



Underpinned by our core values, we are committed to delivering a cutting-edge, contemporary scientific program, to inform innovative manual and musculoskeletal physiotherapy practice. We will create an environment of meaningful social connection to foster the strength and growth of our international community and inspire the future of our profession.



\*Integrity \*Respect  
\*Equity, Diversity & Inclusion  
\*Collaboration  
\*Knowledge Translation



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## Position Title: IFOMPT 2028 Scientific Committee

**Reports To:** IFOMPT 2028 Scientific Chair (Ali Rushton)

**Location:** Remote with in-person attendance at conference (conference fees will be funded).

**Term:** April 1, 2026, to June 30, 2028

**Time Commitment:** Time commitment will vary during the process

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### Position Overview:

The Scientific Committee are key committee members for IFOMPT 2028. The Scientific Committee will consist of 6 international researchers and clinician scientists. Each member will bring unique experience to complement the committee's expertise. These positions work collaboratively with the Scientific Chair to oversee the scientific program for the conference through 3 key areas of focus:

- Keynotes
- Focused Symposia
- Conference program of presentations e.g. platforms / posters

Four sub-committees (each chaired by members of the Scientific Committee) will report to the Scientific Chair:

- Conference Chairing
- Rapid Response
- Late Breaking
- Mentorship

The Scientific Committee through the Scientific Chair works closely and collaborates with the IFOMPT 2028 Executive and Operations Chair, relevant committee members, the Professional Conference Organizer (PCO) and EDI consultant; to ensure the event is contemporary,

scientifically robust and clinically relevant, high impact and aligned with the conference's mission and values in its content, presentation and delivery.

## **Key Competencies**

- Excellence in musculoskeletal research as an academic or clinician researcher
- Accountable and responsive
- High level of professionalism
- Experience in abstract review and conference organization
- Commitment to delivering in volunteer activity in the capacity of MO activity or equivalent

## **Key Responsibilities**

### **Scientific Program Quality and Delivery**

Committee members will contribute to delivering a high-quality scientific program. Duties will include, but not limited to, collaborating to:

- Ensure high quality scientific programming through multiple delivery formats
- Ensure keynotes are contemporary, impactful and present new research
- Ensure focused symposia are thought provoking, challenging and contemporary
- Ensure the conference scientific program is cutting edge and clinically relevant
- Ensure high quality chairing of all sessions within the scientific program
- Ensure a rapid response to all enquiries of the Scientific Committee
- Ensure contemporary and current research findings are presented through late breaking acceptance of abstracts
- Ensure a high-quality system of mentorship for early career researchers and new presenters
- Onsite IFOMPT 2028 conference support for session quality and chairing
- With an EDI lens
  - ensure that sessions are inclusive and reflective of varied perspectives and identities.
  - Ensure integration of content that addresses equity and inclusion in the physiotherapy profession in both the clinical and academic fields and captures the patient voice.

### **Required Qualifications:**

- Track record in quality research in musculoskeletal physiotherapy
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Aligned with our mission statement and values including commitment to EDI
- Responsive to timelines and flexibility in schedule to accommodate meetings in different time zones

## Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience working with researchers, speakers, chairs, and committees in a professional and academic setting
- Experience in scientific program planning.

## Application Requirements

### From the nominating Member Organization (MO) or Registered Interest Group (RIG):

- Letter of support for the nominee as a conference Mentor. (1 page maximum).

### From the nominee:

- Abbreviated 2-page CV
- Letter of expression of Interest (1 page maximum) in the position, guided by the following questions:
  - 1) Why are you interested in being involved as a conference mentor for IFOMPT 2028?
  - 2) What is your area of expertise and how could your experiences contribute to IFOMPT 2028?

## How to Apply:

### Step 1- Nominee

If your country is part of a MO or RIG, please send letter of interest and CV to the IFOMPT member delegate. If you do not know your MO or RIG, this can be confirmed by emailing Ingrid du Toit, Executive Director, IFOMPT at [admin@ifompt.org](mailto:admin@ifompt.org)

If you have confirmed you are **not** part of a country that is an MO or RIG, please contact Jennifer MacMillan, Executive Director, IFOMPT 2028 at [ifompt2028@outlook.com](mailto:ifompt2028@outlook.com) for assistance with your application process.

### Step 2- Nominator

Using the link below, upload the full application package in a single PDF:  
<https://form.jotform.com/orthodiv/scientific-committee-nomination>

## **Application Deadline:**

January 31st, 2026, at 11:59 pm Eastern Standard Time.

## **Contact Information**

For questions about this position or the application process, please contact: Jennifer MacMillan, Executive Director IFOMPT 2028, [ifompt2028@outlook.com](mailto:ifompt2028@outlook.com)

Thank you for your interest in this role!



*This conference is committed to fostering an inclusive and diverse professional environment. We encourage applications from physiotherapists of all backgrounds who have experience in disseminating research, and who are passionate about supporting the next generation of clinical academic professionals.*