



IFOMPT Representative End of Year report 2019

IFOMPT continues to grow in terms of its membership and the Executive are working hard to further enhance communication and engagement with its MOs. Working groups, led by representatives from the Executive Committee or nominees continue to evolve to further the aims of the organisation and enhance engagement with MOs; this has included our own Laura Finucane and Karen Beeton.

IFOMPT has recently be re-recognised as sub group WCPT. As part of this recognition by parent body is no longer required which is potentially an issue going forward; watch this space. IFOMPT Strategic Planning for the next cycle will commence immediately prior to IFOMPT2020.

WCPT Geneva

Nicola as MO delegate and Mindy, as acting alternate MO delegate attended IFOMPT meetings 9th/10th May in Geneva in advance of WCPT. This was a great opportunity to explore issues which are not unique to the UK, and share best practices with the other MO delegates and RIG representatives.

Advisory Groups

Based on evidence from some groups e.g. marketing and promotion and finance, this has been is a positive move. The IFOMPT Exec Committee are working to ensure all groups work towards the same level of commitment with some reorganisation of some agreed in Geneva in May, specifically for the Research Advisory Group; this group will now extend its remit to include Knowledge Translation which was a UK suggestion following on from meetings in Reno.

IFOMPT 2020

There have been opportunities to engage with the Australian organising committee this year and offer mentorship to them with respect to conference planning; this has been forthcoming and welcomed. Marketing and promotion for IFOMPT 2020 was flagged by the UK to the Exec Committee as a cause for some concern with relatively slow release of information and clear timelines etc. Notwithstanding the availability of resources (and UK support) the level of 'noise' for the conference is concerning especially around social media (the most recent post on the dedicated Twitterfeed when viewed in May 2019 was 2016. Laura Finucane, Vice President IFOMPT has agreed again to do a short presentation as part of PhysioUK19 to help promote the conference. The MACP will provide mentoring for individuals wishing to submit abstracts to ensure good UK representation. Additionally the MACP are offering £10K in travel bursaries to support members attending.

IFOMPT 2024

IFOMPT is currently undertaking the process to determine the host for its 2024 50th Anniversary Conference. Two Member Organisations indicated their interest to bid to host the Conference, namely AAOMPT (USA) and SVOMP (Switzerland). SVOMP indicated that they may collaborate in their bid with Germany. All Member Organisations are hereby informed of the outcome of the call for Expressions of Interest. Formal applications will be submitted February 2020 and a decision made sometime in May.

CAD/Cervical Framework

Following further developments the revised **IFOMPT CAD/Cervical framework** has recently been circulated for review by MOs and membership. The UK response, compiled from feedback from course leads, tutors etc will be finalised and submitted to IFOMPT by mid-October. Once feedback has been collated and the finalised the framework developed this will be presented at Melbourne for approval through vote.

Finances

Having been involved in previous discussions the EC continues to offer reassurance to MOs and specifically the MACP that they now have finances in order. Actions have included

- Subscription increase: 2.5% increase per annum in MO subscription - 2019 and 2020. To be reviewed again in 2020, (2019 \$2565.00)
- Income generation with 4 webinars thus far (Chad Cook, Gwen Jull, Anina Schmidt and Dianne Lee).
- Cost cutting for accommodation with meetings as required
- Reduction in the per diem rate

There continues to be issues around IFOMPT subscription payment and the cost of money transfers impacting on final sum. Despite following this up with IFOMPT EC there were further issues this year. A clear recommendation has been to ensure the subscription is of a level that transfer costs are taken into account; this will then avoid the frustrating and hassle caused by a perceived shortfall in payments by MOs.

Education and International Monitoring

The new Education Standards document from Glasgow 2016 has now been finalised and adopted by all courses; evidence being provided to IFOMPT September 2019. The question as to a further review of Education Standards has been raised and the MO were asked to consider currency, need for change and whether there was a need for this in 2020 or 2024; ongoing discussion.

A request to postpone submission of UK IM report was granted thus allowing us to feed into this work currently underway to explore mapping IFOMPT standards to ACP/FCP framework – revised date November 1st 2019.

Reciprocal Recognition

Reciprocal recognition has seen a small number of individuals join the MACP or MACP members join others MOs in 2019; the process works very well. We have also welcomed new members who have studied overseas for an IFOMPT 'qualifying' award but never joined the host county's Member Organisation through the new Portfolio Route which again is working well.

UK MO delegate

Having been in the role for 2 years we have been trying to identify a new alternate to support delegate representation and succession planning. Although expressions of interest for the role were slow Laura Eccott has stepped into the role as alternate MO delegate; Laura works at University of Hertfordshire and is well supported through colleagues at work and through mentorship from current MO delegate. Welcome Laura!

The next meeting for IFOMPT will be Melbourne 2020.



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