid hosted nearly 70 teleconferences in 2018 for various committees, workgroups, and taskforces completing the work of IFOMPT. In addition, Ingrid along with the IFOMPT Treasurer, Paolo Sanzo, developed a very successful webinar offering for IFOMPT that has created both a member benefit and a new source of revenue. Ingrid also has played a significant role in helping to manage the finances of IFOMPT in a such an efficient manner, that, along with a significant grant from AAOMPT, we ended 2018 with a small net gain in income.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Geneva. It should be a great IFOMPT Family reunion and opportunity to advance the mission of IFOMPT.

Regards,
Ken

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