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Reconnecting

From the President - Laura Finucane



In my last president's message, I spoke to the opening up of the world post Covid-19 and our ability to reconnect with each other face-to-face. I talked of the importance of being able to do this. As an EC, we are constitutionally bound to meet in person every two years. No one accounted for a pandemic, but we did seize an opportunity to meet in early September. I had been invited to speak at the PNZ national conference and would fly into Auckland where the IFOMPT office is based and is the home of Ingrid and Richard. It seemed the ideal opportunity to fly the rest of the committee to join us.

We had three full days of meetings connecting Renée online as she was unable to join us. Ingrid hosted us, and we minimised costs by staying and meeting at the office (Ingrid's home) and we were looked after in true style by the locals (Richard, Ingrid, and her family).

The days were productive and whilst our regular monthly meetings online are efficient, we achieved far, far more meeting in person. It went beyond the outputs we produced which included a review of the strategy, review of processes related

to standards, succession planning, and so much more.



As a new EC elected in November 2020, this was the first time we had met physically. I knew in 2020 we had the right EC and the trip confirmed this. I got to know these individuals on a different level and how we could harness each other's strengths, weaknesses, passion, and knowledge.

A team building exercise found us working together in a calm and methodical way, and with great humour! I am incredibly grateful for the commitment of the EC, and I am confident IFOMPT is in safe hands.



Unfortunately, we were unable to agree to the Standards Committee (SC) meeting face-to-face which we know was disappointing as similarly, the SC has not had the opportunity to

meet either during this period. There will be opportunities returning to all of us as we move forward.

Having said that, in October Paolo and Ronel and I met at the AAOMPT conference in San Diego where we had good discussions with the AAOMPT board on the future of IFOMPT and collaborations. We were grateful for Lenerdene joining us there along with Eric from the SC. As a consequence, we were able to have some really good meetings discussing future plans and the way forward. We caught up with Haideh (US delegate) a strong delegation from Canada including Michael (delegate), Timmi (South African delegate) and a group from the Philippines.

In the lead up to Basel 2024 we have a number of opportunities to meet, and I would urge you to join us. Paolo, Ingrid and I will attend WP in Dubai in June 2023 where we will have a trade stand and host a networking session. Ahead of Basel we will be in Ghent (<https://www.mathera.be/nl/content/countdown>) in September 2023 and we intend to hold a delegate assembly on 13 September 2023. This requires you to ensure you send a delegate to represent your country. Whilst our AMO and RIGs are not required to attend, we would encourage you to attend, where possible. Many of our MO delegates are new to their role and this is an ideal opportunity to connect and meet in person. The SC are putting together a cutting-edge Teachers Meeting in Ghent that will take place on 14 September 2023.

The next few years we are set to connect, and I am looking forward to seeing many of you soon.



Latest IFOMPT Developments

“Reconnect the dots to find your true purpose”
Rahul Sharma

IFOMPT in 2022 and 2023

How Can We Help?

ASK	SHARE	BE THERE	CONNECT	ADVOCATE
Ask for help if you need it	Share information and experiences	Provide support and information	Foster connections and growth	Be the voice of the profession

What we were up to at IFOMPT in 2022

The various activities to ensure that we meet the stated objectives and plans outlined in the Strategic Plan continued in 2022. In addition, we started to reconnect in person

HOW CAN WE HELP ?

Met with 20 MOs/RIGs and discussed aspects such as the name change, IM and Standards, membership categories, local political changes and systems, advanced practice, specialisation, advocacy, clinical placements, recognition, CPD systems

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

135 committee, working group, task force meetings
3 sets of 2 coffee session to interact with membership
4 new webinars with up to 6 events per speaker and free RIG attendance

GROWTH

- Philippines voted in as a new MO
- Brazil approved as first AMO
- Spain RIG group programme approved and Umbrella formed
- Poland and Romania have submitted their programmes
- Several potential new RIGs

COMMUNICATION

- Regular Newsletters, i-Blast, MT Research Review, JMMT
- Weekly social media posts on IFOMPT in general and Basel 2024 Conference specifically
- Distribution of WP notices and information and questionnaires

STANDARDS AND IM

- SC reviewed several IM submissions
- Curriculum of Philippines evaluated and approved
- Mandatory review of Standards and IM commenced
- Two additional SC members appointed

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PLANNING FOR A BIG YEAR IN 2023

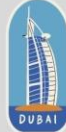
Getting together for meetings, Teachers Meeting and Belgian Conference in Ghent in September 2023



Checking in with the stakeholders regarding the Standards and International Monitoring



Trade stand and Networking Session at WP Congress in June 2023



Planning and preparation for 2024 Conference, GM and 50th Celebrations



OMPT Advocacy role and involvement and sharing knowledge



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Let's all meet in Ghent September 2023

WEDNESDAY
13/09

THURSDAY
14/09

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14/09

FRI-SAT
15-16/09

Membership Meeting
All MOs, AMOs and RIGs invited to attend a membership meeting where we will discuss matters relevant to IFOMPT and in preparation for the GM in Basel 2024

Teachers Meeting
An interactive forum for teachers to develop knowledge and skills informed by best practices in education

Social Interaction
IFOMPT family dinner in Ghent and plenty of opportunities to reconnect and catch up with the IFOMPT family

ECMT 2023 Conference
Join in for the jubilee edition of the 10th biannual edition of ECMT and the 10th anniversary of MATHERA!



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