

Dear IFOMPT Family,

In 60 days time we will all be in Basel for the 50th Celebration Conference. We look forward to all the events and festivities and the conference, and especially to being together in person again.

We have been busy preparing for Basel, and you will have seen all the correspondence and processes happening:

- 1. The agenda and documentation have gone out for the General Meeting that will take place at 4 p.m. on 3 July 2024 at Lecture Hall 102 at Kollegienhaus of the University in Basel. The Member Organisation (MO) delegates will make up the Delegate Assembly (DA) and we encourage you to read the documents circulated to you as the DA and to be in contact with your organisations on aspects such as the election of Executive Committee and motions for which you will be their voting delegates. Please remember to officially let the office know who your voting delegate will be.
- 2. We strongly encourage all our MOs, Associate Member Organisations (AMOs) and Registered Interest Groups (RIGs) to have your delegate join us for the IFOMPT membership delegate events in Solothurn from 1 to 2 July 2024. Thank you to those who have already let us know and could all the rest please do so by 5 May 2024. We will spend time on aspects such as the role of the delegates and also report back to the membership on activities under way. A large part of the event will be spent discussing the results of the Standards and International Monitoring (IM) survey and the proposed way forward regarding the standards and IM. This is your opportunity to be a part of shaping the way this looks in the future. Please join us and note it is also for the RIGs and not just the MOs and AMOs.
- Back in Basel, we have an exciting Teachers Meeting (TM) happening on 3 July 2024 (and followed by the General Meeting at the same venue, so most of our delegates will be at the venue on the day). Please encourage your teachers to register for the TM that can also be attended virtually for those not able to join us in Basel.
- 4. We are planning some special ways to celebrate the 50th anniversary of IFOMPT. This includes the celebration dinner/party that the Basel team is putting together. This will not be the usual dress up event, but rather a celebration party and there is no need to bring black ties and shiny dresses. Keep it informal and come and party the night away. In addition, we are also planning a special conference opening ceremony that will include the delegates from each MO, AMO and RIG, so please be ready to rehearse this with us in Solothurn and after the GM on 3 July 2024. Watch this space for more information. The Advisory Group on Marketing and Communication are planning a very cool trade stand in Basel. They will be asking all to assist by working on the stand for an hour or two over the course of the conference. They have also asked all delegates to again bring small prizes from your country to hand out at the stand where we will again have a number of games and activities.
- In addition to the preparations for Basel, several other initiatives continue. The Standards Committee is working hard with several MOs to complete their IM reports and they are also working on the plans that will shape the way we do IM in the future.
- For those who have not heard, we are happy to announce that Canada won the bid to host the 2028 IFOMPT Conference. It will take place in Vancouver in the first week of July 2028 and the team have already commenced the planning of the event.

The next two months will fly by, and we will keep focusing to make sure Basel will be memorable. As always, please contact us if you have any questions or comments.

Kind regards

IFOMPT Executive Committee 3 May 2024

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