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Service and Kindness

From the President -
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As an organisation that is largely made up of volunteers, I am always hugely indebted to those of you who have given your time for the betterment of IFOMPT.

I particularly want to include our Executive Director, Ingrid du Toit in this - she works tirelessly and conscientiously because like you, she cares deeply about IFOMPT.

We do this work because we feel passionately about our profession and want to contribute to IFOMPT. The work carried out across the committees and advisory groups is extraordinary and is captured in the infographic in page 2 of this newsletter.

The logistics of this work can be challenging because we are a global community. The work occurs at all hours of the day, with meeting attendance often outside normal working hours, sometimes late into the night or early in the morning.

As volunteers we will all have lives outside of IFOMPT. Many of us have had bumps in the road, whether professionally or personally or both. We may or may not be aware of one another's challenges.



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Recently the EC created a set of values that we will commit to as we head into 2024.

These are important for a voluntary organisation such as IFOMPT because if we do not all adhere to them, there are consequences. People need to be treated with compassion and kindness. If, as an organisation of highly qualified professionals, we cannot demonstrate these values, we are at risk of losing people who have served IFOMPT selflessly for no personal gain, but for the betterment of the organisation.

And so in our 50th Year, can I encourage that we collectively drive these values in all that we do to support each other. **Kindness** and **compassion** are central to our patient delivery, so let us re-ignite this with our IFOMPT family allowing 2024 to be a celebration of all that IFOMPT stands for.





2023

A YEAR IN REVIEW

Meeting in Person

- Following the past few years in which all meetings were remote, we are able to meet again in person. We had a trade stand at the World Physiotherapy Congress in Dubai where we could interact with many potential IFOMPT members from all the corners of the world
- We were also able to meet as an IFOMPT family at the AXXON Mathera Congress in Ghent, Belgium in 2023. The events included a Teachers Meeting, committee and MO meetings and a trade stand at the congress. A very big thank you to Bart, Kristof and the team for hosting us.

Committees, Task Forces and Advisory Groups

A large number of volunteers continue to assist IFOMPT in performing a range of activities and ensuring it remains on track with its strategic goals and direction.

- The Executive Committee has had a very busy 2023 and continues to drive the strategic plan.
- The Standards Committee has conducted several IM reviews, was responsible for the content of the Teachers Meeting and is involved with EC in the future direction of the ESD and IM.
- The Task Force on Pediatric Manipulation continued its tasks and will present a focused symposium in Basel in 2024.
- The Advisory Groups on Finance, Marketing and Communication, Membership Development and OMPT Advocacy all met several times and have guided the activities and outputs of IFOMPT in their areas of appointment.

The year in numbers



Membership Involvement

The membership attended the coffee sessions, participated in the special meeting, MO Meeting in Ghent and have also created an informal members forum to discuss topical issues such as the name change. Michael Boni from Canada is the members representative for these initiatives.

2024

WHAT WE ARE PLANNING

IFOMPT TURNS 50 IN 2024!

IFOMPT will celebrate its 50th year of existence in 2024 and we have several activities in the pipeline to celebrate this milestone starting in January, and culminating in the celebrations in Basel in July 2024.

IFOMPT CONFERENCE IN BASEL

The Basel team is working hard to put together an excellent programme of events in early July 2024. This will include a membership getaway to Solothurn, Teachers Meeting, GM, Conference and several other related activities and events. Keep up to date with the latest details at: <https://www.ifomptbasel2024.org/>. Any Constitutional change motions for the GM to please reach the office by 15 February 2024 and other general motions by 25 March 2024. The Agenda will go out by 25 April 2024.

STANDARDS AND INTERNATIONAL MONITORING PROJECT

The ESD and IM project will continue in 2024. The survey will run until the end of January 2024, while the EC and SC will work on the proposed new structure to be ready to present it to the membership in Basel in July 2024. As always, the members will be kept involved and informed as we develop the proposal.

NOMINATIONS

Various calls for nominations have gone out with more to follow in 2024. These include nominations for the various IFOMPT awards, the EC and others. Please make sure to check in with your boards and members to nominate candidates for all the awards.

2028 CONFERENCE

France and Canada will proceed to submit formal bids to host IFOMPT 2028. The bids will be forwarded to the MOs for their review and insights that will form part of the evaluation process by 20 February 2024. The successful bidder will be announced in early April 2024.

