

Further development of the Registered Interest Groups in Korea.

Prof Duncan Reid, Chair of the IFOMPT RIG Advisory Group, was in Korea two weeks ago and met with all the leaders of the current manual therapy programmes to form an umbrella group and help to move Korea forward in its application for Member status of IFOMPT.

A very successful evening meeting was undertaken. Duncan explained the importance of IFOMPT to manual therapy and physiotherapy development in Korea and the new areas of support with the RIG Advisory Group. He also explained the need for Korea to form an umbrella group as there are currently two RIG's and more may develop. The group had a good debate about how this might work and following this the new umbrella was formed and named the Korean Federation of Orthopaedic Manipulative Physiotherapy (KFOMPT). The attendees below will form the basis of the umbrella, elect a president, secretary and executive and formulate a new constitution.



Attendees from left to right

1. Byeong Kwon, Lee (Konyang University, Korea Federation of OMTKaltenborn-Evjenth Concept)
2. Sangbin, Lee (Namseoul University)
3. Seung Joon, Kim (Korean Institute of Neuro Orthopedic Physical Therapy)
4. Myoung Joon, Kim (kyungdong University, Korean Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapy)
5. Duncan Reid RIG Advisory Chair
6. Sunh Yeop, Kim (Daejeon University, Korean Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapy)
7. Young Min, Kim (Korea National University of Transportation, Korean Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapy)
8. In Hyeub, Baek (Korea Federation of OMT Kaltenborn-Evjenth Concept)
9. Ho Jung, An (Dongnam Health College, Korea Academy of Maitland Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapy)
10. Wan Suk, Choi (Korea International University, Korea Academy of Maitland Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapy)

The group from Konyang University led by Prof Byeong Kwon, Lee and In Hyeub, Baek have been working closely with Austria and have developed a programme in conjunction with Danube

University. This has grown out of the Kaltenborn programme and they are hopeful of submitting a curriculum to the Standards Committee soon for evaluation. Should they be successful this will lead the way for Korea to apply for full membership of IFOMPT. The other programmes are all in various stages of development but have a clear path ahead to meet the required standards and feel supported under the new umbrella. Duncan will be travelling back to Korea in October and then annually over the next few years to oversee the developments and in particular work with Prof Sangbin Lee to grow the programme at Namseoul University. Namseoul is partnering with AUT University and NZMPA to develop the Orthopaedic Manual Therapy Programme. This is starting with the community based Certificate of OMT from NZMPA and progressing to post graduate diploma and masters level at the University.

Duncan Reid

RIG Advisory Chair

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