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# IFOMPT

## International Federation of Orthopaedic Manipulative Physical Therapists

The Federation is a recognised sub-group of the World Confederation of Physical Therapists (WCPT). A Member Organisation (MO) consists purely of Physical Therapists. These must have successfully completed a post-graduate educational program recognised by the Federation.

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### MISSION:

*The International Federation of Orthopaedic Manipulative Physical Therapists aims to:*

1. Promote and maintain the high standards of specialist education and clinical practice in manual / musculo-skeletal physiotherapists.
2. Promote and facilitate evidence based practice and research amongst its members.
3. Communicate widely the purpose and level of the specialisation of manual / musculoskeletal physiotherapists amongst physiotherapists, other healthcare disciplines and the general public.
4. Work towards international unity/conformity of educational standards of practice amongst manual/musculoskeletal physiotherapists.
5. Communicate and collaborate effectively with individuals within the organisation and with other organisations.

### DEFINITION

Orthopaedic Manual Therapy is a specialized area of physiotherapy / physical therapy for the management of neuro-musculo-skeletal conditions, based on clinical reasoning, using highly specific treatment approaches including manual techniques and therapeutic exercises.

Orthopaedic Manual Therapy also encompasses, and is driven by, the available scientific and clinical evidence and the biopsychosocial framework of each individual patient.

### The Executive of IFOMPT is working towards:

- Improving the IFOMPT website as a tool to promote, stimulate and facilitate IFOMPT's vision
- Increasing the funding of IFOMPT in order to further, and facilitate, the ever increasing demands on input from both the Standards Committee and Executive Committee
- Enhancing the image of IFOMPT and establishing an effective internal information system
- Facilitating the implementation of IFOMPT's Standards Document and continuing to develop the Standards Document at regular and appropriate intervals
- Establishing a Resource Centre with names of experts in the field of clinical practice, educational developments and science
- Facilitating international communication between researchers and offering resources and information for Member Organisations, in all relevant areas of basic and clinical research, and in relation to Clinical Guidelines

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### There are currently 22 Members Organization (MO) within IFOMPT as follows:

- Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, United Kingdom, USA

*In addition, we currently have several countries who belong as a Registered Interest Group (RIG), some of which are working towards full Membership.*

### Currently the Registered Interest Groups (RIG) are:

- Australia, Colombia, France, Hungary, Iceland, Korea, and Turkey.

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- ⇒ Please send me Membership criteria for a country to become a MO or RIG.
- ⇒ Please send me a copy of the IFOMPT constitution.
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- ⇒ Please send me addresses of the Member Organisations and Registered Interest Groups of IFOMPT.

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