



MACP Chairs Report 2021; Helen Welch November 2021

As we draw towards the end of our 52nd year as an organisation I would once again like to reflect on our activity, achievements and current plans.

This year has continued to be challenging for our membership. COVID 19 has continued to dominant the healthcare environment. The need for continued social distancing has had a significant impact on our membership with continued restrictions on NHS and private practice as well as challenges faced by academia due to alteration of teaching practice and placement provision.

As well as impact into our working lives, COVID 19 continues to impact into the personal lives of our members. The loss of face to face interactions, the separation of loved ones and social isolation has affected people deeply and the MACP executive committee recognises the additional stress our members have had to deal with during this time. I would encourage each member to reach out to support one another during this time as we continue to grow and develop our community of practice.

As the COVID 19 landscape changes the MACP is committed to supporting our members and will continue to monitor the COVID 19 situation and evaluate provision of MACP events.

Strategy Day: Progress against objectives

From the Strategy day report the MACP executive committee identified key priorities for the period 2020/ 2021, these being to:

- Lead , engage and influence MSK AP accreditation / standard development
- Engage with HEE for credentialing and reciprocal recognition of routes to membership

- Further develop the existing MACP portfolio route to include an accelerated pathway to membership
- Scope information technology capabilities to support PDC activities and CEA portfolio routes to membership.

From these core objective specific sub objectives were set for each executive committee member so that activities were focused on achieving our strategic aims.

The following sections, in conjunction with the individual reports, will outline progress towards these priorities and plans for the immediate future and key priorities for 2021/2022.

Priority Plan for 2021/2021

- Finalise MSK AP accreditation for all routes to membership
- Integrate CPD platform for use for MACP membership
- Continue to explore development of sub specialist MSK groups within the MACP
- Explore expanding the affiliate role to include non physiotherapists

Digital Officer Gethin Lynch

Gethin Lynch has been a key addition to the MACP executive committee taking over the role from Aldo Russell de Boer as a co-opted member of the executive committee.

This year has seen the MACP maintain production of high-quality resources and educational courses over a variety of digital platforms with the enforced shift away from face to face delivery. We have secured the Zoom platform as a means to deliver courses and maintain communication and this has integrated through our website. The website has built a number of additional pages that support the CEA committee and the new clinical interest group (CIG). The digital team has supported other committees in securing online mentoring platforms and CDP portals to ensure the MACP's is committed to supporting MSK FCP and Advanced Practice.

Knowledge Translation: Samantha Simmonds

The Knowledge Translation committee under the leadership of Samantha Simmonds have continued to promote membership research on our website and through SoMe channels ensuring greater impact of members work on the MSK health community.

We continue to link with other key organisation to develop guidance and disseminate good practice.

Communication : Matt Daly

Our communication lead, Matt Daly, has continue to increase our digital communications footprint ensured that the MACP was able to promote a range of activities from our courses, to engaging with the musculoskeletal community and a range of other professional organisations. We see a yearly growth in use of Touchnote, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram and will continue to explore new avenues to keep relevant on the SoMe channels.

Professional Network and Equality and Diversity: James Rodger

This year we have been pleased to welcome James Rodger to the executive committee team. He has taken over the role of professional network and equality and diversity role within the MACP aims to promote and collaborate with key organisations, MSK networks and stakeholders. Building on last year there has been continued links with ARMA focusing on areas including engagement on national MSK developments and patients lived experience.

The MACP has worked hard to develop links and collaborations with other Clinical Interest Groups. The Rheumatology CIG has recently come under the umbrella of the MACP and it is planed that this union will grow and develop mutually over time. We have received expressions of interest from other MSK sub specialities and will continue to evaluate adding these sub groups to the MACP community.

Professional Engagement: David Anderson

Over the next 12 months we hope to see a return to face to face regional events that provide an opportunity for MACP members present, past and future to meet and share knowledge and

experience that will influence practice. This should begin to provide greater local support for MACP members in terms of dissemination, whilst also raising local issues for support by the MACP Executive.

PDC: Jayne Davies

The PDC has continued in the last year to facilitate the virtual delivery of courses on ZOOM. All courses offer by the MACP are now mapped to IFOMPT standards and hence the FCP Roadmap and MSK CCF. The PDC have gone from strength to strength in their ability to support tutors using virtual educational delivery running over 33 course this year alone.

CEA: Dr Neil Langridge

This year has been incredibly busy for the CEA. We have secured sign off for the two portfolio routes, accelerated and standard, both having individual portfolio route leads.

We have commissioned 14Fish to work directly with the CEA to develop a portal for uploading CPD evidence against 2 pathways, FCP and MACP. We hope to see this completed by the end of the calendar year.

