



Dear IFOMPT Family,

We are already over halfway into 2023 and one short year away from the exciting 50th year celebratory conference in Basel in July 2024.

We are working on a range of tasks, amongst which:

1. IFOMPT had a successful trade stand at the World Physiotherapy Congress in Dubai where we shared information about IFOMPT membership and the Basel conference. We also hosted a very well attended manual therapy networking session and several IFOMPT members presented and participated in the congress sessions.
2. Planning for the Ghent meetings in September 2023; if you have not booked and registered, please do so as soon as possible, and please let the office know if you are attending. Bart, Kristof, and the team from Belgium are doing an awesome job. We look forward to productive meetings, an excellent teachers meeting, and conference, and certainly spending time together again. The agenda for the membership meeting will go out shortly. Also, please let your teachers who are not able to attend in person know that there are limited spaces available for the online teachers meeting - <https://willbethere.be/ecmt2023/>.
3. Planning of the IFOMPT 50th Anniversary Conference in Basel; the various aspects relating to the conference and related IFOMPT events are gaining momentum. The calls for EC nominations and IFOMPT Awards have already gone out. You will shortly be asked to consider nominations for special awards as well (the old life member awards). The 50th celebration committee is working on ways to mark the 50th year of our existence. Regarding the conference, an additional call for specific focused symposia has gone out and that, along with the call for abstracts, will close on 17 September 2023. The conference registration, as well as the pre and post conference course registrations are open - <https://www.ifomptbasel2024.org/>
4. The work on the Educational Standards and International Monitoring review project is ongoing. Many of you will have received requests to be involved in some way in the research survey that will go out later in the year and we would like to express our thanks for the positive response received. The EC has spent the last year developing a proposed framework and road map based on feedback from the taskforces, surveys, and input from past presidents, committee members, and the delegates around the world and we will present this to the members for discussion and feedback in Ghent.

5. The Advisory Group on Marketing and Communication are working on several initiatives for Ghent and Basel. The exciting competition to win one of three free tickets to the Basel Conference was launched on 31 July 2023. Get those creative juices going and submit a video with your impression of 50 years of IFOMPT excellence in 50 seconds - <https://www.ifompt.org/News+and+Events/Basel+2024+Competition.html>
6. We were very happy to welcome Bangladesh as the latest IFOMPT RIG and they have indicated that they intend to commence the process to progress to full membership status. Following on from Dubai, there are also several other countries that have begun the process to join as RIGs.
7. We have been informed by Inland Revenue in New Zealand that we need to make an amendment to Article III of our Constitution to retain our not-for-profit status. A special meeting will be called shortly for the members to vote on this amendment that has to be in place within 6 months of notification.

We look forward to meeting and having fruitful discussions and hopefully a good taste of the chocolate and beers on offer in Belgium in September.

IFOMPT Executive Committee

31 July 2023

The IFOMPT Team in Dubai

