

MACP AGM 2025

3rd November 2025, 6:30pm-8:00pm

Report:	Regional Representative/Engagement Lead
Committee Member:	Darren Smith
Date of report:	September 2025

Overview of Year

We currently have MACP representatives in place for the following regions:

- North West – Lee Shimwell
- Midlands - Vasileios Georgopoulos
- London and South East –Jess Pun
- South Central – Darren Smith

We are always looking for members of the MACP who would be interested in joining one of our subcommittees and encourage you to email an expression of interest if this is something you would like to get involved in.

The regional representative role is a voluntary role available to members of the MACP that offers a range of professional and personal benefits including:

- Enhancing leadership skills by representing MACP in your region and coordinating local initiatives.
- Opportunity to organise and lead training sessions, workshops, and networking events
- Play a key role in **promoting evidence-based practice** and MACP's mission to advance MSK education and research
- Be part of a community of like-minded professionals committed to excellence in MSK care.
- Enjoy the satisfaction of giving back to the profession and supporting others in their career journey.

The team are there for the members to discuss any networking, educational, or development opportunities within their region. They can be contacted via our wonderful MACP admin team on administration@macpweb.org who will be able to put you in contact with your regional representative.

The team have met this year to share ideas on events, network, and disseminate information from the Executive Committee meetings.

We have successfully delivered the following events this year:

- *A modern way to teach and practice manual therapy webinar* by Roger Kerry, Steven Vogel and Ken Young, 28th November 2024. Hosted by Vasileios Georgopoulos.
- *Simple Shared Decision Making for clinicians* by David Alderson, 23rd July 2025. Hosted by Darren Smith

Our events are free for members and the educational webinars remain available to our members, as a member benefit on the website within the members area.

These events have been arranged by the representatives in their free time, on a voluntary basis. We are therefore extremely grateful to the representatives for giving up their personal time to arrange these events.

Progress against organisation's strategic aims

In support of the MACP strategy to expand the Affiliate membership category, the regional events undertaken have included non-members, thereby promoting the MACP as a clinical interest group for all levels of MSK clinician.

The educational webinars are available to watch for free in the members area on the MACP website following the events, and remain a member benefit for all levels of member. Any non-members who reach out to us regarding access to this content are encouraged to become an Affiliate Member to gain access to the excellent educational material in addition to the other wonderful membership benefits.

Progress against Professional Engagement Objectives

Review of the regional representative team:

After many years of service, we were sad to say goodbye and thank you to Rob Goldsmith, one of our regional representatives, based in Wales. We are hugely grateful for everything Rob contributed in this voluntary role and for his time and commitment over a significant period of time.

We have also said goodbye and express our thanks and gratitude to Becks Watson for her time as a regional representative based in the South West.

These departures allowed the regional rep team to review the representatives role and how to keep it sustainable as a voluntary role whilst balancing increasing work demands and personal wellbeing.

The regional representative team agreed the role to include:

- Supporting and promoting networking, education, and development opportunities within their region.
- Co-ordinate and host one free MACP webinar each year, available to members and non-members, which will be available to members on members area of the website following the event.
- Support the approved routes to full membership, and other membership categories.

Upcoming events:

Imaging in MSK – hosted by Lee Shimwell. Date TBC

Topics TBC – Vasileios Georgopoulos and Jess Pun

Key Development Plans for 25/26

Over the next year, we hope to expand our team of regional representatives. It is acknowledged that this role is completely voluntary and relies on the goodwill and dedication of members who are willing to give up some of their personal time for these roles. For that, we are very grateful to Vasileios, Lee, and Jess for their commitment to these roles.

We will continue to arrange events for our members and non-members over the next 12 months. These will be promoted through touchnote and regional member emails.