



Dear IFOMPT Family,

Just over a month into the new year and IFOMPT is as busy as usual with multiple initiatives kicking off. It is going to be a busy year for us.

Some updates on developments:

1. The various Task Forces and Working Groups are all up and running and several have already met. Thank you to all the members for making your time available to get involved. We have been cognisant of the equality and diversity composition of IFOMPT when appointing these groups and would like to grow this even further to become fully representative of the entire IFOMPT family as we progress.
2. The 2020 Strategic Planning has been completed and the final version of the strategic plan is up on the website. A one-pager illustrated version will be circulated shortly for easy reference and distribution to your members.
3. Various Member Organisations (MO) have been in contact with the Executive Committee (EC) over the past few months requesting advice, assistance, or clarification on matters relating to membership and interaction with their parent bodies. Please remember that the EC is here to assist, and you are most welcome to make contact.
4. MO delegates are reminded of the **special meeting** currently under way to vote on the proposed constitutional change; the documents have been circulated and your ballots should please reach the office by **12 March 2021** at the very latest.
5. The Advisory Group on Marketing and Communication are investigating our communication model and how we can better reach especially the individual physiotherapists of our various members around the world to disseminate information and news. The first step in this process will be the creation of a **private Facebook group for IFOMPT delegates and committee members**. As stated, this will be a closed group and only visible to the group. We plan to share information, happenings, advice, and developments and

thereby create an easy and accessible platform for the IFOMPT members to interact. This group will be called the “IFOMPT Incredibles” and we strongly recommend that you engage with it by clicking in the following like and requesting to

join: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2881598182084964/about>.

6. We have set up a small website subcommittee with the Advisory Group on Marketing and Communication. The new site is in place but needs to be maintained and the member only site needs to be activated. We would like to ask our members if you have somebody in your group who is a website and technical guru to nominate to serve on that subgroup. They will form part of the team that will be responsible to keep the website up to date and fit for purpose for IFOMPT. If you need more information get in touch with [Haideh Plock](#) who is the chair of the Marketing and Communication group.
7. The 2021 webinar initiative will kick off with an exciting webinar entitled *Gluteal Tendinopathy – Steps Towards Success* by Dr Alison Grimaldi from Australia in late February. Please help us to identify future speakers or topics that you would like to hear by sending the names to the office.
8. We are currently investigating the exact role that IFOMPT should be playing in the research and knowledge translation arena. We plan to ask you as the members for your insights and opinions and will do so in a dedicated forum in April 2021.
9. We are currently in discussions with the MACP and their partners in the UK regarding a proposed initiative to develop a UK based standard of practice at advanced level using the IFOMPT Standards as a basis for the process towards national recognition. We will update and consult with the members as the matter evolves.
10. The Standards Committee members are hard at work with several reviews underway; the curriculum of the Spain RIG has also been received for consideration. The international monitoring reports for Belgium, South Africa, and the USA are due at the end of March 2021.
11. The **2021 membership invoices** were sent out in early January 2021 and please note that they must be paid by **31 March 2021** at the very latest in terms of the provisions of the amended Constitution. Thank you to those who have already paid. A handful of RIGs have not paid their 2020 subscriptions and will be removed from IFOMPT if not fully paid up by 31 March 2021.
12. This is also a reminder to register for the [World Physiotherapy Congress](#) that will be a virtual event, if interested. Note that Laura Finucane and Paolo Sanzo will be moderating the usual Manual Therapy Networking Session and encourage the participation of our members in that session. If you are attending

and if you are presenting, please let us know and we will try and see if we can catch up with everyone.

13. The next IFOMPT family informal networking session will take place on 1/2 March 2021 and 4/5 March 2021. You are invited to join one of the 2 sessions (note you do not need to attend both - find the one that best works for you - if you are not sure of the exact time for your location, contact the office). The login details and indicative times are attached in a separate section of this message and will also be e-mailed out for easy reference.