Advanced Practice

The MACP have been closely working with HEE in the past year. This work has focussed on a proposed class action that would see HEE recognising MACP members as advanced practitioners as a whole group, rather than on an individual basis. The executive team of CEA, Vice Chairs and MACP Chair on behalf of the MACP is also aiming to develop a governance arrangement for prospective courses and MACP member's to be automatically registered as an advanced practitioners whilst also exploring through the portfolio route a method of offering a what is described as a "supported route" to advanced practice. These discussions are currently ongoing and remain positive. The MSK standards for HEE have been acknowledged as the IFOMPT standards due to the prior mapping against the multi-professional framework.

The AP MSK standard work has been handed back to HEE. They have decided to use the AP MSK standard as a credential with the aim to inform all HEI MSK AP masters programmes multi-professionally. This will also include all portfolio routes to MSK AP.

Research: Dr Colette Ridehalgh

The main focus for the year ending 2020/2021 has been on reviewing the research awards and ensuring that they are contemporary, good value for money and met the members' needs for all tiers of membership. Colette Ridehalgh with representation from all tiers of members has completed this review and, following recommendations, we have adapted our awards structure accordingly which is available on our website.

The research committee has been responsive to the needs of our members especially in the research pillar of advanced practice. They are developing webinars and resources for members on aspects of research, both from a methodological perspective as well as in engaging experienced researchers to share their journeys with MACP members.

Another new initiative this year is collaboration with course leaders to develop a student conference to celebrate new members' research, to enable them to present their work in front of a supportive audience and provide them with feedback.

The MACP are committed to nurturing research expertise within the MSK committee and providing a platform for novice researchers to present their work.

IFOMPT: Laura Eccott

The IFOMPT executive committee has seen changes over the last year. Laura Finucane, of the MACP, has taken on the role of President with Paolo Sanzo as Vice-President and Renee de Ruijter, Richard Ellis and Pierre Roscher on the EC.

This year has also seen IFOMPT review of the name 'IFOMPT' from 'Manipulative' to 'Musculoskeletal'.

This proposed name change and the discussions surrounding the proposals mirrored discussion that the MACP underwent as part of our organisations title change.

As an organisation we recognised the previous value of including membership views prior to voting to ensure we had captured all members' views.

Although our members overwhelmingly supported the proposal, unfortunately the motion was not passed. The MACP executive committee are committed to work with the IFOMPT executive committee and support any further discussions regarding title changes.

I am also pleased to announce that the MACP has met the requirement of the 4th International Monitoring process following the addition supplementary information regarding advanced practice developments. They commended the MACP on their progress as an organisation and the high standard and quality of our higher educational programmes. This is a testament to the high quality of educational provision afforded by our routes to members which is now being recognised as a gold standard in advanced practice.

Summary

The MACP executive committee has continued to demonstrate its commitment to support members. It has demonstrated resilience, flexibility and adaptability in the face of the COVID 19 pandemic and the changing face of MSK health.

This is only achieved through the dedication and tireless work of the committee members.

This year we have seen a change in the executive committee members with the introduction of Samantha Simmonds, Gethin Lynch, James Rodgers and Colette Ridehalgh. The addition of these co-opted members have strengthened the breadth and depth of our executive committee and I am confident their vision will continue to drive forward the MACP as an international leader in MSK provision. I look forward to formally welcoming them onto the executive committee following the AGM voting process.

I would also like to thank Jayne Davies who is stepping down from her role on the executive committee. Jayne has been an inspiration leader on the MACP executive committee and was rightly afforded the honour of Fellow of the MACP at last year's AGM as a recognition of her work to support the aims and objectives of the organisation. She has been pivotal to overseeing the change from face to face to virtual educational delivery.

She will be missed for her energy, insight, drive and commitment.

All this work of the MACP would not have been possible without the support and effort of our administrator Katie Holmes and our new addition Emma Hornby.

We are incredibly grateful to our administration team who have evolved as our organisation has evolved to meet the administration challenges within an international organisation.

My second year as Chair has gone quickly although not without challenges. Those challenges are surmountable only the people serving on the executive committee in providing me with guidance, knowledge and expertise and support.

I would like to personally thank Ruth Sephton and Professor Karen Beeton for their guidance to me as chair, regarding the Advanced Practice work stream and I aim to continue to draw on knowledge of our members to help support the work of the MACP on that work stream.

I must also personally thank Claire Small and Dr Neil Langridge who act both co-vice chair, fellows and treasurer and CEA lead respectively.

Throughout this year they have gone above and beyond what is expected from their roles to drive forward significant work streams which will be of benefit for current and future membership.

The MACP is lucky to have these two individuals as part of the executive team structure as they truly represent in their professional practice the vision and mission statement of the MACP.

MISSION

"Leading and advancing standards in musculoskeletal education, research and clinical practice."

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"To lead, unify and advance excellence in global musculoskeletal health."