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What does the future hold? - IFOMPT 2019 and beyond

From the President - Ken Olson



As 2019 comes to a close, I am pleased with the progress IFOMPT has made in our mission to be the Global Leader in OMPT Excellence. 2019 has been a wonderful year and I have attended 8 Physical Therapy conferences and gave presentations at 6 of these meetings. I am thankful for the invitations to present at these conferences because each event was a rewarding professional experience. The WCPT meeting in Geneva, Switzerland was the highlight of the year primarily due to the excellent representation of IFOMPT at the conference and the pre-conference IFOMPT meetings.



This meeting provided opportunities to engage with many of our members and allowed the IFOMPT leadership to set the course of action for 2019 and 2020 including to prepare for the IFOMPT conference and meetings in Melbourne in October 2020.



I am proud of the work output of the many IFOMPT volunteers engaged in serving on the IFOMPT committees, taskforces, and workgroups.

In particular, I am inspired by the level of dedication and selfless hours of work provided by the members of the Standards and Executive Committees. The workgroups and taskforces also have proven to be very effective at extending the scope and depth of productivity produced by our organisation by engaging highly motivated and talented individuals to participate in activities such as assessment of membership qualifications, constitution review, marketing, research, RIG development and finance. Much of this work is also coordinated and facilitated by our Executive Director, Ingrid du Toit, who continues to be a wonderful asset to IFOMPT.

Although IFOMPT is an organisation made up of OMPT Organisations, the success of IFOMPT is totally dependent on individuals stepping up to volunteer their time and talents for the good of the organisation. I am very grateful for all these individuals who make up the foundation of the IFOMPT Family.



The final conference where I presented in 2019 was the Interprofessional Collaborative Spine Conference in Pittsburgh, PA, USA in November, which was the first time ever that a conference was organised by the American Chiropractic Association in cooperation with the American Osteopathic Association and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists. I was one of the 3 Physical Therapists invited to speak at the conference along with Dr Tony Delitto and Dr Julie Fritz. I presented on safety and education of spinal manipulation. This was a great opportunity to highlight the benefits of mentored clinical practice to improve clinical reasoning and outcomes as highlighted in the IFOMPT Educational Standards and to emphasise the importance of clinical reasoning to assure safety and effectiveness in the practice of cervical spine manipulation as illustrated in the work of the IFOMPT Vascular Pathology of the Neck (Cervical Artery Dysfunction) Workgroup. Because of the work of many IFOMPT family members to develop these resources, the role of IFOMPT as the Global Leader in OMPT Excellence was clearly on display at this historic conference.

As we plan for 2020, my primary goal is to assure a successful IFOMPT General Meeting and Conference. In addition, I want to set the stage for a smooth transition to the next leadership team, because my time as IFOMPT President will come to a close at the end of the Melbourne Conference. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve IFOMPT, and I am confident that the next team of leaders will be able to take IFOMPT to new and exciting places.

I am hopeful that the IFOMPT Family will be able to share time with Friends and Family through the Holiday Season and be ready to re-engage in our collective work again in 2020.

Kind Regards and Thank You,
Ken

IFOMPT Constitutional Review - Paolo Sanzo

The IFOMPT Constitutional Revision Task Force has been charged with the task to review, critique, and make recommendations to the IFOMPT Executive Committee (EC) on the revision of the IFOMPT constitution and to assist the EC to develop consensus with the Delegate Assembly prior to the General Meeting on the proposed constitutional revisions. After a call out for volunteers for this committee, the members include individuals with a wealth of knowledge related to leadership, organisational structure, governance, and provide both a historical perspective of previous, current, and possible future visions in our discussions. The members of the IFOMPT Constitutional Revision Task Force include Paolo Sanzo (Chair), Ken Olson, Annalie Basson, Robert Rowe, Frederic Froment and Ronél Jordaan.

It is a very exciting time as IFOMPT continues to expand and evolve and the current discussions have provided some fruitful suggestions. Currently, the online forum is also obtaining suggestions and feedback from MOs and RIGs to help further facilitate this process via a transparent and public forum with the emphasis of the first forum focused on IFOMPT membership categories. All feedback and suggestions are welcomed during this process. Forums on other aspects of proposed constitution revisions will be repeated in the spring and summer of 2020 as we progress towards the General Meeting in Melbourne to ensure that we have captured these suggestions into what the new and updated constitution will look like to guide the governance of IFOMPT into the future.





