

IFOMPT Member Organisation Reporting

1. Introduction

At the IFOMPT meetings in Singapore in May 2015, it was agreed that Member Organisation (MO) Delegates will in future supply their MO reports in a standardised format before each MO meeting and this will replace the individual country reports during the meetings. The information will be supplied two weeks before such MO meetings and will be circulated to all MO Delegates prior to the meeting.

2. Reporting Template

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| Member Organisation: MACP Submitted by: Laura Eccott | |
| Number of members | 1106 Full Members (including Overseas Members) 27 Honorary Members 42 Associates 34 Affiliates |
| Meetings and other events and activities | <p>The MACP hosted their AGM and one day of the MSK content of the UK's national physiotherapy conference PhysioUK19 on the 02/11/19. Chair, Nicola Heneghan came to the end of her term; Helen Welch (previous vice-chair) was supported to take on this role. Claire Small has taken on the vice-chair role.</p> <p>Regional representatives for the MACP have been recruited to increase engagement and identify local issues with the membership. Meetings were held at regular intervals around the UK. However, more recently online versions of these events have been completed via Zoom secondary to the pandemic. This has in fact increased membership attendance at these events; hence this will be explored as a format to continue.</p> <p>The MACP strategy day was held in February 2020 with the EC, MACP fellows, other stakeholders and members of the CSP in attendance. Prioritise for the coming 5-year period were identified. Additionally, we have revised the MACP vision and vision statement which are <i>"To lead, unify and advance excellence in global musculoskeletal health"</i> and <i>"Leading and advancing standards in musculoskeletal education, research and clinical practice"</i> respectively.</p> |
| Training activities and developments | <p>We continue to offer a range of professional development courses across the UK. There is in particular demand for courses focused to advanced practice e.g. red flags/masqueraders, radiological investigations, advanced examination and management of msk complaints etc.</p> <p>Following the Covid pandemic a number of courses have successfully been converted to online formats with good attendance and feedback. This will be a format the EC will explore for future courses.</p> <p>The MACP membership review has resulted in a restructure to include further membership categories (affiliate – MSK interest but not on a route to membership; retired). This change was implemented to be more inclusive and was accepted at the 2019 AGM.</p> <p>The portfolio route to membership is currently undergoing review with the development of an online platform for submission. Additionally, an accelerated portfolio route is in development for those physiotherapists</p> |

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| | <p>who have already demonstrated fulfilment of the core constructs of MSc level physiotherapy (with specific eligibility requirements).</p> |
| <p>Interaction with other MOs or roleplayers (Incl Reciprocal Recognition)</p> | <p>We have had 2 individuals join through RR (Germany, Norway); no issues experienced.</p> <p>Ongoing informal communication with IFOMPT2020 Committee as required, including feedback for proposed constitution change via online forum and webinars.</p> <p>Collaboration with Richard Ellis (NZ) was conducted regarding the process of electing an MO IFOMPT representative. The MACP process for this was shared which involves putting a call out to the membership for expressions of interest, information is then requested regarding their suitability for the role which the EC then consider. At other times the educational lead took on this role as it complemented their responsibilities within the MACP EC.</p> |
| <p>International monitoring progress</p> | <p>IM was submitted January 2020.</p> <p>Aspects relating to changes to the portfolio route including advanced portfolio route require further clarification and are being finalised ahead of September deadline.</p> |
| <p>Challenges faced</p> | <p>Covid pandemic has affected the ability of HEI to teach and assess students, particularly in relation to practical skills. It has therefore been a challenge to meet educational standards at this time with many HEI's postponing teaching and assessment. MSK Physiotherapists in the UK are frequently completing virtual appointments. Hence, they have a limited ability to provide face to face assessment and treatment it is unclear how students can gain sufficient clinical practice or clinical mentorship in a conventional manner. Funding has been awarded to evaluate the experiences of telehealth e-mentoring as an alternative to enable fulfilment of educational standards.</p> |
| <p>Assistance required</p> | <p>Have recently written to IFOMPT requesting advice regarding HEIs challenge in assessing/teaching practical skills and hence meeting the IFOMPT standards. I am awaiting reply from this.</p> |
| <p>Other inputs</p> | <p>In a piece of commissioned work from Health Education England (HEE) the MACP/IFOMPT standards were mapped against the new HEE framework for advanced clinical practice (ACP). This mapping evidenced that the IFOMPT standards were equivalent to the ACP framework. Hence, MACP members are expected to be able to join the register of ACP practitioners, this is currently being finalised. Should this be approved then we would expect an increase in demand for MACP courses to membership.</p> |