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IFOMPT Life Membership: Service Above Self

From the President - Ken Olson



IFOMPT has an award called "Life Membership" that requires a majority vote of the Member Organisations (MOs) that make up the Delegate Assembly for approval and is granted to physical therapists who have provided outstanding long term service to the Federation and OMT. This award has traditionally been IFOMPT's highest honour and the last person to receive this award was Freddy Kaltenborn at the IFOMPT General Meeting in Rotterdam in 2008. The Executive Committee felt that there were many deserving individuals who should receive this recognition, so we put out a call for nominations to the MOs and held a Special Meeting for the purpose of voting on these nominations. The response from the MOs was outstanding, and we received six nominations for the award, and all were approved by the Delegate Assembly. I know there are many more additional deserving individuals who have also contributed to our global community, but for now I am pleased that we are able to recognise this group for their incredible contributions.

As I contemplate the level of excellence, commitment, and professional contributions demonstrated by this group of awardees, I am reminded of the Rotary International service motto "Service above self". I have been a member of this organisation for nearly 25 years. As an active member of Rotary and IFOMPT, I have been inspired to interact with and develop lasting friendships with dedicated individuals who exemplify the Rotary service motto, which means to dedicate your time and talents and to place value on the service of others over your own personal wants, needs and desires for the greater good of society. I will provide a brief overview of the details provided in the nominations of these individuals to illustrate my point.

The IFOMPT Life Membership recipients include:

Dr Annalie Basson - South Africa



A physiotherapist in private practice in South Africa, Dr Basson has been involved in the South African Orthopaedic Manipulative Physiotherapy group since 1988 and was the national chair for this group from 1998 - 2004, which included hosting a successful IFOMPT conference in Cape Town in 2004 and serving as an IFOMPT delegate. Dr Basson served on the IFOMPT Executive Committee from 2004 - 2016, first as Treasurer and later as President from 2008 - 2016, guiding IFOMPT through a period of growth and maturation. IFOMPT demonstrated maturation and growth as an organisation under her leadership including revisions of the IFOMPT Constitution to improve governance of the organisation and clarity and development on a new strategic plan in 2013 that laid the groundwork for rebranding and a new logo.

Professor Karen Beeton - United Kingdom



Professor Beeton served on the Standards Committee for 14 years (2002 - 2016) and over the past 4 years has continued to serve on the RIG Development Advisory Group and Chair the Membership Qualifications Task Force. Professor Beeton is soft spoken and does not seek the limelight, but she is extremely dedicated and efficient. If she says she will complete a task, she will get it done on time and with first rate quality. Professor Beeton has also been a member of the Editorial Committee of Manual Therapy journal (now Musculoskeletal Sciences and Practice) since its inception in 1992. During her term on the Standards Committee, she contributed to the development of the 2008 Standards Document that moved to a competency-based framework of the IFOMPT Standards and was also involved in the revisions and development of the most recent 2016 Educational Standards.

Lorrie Maffey - Canada



Lorrie Maffey is completing a nearly 20-year stint on the Standards Committee. Long term service and providing high quality of work; Lorrie has been a vital member of this team to assure that the work of the Standards Committee is completed in a high-quality manner. Lorrie has been involved in orthopaedic manual therapy since the mid 1990's when she began teaching manual therapy for the Canadian Physiotherapy Association (CPA). She has taught at all levels of manual therapy courses including advanced spinal manipulation and continues to serve as a National Chief Examiner for the Orthopaedic Manipulative Physiotherapy Programme with the CPA. Lorrie is actively involved in national and international committees devoted to policy making and monitoring of educational standards. She is the past Chair of the Orthopaedic Division Educational Committee (CPA) and past Chair of the Canadian Academy of Manipulative Physiotherapy (CAMPT).

Professor Ann Moore - United Kingdom



IFOMPT members will know Professor Moore as the Editor in Chief of 'Manual Therapy' (now 'Musculoskeletal Science and Practice'). This is a role Professor Moore has held, alongside Professor Gwen Jull, since 1992 at the inception of the journal. As a leading and highly respected peer reviewed journal in the field of OMPT, the journal of Musculoskeletal Science and Practice is the official Journal of the MACP, United Kingdom and the Dutch Association for Manual Therapy and recognised by more than 15 other institutes/associations/academies around the world. The contribution of Professor Moore to evidence based practice is impressive with greater than 200 published works including textbook (n=7), book chapters (n=10), original research (n>100) and editorials (n=81), keynotes (n=130) and research presentations (n=81). She has been a strong advocate and ambassador for IFOMPT for many years.