Latest IFOMPT Developments

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams"

Eleanor Roosevelt

Commentary to Member Organisations – Assistance with RIG development - Duncan Reid, Chair RIG Advisory Group



In recent years, the number of countries that have applied for Registered Interest Group (RIG) Status has increased dramatically with over 16 countries currently seeking IFOMPT support. This is great news for IFOMPT as we have not had new members for some time, and the future of IFOMPT depends on the conversion of RIGs to full Member Organisations (MOs).

As many of you know converting to an MO is not an easy process and can take many years. The challenges of moving to MO status are many and varied including issues of cost, internal politics and curriculum development to name but a few!

Within the last four years, the IFOMPT Executive have formed several advisory groups that have been assigned key pieces of work to assist IFOMPT with its development. One of these groups is the RIG Advisory Group chaired by Prof. Duncan Reid from New Zealand.

The group is also made up of Dr. Jan Pool (Netherlands), Prof. Karen Beeton (UK), Anne Porter Hoke (USA), Chris Showalter (USA), Dr. Per Kjaer (representing the Standards Committee), and Dr. Ken Olson as President. A number of these committee members have been allocated geographical responsibility for RIG development. Duncan Reid looks after Asia West Pacific, Karen Beeton - Middle East, Africa, Jan Pool - Europe and Chris Showalter and Ann Porter Hoke - South America. These are large geographical areas and it is not possible to physically visit all these areas as IFOMPT does not have the resources for this. Hence the request in this communication.

The RIG Advisory Group needs help with getting the RIGs up to speed on curriculum development and manual therapy groups structures within these countries. So here is the request:

1. We are looking for MOs that are willing to assist the key member of the advisory group to increase the work in the countries we are assisting. Clearly MOs that are geographically close to them would be the obvious first step. Please get in touch with Duncan if you think your MO can assist.

2. There are many individual manual therapy teachers that visit many of these countries. These are often world recognised experts in their field that have been contacted to teach in a given country by an individual or manual therapy organisation in that country. This is great for increasing knowledge, but these individual teachers from strong MOs are often not promoting the role of IFOMPT or assisting with the structural development of the RIG. We would like MOs to see if they can contact some of these key experts in their country and provide them with some information via Power Point slides that they can use to promote IFOMPT. Even if these experts suggest the local manual therapy group get in contact with IFOMPT, that would be a great step in assisting with future development and allow us to have conversations around such things as curriculum development using the IFOMPT standards and the organisation of umbrella groups.

The list of current RIG countries is: Australia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cyprus, France, Hungary, Iceland, Korea, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and the UAE.

I look forward to getting a response from MOs that think they would like to assist these countries grow and move forward.

News from our MO from South Africa
The Orthopaedic Manipulative Physiotherapy Group (OMPTG) have changed their name to the Neuromusculoskeletal Physiotherapy Group (NMSPG).

2020 is going to be a very busy year for IFOMPT

All the activities will culminate in the 2020 Conference in Melbourne



<https://ifomptconference.org/>

Registrations for the Conference and Workshops are open, while abstract submissions should reach the Scientific Committee by 31 January 2020.

IFOMPT will be hosting a **Strategic Planning Meeting** on Sunday, 4 October 2020, followed by a membership day on 5 October 2020 which will consist of an **MO Meeting** followed by the **IFOMPT General Meeting** in the afternoon.

Several matters have been referred to the members in preparation for the General Meeting:

- Participation in the Membership Category Forum from 1 to 20 December 2019
- Life Member nominations by 31 January 2020
- IFOMPT Standards Committee nominations by 14 February 2020
- Nominations for IFOMPT Awards by 31 March 2020
- Nominations for IFOMPT Executive Committee Members by 15 May 2020
- USA and Switzerland to submit their comprehensive conference proposals for 2024 by 29 February 2020 after which the bids will be sent to all MOs to make recommendations by 1 May 2020.