

IFOMPT Annual Report 2020

2020 has been a busy year of activity with IFOMPT. Nicola Heneghan reached the end of her term as IFOMPT representative. Laura Eccott has taken on this role with Mindy Cairns continuing as alternate representative.

Melbourne 2020 IFOMPT conference: hosted by Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy Australia (MPA) was postponed until 2022 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The AGM and general meeting were held remotely with the following updates:

New member organisations:

France and Cyprus were voted in following successful applications.

New Executive Committee: The EC reached the end of their term with the new elections completed. The new EC are:

President Laura Finucane (MACP)

VP Paolo Sanzo

EC Renee de Ruijter, Richard Ellis and Pierre Roscher

Awards: These were presented to:

Ina Diener Geoffrey Maitland award

Annalie Basson, Lorrie Maffey, Karen Beeton (MACP), Ann Moore (MACP), Duncan Reid and Ali Rushton (MACP) who were given life members awards.

IFOMPT strategic review:

This process included several online forums and webinars which were attended. Feedback was provided from the MACP EC and fellows regarding the points raised. The key changes that were supported at the AGM and will be presented to the membership shortly. The key aspects are the following:

Reviewing the membership categories. These now consist of Member organisation with no changes to required standards of entry. Associate member organisation, those who are working toward MO status but have no voting rights. Registered Interest group (RIG), this group have no voting rights and any group with an MSK interest can join. This includes groups where an existed MO from that country is in place. IFOMPT encourages MO and RIGS from the same country to work collaboratively were possible.

Voting majorities reviewed. Previously a super majority of 2/3 was required to accept a proposal this has now changed to a simple majority.

In addition to the AGM the following updates/work has been undertaken:

International Monitoring:

The IM report was submitted. Further clarification was required around the portfolio route to membership. This has been resubmitted and we are awaiting a response.

IFOMPT 2024:

Bids were submitted from the Swiss Association of Orthopaedic Manipulative Physiotherapy and American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists. The Swiss bid was successful and will be hosted in Basle.

Collaboration with other MO's:

Collaboration with Richard Ellis (NZ) was conducted regarding the process of electing an MO IFOMPT representative. The MACP process for this was shared.

Upcoming developments:

IFOMPT are beginning the process of consulting regarding a name change. This process relates to changing the word 'manipulative'. This is in its initial stages. A taskforce investigating paediatric manipulation has been set up and is in process. Further taskforces are being set up on OMPT advocacy, international monitoring, IFOMPT identity and name and governance.

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