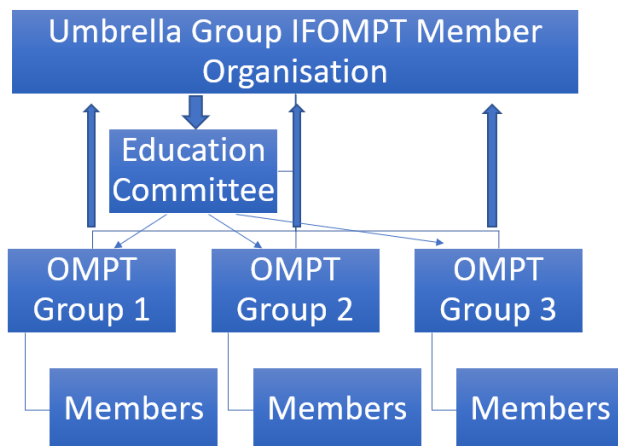


Organisational Structures for IFOMPT Member Organisations

There are several key factors that need to be considered as an MO or RIG attempts to transition from representing one programme, to two or more OMPT programmes. In particular, the organisational structure and development of an Education Committee within the Member Organisation. There are many models that could be considered regarding the structure of a professional organisation. One of which is often referred to as an **umbrella organisation**. An umbrella organisation is formed for the purpose of representing a country to IFOMPT. It can consist of **2 or more educational programmes / manual therapy groups** who each may have organisations with their own members. The leaders of each of the educational programmes / manual therapy groups may appoint members from their groups to form an executive committee which will act to represent them within the umbrella organisation.

Another option is to give all qualified individual physical therapist members of the umbrella organisation the right to vote on key issues, such as who will represent them on the Executive Committee. Organisations can also consider tiered categories of membership, such as: student members, PT members, and OMPT members with various rights and duties within the organisation assigned to each membership category. Regardless of how they are elected, the Executive Committee has the authority to lead and manage the affairs of the organisation and appoint members to additional committees and workgroups to assist in fulfilling the objectives of the organisation.

Umbrella Group Organisational Structure—OMPT groups are Members (Examples are Netherlands, Greece, and Germany)



Umbrella Organisation – Individual PTs are Members (Examples in USA, UK, New Zealand)