Kind regards

IFOMPT Executive Committee

15 February 2021

IFOMPT Informal MO and RIG Networking Session

Session 1 – 1/2 March 2021

Login: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/194141869>

Location	Local Time	Time Zone	UTC Offset
Auckland (New Zealand - Auckland)	Tuesday, 2 March 2021 at 8:00:00 a.m.	NZDT	UTC+13 hours
Birmingham (United Kingdom - England)	Monday, 1 March 2021 at 7:00:00 p.m.	GMT	UTC
Thunder Bay (Canada - Ontario)	Monday, 1 March 2021 at 2:00:00 p.m.	EST	UTC-5 hours
Geneva (Switzerland - Geneva)	Monday, 1 March 2021 at 8:00:00 p.m.	CET	UTC+1 hour
Odense (Denmark)	Monday, 1 March 2021 at 8:00:00 p.m.	CET	UTC+1 hour
Pretoria (South Africa)	Monday, 1 March 2021 at 9:00:00 p.m.	SAST	UTC+2 hours
Brisbane (Australia - Queensland)	Tuesday, 2 March 2021 at 5:00:00 a.m.	AEST	UTC+10 hours
Los Angeles (USA - California)	Monday, 1 March 2021 at 11:00:00 a.m.	PST	UTC-8 hours
Tokyo (Japan)	Tuesday, 2 March 2021 at 4:00:00 a.m.	JST	UTC+9 hours
Hong Kong (Hong Kong)	Tuesday, 2 March 2021 at 3:00:00 a.m.	HKT	UTC+8 hours
Bogota (Colombia)	Monday, 1 March 2021 at 2:00:00 p.m.	COT	UTC-5 hours
Santiago (Chile)	Monday, 1 March 2021 at 4:00:00 p.m.	CLST	UTC-3 hours
Corresponding UTC (GMT)	Monday, 1 March 2021 at 19:00:00		

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Zaragoza (Spain)	Monday, 1 March 2021 at 8:00:00 p.m.	CET	UTC+1 hour
Cheongju (South Korea)	Tuesday, 2 March 2021 at 4:00:00 a.m.	KST	UTC+9 hours
Munich (Germany - Bavaria)	Monday, 1 March 2021 at 8:00:00 p.m.	CET	UTC+1 hour
Helsinki (Finland)	Monday, 1 March 2021 at 9:00:00 p.m.	EET	UTC+2 hours
Stockholm (Sweden)	Monday, 1 March 2021 at 8:00:00 p.m.	CET	UTC+1 hour
Dublin (Ireland)	Monday, 1 March 2021 at 7:00:00 p.m.	GMT	UTC
Paris (France - Île-de-France)	Monday, 1 March 2021 at 8:00:00 p.m.	CET	UTC+1 hour
Nicosia (Cyprus)	Monday, 1 March 2021 at 9:00:00 p.m.	EET	UTC+2 hours
Athens (Greece)	Monday, 1 March 2021 at 9:00:00 p.m.	EET	UTC+2 hours
Braşov (Romania)	Monday, 1 March 2021 at 9:00:00 p.m.	EET	UTC+2 hours
Akureyri (Iceland)	Monday, 1 March 2021 at 7:00:00 p.m.	GMT	UTC
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Session 2 – 4/5 March 2021

Login: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/482494037>

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Auckland (New Zealand - Auckland)	Friday, 5 March 2021 at 8:00:00 p.m.	NZDT	UTC+13 hours
Birmingham (United Kingdom - England)	Friday, 5 March 2021 at 7:00:00 a.m.	GMT	UTC
Thunder Bay (Canada - Ontario)	Friday, 5 March 2021 at 2:00:00 a.m.	EST	UTC-5 hours
Geneva (Switzerland - Geneva)	Friday, 5 March 2021 at 8:00:00 a.m.	CET	UTC+1 hour
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Brisbane (Australia - Queensland)	Friday, 5 March 2021 at 5:00:00 p.m.	AEST	UTC+10 hours
Los Angeles (USA - California)	Thursday, 4 March 2021 at 11:00:00 p.m.	PST	UTC-8 hours
Tokyo (Japan)	Friday, 5 March 2021 at 4:00:00 p.m.	JST	UTC+9 hours
Hong Kong (Hong Kong)	Friday, 5 March 2021 at 3:00:00 p.m.	HKT	UTC+8 hours
Bogota (Colombia)	Friday, 5 March 2021 at 2:00:00 a.m.	COT	UTC-5 hours
Santiago (Chile)	Friday, 5 March 2021 at 4:00:00 a.m.	CLST	UTC-3 hours
Corresponding UTC (GMT)	Friday, 5 March 2021 at 07:00:00		

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Zaragoza (Spain)	Friday, 5 March 2021 at 8:00:00 a.m.	CET	UTC+1 hour
Cheongju (South Korea)	Friday, 5 March 2021 at 4:00:00 p.m.	KST	UTC+9 hours
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