Latest IFOMPT Developments

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others"

Mahatma Gandhi

Professor Duncan Reid - New Zealand



Prof Reid served on the IFOMPT Executive Committee during the same 12-year period (2004 - 2016) as Dr Basson and was Vice President for 8 years (2008 - 2016). Although his contributions are numerous, achievement highlights for Prof Reid during his time as IFOMPT VP include representing the IFOMPT Executive Committee on the Conference Committee for the Glasgow 2016 conference and also his contributions during the brand, logo and website redesign undertaken between 2015-2016. Since standing down from the Executive Committee, Prof Reid has maintained numerous roles within the IFOMPT including Chair of the Advisory Group for RIG Development and the Editor for Manual Therapy Research Review. He continues to be a significant teacher, leader, and mentor to the many RIGs striving for IFOMPT MO status, most notably in the Asia-Pacific region.

Prof Alison Rushton - United Kingdom and Canada



Prof Rushton has been Chair of the Standards Committee since 2004 leading the Standards Committee through multiple revisions of the Standards Document and development and implementation of the international monitoring process, which has allowed IFOMPT to attain one of our most important member benefits, reciprocal recognition. Over the course of the last 16 years, there have been more than 45 submissions for periodic international monitoring. Additionally, Prof Rushton, in her role as Chair of the Standards Committee was charged by IFOMPT to take forward key issues relating to 'pre-manipulative screening' of the cervical spine and facilitate a development team that resulted in the development of the International Framework for Examination of the Cervical Region for Potential of Cervical Arterial Dysfunction Prior to OMT Intervention. The framework is widely used across the globe to inform and improve clinical, education and research practice, and she is now leading a revision process of this important framework.

At times, we tend to forget that the work done for IFOMPT is on a volunteer basis. These individuals all have families and full-time employment, but their passion about our profession has led them to selflessly commit countless hours to furthering the worldwide advancement of OMPT.

I feel that my words are insufficient to truly express our appreciation for the level of service, dedication, and accomplishment of this group. We will recognise these individuals during the second session of the virtual General Meeting on October 8, 2020 and again at the IFOMPT 2022 Conference in Melbourne. I hope this award will serve as a meaningful token of our appreciation for their sacrifice, work, and commitment and that all can see how these outstanding individuals exemplify the motto, "Service Above Self".

Thank you and congratulations!

Ken Olson, IFOMPT President



IFOMPT General Meeting

This is a further notice of the IFOMPT General Meeting that will take place electronically on **5/6 October 2020** and **8/9 October 2020** (early afternoon 5 and 8 October in USA and Canada, early morning 6 and 9 October in Japan, Hong Kong, Australia, and New Zealand, and evening 5 and 8 October in UK, Europe, Scandinavia, Iberia, and South Africa).

The Draft Agenda and meeting documentation have been shared in a Drop Box.

The webinars scheduled in preparation of the General Meeting are ongoing with the next two scheduled for 6/7 August 2020 (Constitutional amendments and International Monitoring survey feedback) and 10/11 September 2020 (Strategic Planning discussion).



IFOMPT Strategic Planning 2020



The Executive Committee appointed Evelyn Jonkman from Conversant to facilitate the development of the strategic plan that will drive the activities and effort of IFOMPT over the next 5 years.

Together with Evelyn, we will be working on a draft outline for the plan and will then enter into a consultation phase where the views and opinions of the IFOMPT membership and key stakeholders will be sought and incorporated into the plan.

The intention is to renew and reinvigorate IFOMPT and set it up for the next 50 years of its existence by moving from:

- An internal focus to an external focus so that we can support and influence global change
- Defining expertise to connecting experts across the world to develop manual and musculoskeletal physiotherapy practice
- Establishing the expert community to leading the global community in musculoskeletal health
- Promoting research to knowledge translation across our Member Organisations, Associate Member Organisations, and Registered Interest Groups
- A high international standard of academic and clinical practice to defining best physiotherapy practice for musculoskeletal conditions that support excellence in response to societal needs at the local, national, and international level
- Exclusive membership through standards and international monitoring to an inclusive community that enhances the diversity, quality, and reach of IFOMPT.

Various methods of interacting and participating in the process have been made available including directly contacting the Executive Committee, attending informal discussion sessions, and attending a webinar where all the opinions will be brought together on 10/11 September 2020.

Please participate in the discussions and let us shape our future together!