

MACP AGM 2025

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IFOMPT President's Reflection – Dec 2024

Paolo Sanzo, IFOMPT President

As we approach the close of another year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the journey of change and growth within IFOMPT following the celebration of our 50th anniversary.

2024 has been a year of transformation. We've embraced the challenges and opportunities of evolving as a truly global organisation. At the heart of our progress lies a renewed commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion. We recognise that true growth is not simply about expanding our reach—it is about creating a community where every voice is valued, every perspective is respected, and every member feels a genuine sense of belonging.

This commitment has shaped our initiatives, policies, and collaborations, embedding these values into the core of our mission. In a culturally diverse organisation like IFOMPT, change means honouring our history while embracing transformation—one that respects the traditions and lived experiences of our members across the globe. We are creating an environment where difference is seen as strength, and where our systems and processes evolve to ensure inclusivity and fairness.

Together, we have taken meaningful steps to strengthen IFOMPT's foundation, adapt to the needs of our members, and prepare for a future that is contemporary, inclusive, and globally relevant. Thank you for your continued support, passion, and dedication to advancing our shared goals.

Let us continue to lead with purpose—driving excellence not only in manual and musculoskeletal physiotherapy education and practice, but also in our broader role within society and global health.

1. Strategic Planning and Vision Refresh

In 2025, IFOMPT progressed into the final stages of developing its new strategic plan. The process was initiated during the Tokyo Strategic Planning Day on 28 May 2025, followed by extensive global consultation:

- Interactive Padlets focused on:
 - Review of the current strategic plan
 - Reworking the mission and vision
 - Environmental and SWOT analysis
- Facilitated Focus Groups (September 2025), led by strategy consultant Tracy Bury, provided confidential, anonymised member feedback.
- Town Halls and Team Talks (July–August 2025) created spaces for wider dialogue, linked closely to constitutional reform and governance development.

This highly participatory process reflects IFOMPT's renewed emphasis on member voice, global responsiveness, and future-focused leadership.

2. Constitutional Reform and Governance Renewal

In line with New Zealand's Incorporated Societies Act 2022, IFOMPT has undertaken a comprehensive constitutional review.

- Proposed amendments were distributed to all MOs three months in advance, including a tracked-changes version and a formal ballot form.
- A Special Meeting of the Delegate Assembly- 20 September 2025- to vote on the proposed changes, requiring a two-thirds majority to pass.
- Two sets of Town Hall/Team Talk sessions (July and August) were held to support discussion and transparency.
- All MOs were encouraged to review changes and submit ballots via email by the voting deadline.

These changes aim to modernise IFOMPT's governance and ensure legal compliance, transparency, and inclusivity across its global membership.

3. IFOMPT 2028 – Reach the Summit (Vancouver)

Planning for the 2028 IFOMPT Conference in Vancouver, Canada began in earnest in 2025:

Town Halls (March 2025) invited delegates to contribute ideas on values, themes, and formats.

Surveys gathered input on:

- Conference values
- Clinical and research topics
- Educational formats (e.g., symposia, keynotes, workshops)
- Social and partner engagement

The organising team released a conference logo, email signature, and holding slide for global promotion.

Dedicated sessions are being held throughout 2025–2026 to refine the programme and speaker selection.

MACP has actively participated in these early consultations and will continue to promote member engagement in shaping a globally impactful event.

4. Organisational Updates and Engagement

- Branding: IFOMPT's logo was updated to reflect the name change and was circulated for member adoption in early 2025.
- Membership Reporting: All MOs were required to submit updated membership numbers by 31 January 2025.
- Website Accuracy: MOs were asked to review and update their IFOMPT country pages, training institutions, and contact information.
- Invoices: Annual membership invoices were issued and paid by 31 March 2025.
- Code of Conduct: Committee and Task Force members returned signed codes of conduct ahead of scheduled meetings.
- Leadership Engagement: One-on-one MO meetings with President Paolo Sanzo and SC Chair Richard Ellis were completed to strengthen communication, gather feedback, and identify support needs.

5. New Task Force: Environmental Sustainability (TFES)

A key innovation in 2025 was the formation of the Task Force on Environmental Sustainability (TFES).

Purpose: To assist the EC in developing an IFOMPT-wide position statement on environmental responsibility.

Objectives 2025–2026:

- Review relevant sustainability policies in healthcare and allied professions
- Draft a position statement on physiotherapy's role in environmental sustainability at clinical and organisational levels
- Identify pathways for IFOMPT and its MOs to contribute meaningfully to sustainable practice

The TFES reflects IFOMPT's commitment to ethical leadership, planetary health, and the evolving social responsibilities of healthcare providers. MACP members have applied to join the taskforce.

6. New Task Force: Manual and MSK PT Advocacy (TFMMA)

IFOMPT also established the Task Force on Manual and Musculoskeletal PT Advocacy (TFMMA) in 2025 to support global visibility and relevance.

Purpose: To provide evidence-informed advice to the EC on contemporary practice, strategic advocacy, and global MSK leadership.

Objectives 2025–2026:

- Map definitions, roles, and policy landscapes across MOs and RIGs
- Explore disengagement, career pathways, and future professional models
- Develop strategies for harmonising competencies and promoting global leadership
- Offer recommendations for advocacy and research in manual and MSK physiotherapy

The TFMMA positions IFOMPT at the forefront of influencing the direction and perception of manual and MSK practice globally.

7. MACP Contributions and Priorities

MACP continues to engage actively with IFOMPT’s global initiatives, including:

- Supporting the rollout of the international membership pathway (iMACP), promoting equity in recognition of advanced MSK practice globally
- Participating in the strategic and constitutional consultations
- Contributing to IFOMPT 2028 planning and promotion
- Offering support to emerging MOs and RIGs in developing education and governance structures
- Hosting events and engaging with countries exploring advanced practice recognition (e.g. Denmark, Ireland, Canada, South Africa, Latvia)
- Contributing expertise to both newly formed task forces and educational standards review

MACP remains committed to advancing IFOMPT’s mission and shaping the future of global MSK practice through collaboration, leadership, and innovation.