

Dear IFOMPT Family

We are a quarter of the way into 2023 and several projects are gaining momentum.

- 1. The planning is continuing for the meetings and events in Ghent in September 2023. Euson Yeung and Trisha Davies Knorr of the Standards Committee are in charge of planning the content for what is promising to be a very special Teachers Meeting. Member countries who have not yet let us know if they will be attending, to please do so ASAP and all to register for the events please. The details of the IFOMPT events and the conference are available on the conference website <u>https://willbethere.be/ecmt2023/</u>. The Advisory Group on Marketing and Communication are working on the details for the trade stand in Ghent and will share the details and invite the delegates who will be in Ghent to participate shortly. As we have done with previous events, we are hoping to create a trade stand experience where we draw people in through interactive games where they can take home a special item that has been brought in by one of our delegates. If you are joining us in Ghent, it would be greatly appreciated if you could bring something along from your country that is inexpensive. Anything goes, wine, stroopwafels, tea, chocolates, etc.
- 2. Basel 2024 is also fast approaching and the various processes leading up to the General Meeting have commenced:
 - a. The call for expressions of interest to host the 2028 conference went out in March with a submission deadline of 1 June 2023.
 - b. The appointment process for the next Executive Committee will commence shortly. All MOs are hereby invited to by the end of April 2023 put forward names of individuals to serve on the Election Committee that is appointed to oversee the process for nomination of candidates and election of the EC members. Nominations to be sent to admin@ifompt.org. Any MO delegates, or past delegates with knowledge of IFOMPT procedures, and who do not wish to run for an elected EC position themselves during their term on the Election Committee can be nominated to serve on the committee that will be confirmed in May 2023. The committee will perform its tasks over the course of the next year culminating in the election of the EC at the 2024 GM.

- c. A few general dates have been finalised for the days leading up to the Basel conference and that members need to please note:
 - i. 1 July 2024 MO Meeting
 - ii. 2 July 2024 General Meeting (this is a formal meeting which will manage any decisions that need to be made by the Delegate Assembly) and Membership meeting (this is an informal meeting and will focus on updating the MOs on activities, discussion points and answer any questions).
 - iii. 3 July 2024 Teachers Meeting
 - iv. 4-6 July 2024 IFOMPT 50th Celebration Conference
- d. The nomination process for the various IFOMPT awards will commence in the next few months and members will be asked to nominate candidates for the David Lamb Award, The Geoffrey Maitland Award, Special Recognition Awards (Honorary Life Service Award and Parton Award), as well as some specific awards to celebrate those who have made a contribution to IFOMPT over the past 50 years. More details on these awards will be sent out in the next few months. Please start discussing these with your organisations with a view to nominating candidates later in the year.
- 3. As a part of the standards and international monitoring review project that has been running for some time and will continue for the next few years, we have launched a robust, peer reviewed research project that will entail an online survey to generate collective views from the wider IFOMPT family on the Standards Document and international monitoring process. This survey will be developed and tested in the latter part of 2023 and translated into several languages. The outcome is expected to be discussed at the Basel 2024 membership meeting. At that occasion, the membership will jointly map the way forward and what actions are required to ensure it is fit for purpose and remains relevant and robust for years to come. In addition to this, the Standards Committee are looking at adaptations to the IM process to accommodate the various stages that the MOs are at and to simplify submissions without jeopardizing quality. We are also looking at a plan around a review of the Standards Document and how best to do that as part of the bigger project.
- 4. The Standards Committee is currently working on the reviews of the IM reports of Japan, Australia, and Germany.
- 5. The 2023 subscriptions were due by 31 March 2023. Thank you to all our MOs, AMO, and RIGs who have paid their dues. We still have a few outstanding and would like to encourage all to get this sorted as soon as possible please.

6. We would like to draw your attention to an initiative recently launched by The Duke Center of Excellence in Manual and Manipulative Therapy that is a great repository of information to access. They have started a "Manual Therapy Hall of Fame Papers" on their website - <u>https://sites.duke.edu/cemmt/publishedpaper-summaries/hall-of-fame-papers/</u>

Kind regards,

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