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2020 - Adapting to Overcome

From the President - Ken Olson



The plans to hold a virtual General Meeting (GM) are coming together, and we are ready to announce several important dates to allow delegates to begin to prepare.

The plan is to have three webinars to explain the constitutional changes and one webinar regarding updating the strategic plan. The GM will be split into two sessions with the first session on Oct 5/6 where we will vote on the Constitution, have Executive Committee (EC) elections, and vote on new Member Organisations (MO). The second session will be on Oct. 8/9 where we will finish all other GM business such as recognising outgoing committee members, announce the Maitland Award, and we will wrap up any unfinished business. The first GM session will be restricted to just voting MO delegates, the SC Chair, and EC members, and the second session will include additional individuals as appropriate. By breaking up the sessions, we hope to keep the length of each session down to 60-90 minutes.



The webinars for the Constitution will be moderated by Paolo Sanzo and I, along with other members of the Constitutional Review Task Force including Frederic Froment, Bob Rowe, and Annalie Basson, will participate as presenters to explain the rationale to support the suggested amendments. The dates for the webinars are June 11/12, July 9/10, and August 6/7. The timeframes for the webinars will be afternoon in North America and evening in Europe/South Africa and the following early morning for Asia/Australia/New Zealand. We encourage both the delegate and an alternate from each MO to attend the webinars. These will also be recorded and made available to the MOs.

The strategic planning webinar will take place on September 10/11 which will present the results of several rounds of consultations and input that the EC will seek from the delegates prior to the webinar. We have hired a consultant to guide this process and more details will follow in the near future.



The IFOMPT EC is committed to moving the organisation forward despite the challenges presented by the pandemic and the postponement of our 2020 conference. Please mark your calendars for these important dates so that we can conduct the important business of IFOMPT and set up the next EC to continue to move the organisation forward.

Kind Regards and Thank You,
Ken

Constitutional Review - Paolo Sanzo



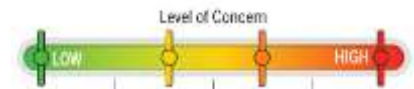
The IFOMPT Constitutional Review Task Force has completed its task of developing a draft version of the new and updated IFOMPT Constitution. The Task Force has met on 8 occasions over the course of several months and has completed a comprehensive line-by-line review of the articles.

They have attempted to integrate modern language and formatting and have inputted the valuable feedback that was provided from consultation with MOs and RIGs of IFOMPT and other stakeholders including members of WCPT.

Members have the opportunity to provide further feedback via webinars and electronic communication in the coming months. The planned interactive webinars will highlight the key changes made so that this discussion can occur prior to the GM. This process followed has

attempted to be transparent, inclusive, and really take into the consideration the wishes of the members. Delegates are encouraged to actively engage and participate in the upcoming webinars and provide constructive feedback. By doing this collectively, we will successfully chart the course for the governance of IFOMPT into the future.

International Framework for Red Flags for Potential Serious Spinal Pathologies - Laura Finucane



In 2016 we embarked on a journey to deliver a framework on red flags, a request from you, our MOs. If you had asked me 4 years ago what it might look like, I along with the rest of the steering group would not have been able to tell you. What we did know was that identifying serious pathology of the spine was problematic and held concerns for clinicians. Despite the historical use of red flags, there was a paucity of evidence supporting their use, calling their use into question and a proposal to abandon them. Not a helpful position for clinicians faced with the everyday challenge of identifying serious pathology.

Four years on we have developed a framework which we hope will be useful in clinical practice. The framework has been informed by available evidence and strengthened by a formal consensus process that included academics and clinicians involved in the management of musculoskeletal conditions - it uses the evidence. Clinicians need to consider the context within which red flags exist and clinically reason the relevance of the information gathered to determine if any action is required.

Thank you to all of you who contributed to the framework, many of you either individually took part in the peer review or provided us with names of people who were keen to participate. We would also like to thank those MO's who supported the project financially.

We would value your feedback - positive or negative - on its usefulness in practice, thank you to those who have already been in touch.
<https://www.iospt.org/doi/pdf/10.2519/iospt.2020.9971>

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Latest IFOMPT Developments

*"What you can become depends
upon what you can overcome"*
Anthony Douglas Williams

Strategic Planning



Laura Finucane

We need to constantly be evolving as an organisation. We cannot stand still despite the challenges we are facing, both in the world and also on an individual level. We must look to our future and continue to build on the success of the past 4 years.

The EC under the direction of Evelyn Jonkman, a senior consultant from Conversant, are pulling together a number of strands that we feel will be important to focus on over the coming years. As part of this initiative, we are beginning to pull together a plan on how we will consult you and our external stakeholders on our strategy over the coming months.

Once we have created something tangible, we will consult with you on how we might achieve our purpose in each area. This will give you the opportunity to help drive the organisation forward focusing on areas that are important to you as an MO or RIG and to the organisation as a whole.

We will then be able to refine the strategy based on your feedback and present this to the membership during an interactive webinar session on 10/11 September 2020 - watch this space for more details.

2024 Conference



Congratulations to svomp on submitting the successful bid to host IFOMPT 2024 in Basel in July 2024.

IFOMPT Elections

Hello IFOMPT family! The Elections Committee would like to announce the slate of candidates for the 2020 election for the following Executive Committee positions:

Candidates for President:

1. Laura Finucane (United Kingdom)

Candidates for Vice President:

1. Paolo Sanzo (Canada)

Candidates for Executive Committee (3 positions):

1. Renée de Ruijter (Switzerland)

2. Richard Ellis (New Zealand)

3. Nathan Hutting (Netherlands)

4. Pierre Röscher (South Africa)

5. Chris Showalter (United States)

6. Bart Vanthillo (Belgium)

Since the IFOMPT conference has been postponed until 2022, elections will occur on an electronic format. An app will be chosen to house the ballots along with each candidates' statement, photo and biographical sketch. In addition, video interviews will be available to view one month prior to the election to allow MO's to get a more personal reflection of each candidate since there will not be opportunity to speak with them directly this year prior to the vote.

Voting will occur on October 5 or 6 (depending on your time zone) during the General Meeting for 2020. The outcome will be announced during the meeting after verification of the votes by a neutral third-party teller.

Thank you to all the candidates for their service to IFOMPT.

Haideh Plock, Michael Boni, and Bärbel Börgel, Elections Committee

New RIG

A warm welcome to the new RIG from Spain: Associació de Fisioteràpia Manual (AFM) that will be represented in IFOMPT by Silvia Pérez Guillén.



Melbourne 2022



Cameron Lawson, Chair IFOMPT 2022 Conference

We had an amazing scientific programme lined up and ready to deliver in October this year. Over 500 abstracts were submitted for the conference and the scientific committee had a difficult job selecting from this collection of high-quality papers those that would be accepted for presentation at the conference. These submitted papers in combination with the focused symposiums, the invited speakers, and the excellent pre- and post-conference courses promised that IFOMPT 2020 was going to be a must attend event.

The great news is that with us rescheduling the conference to September 19 to 21 2022, it will be even better. With two more years of research data and clinical innovation, the content will have even more relevance to those clinicians and researchers looking to integrate innovative treatment approaches.

We expect that in 2022 the world will be back to normal with respect to international travel as there is no replacing face-to-face engagement.

On behalf of the conference committee we hope you stay safe through these difficult times and we look forward to hosting you all here in beautiful Australia in 2022.

