

## MACP AGM 2024

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### Overview of the Year

This year, IFOMPT celebrated its 50th anniversary and marked a significant milestone in its history. The anniversary was celebrated during the general meeting and conference held in Basel, Switzerland, in July 2024. These events underscored IFOMPT's ongoing commitment to global MSK practice, education, and research.

### IFOMPT 2024 Key Initiatives

The main strategic focuses for 2024 were:

- Expanding IFOMPT's global reach through new member organizations and enhancing diversity in leadership roles.
- Continuing to support global standards in manual and musculoskeletal physical therapy through the review of the educational framework.
- Strengthening the organization's governance and structural alignment to adapt to changing global healthcare needs.

### Key Events in 2024

#### IFOMPT 50th Anniversary General Meeting

- **Date:** 3rd July 2024
- **Attendance:** 85 delegates
- **Key Discussions:**
  - Review and progress of IFOMPT's strategic plan.
  - **Executive Committee Elections:**
    - **President:** Paolo Sanzo
    - **Vice President:** Nathan Hutting
    - **Members:** Pierre Roscher, Bart Vanthillo, and Dusty Quinn
  - A statement was issued after the elections, recognizing the lack of diversity on the executive committee and outlining steps to address this.
  - A **name change** was approved by a majority vote, renaming the organisation from *International Federation of Orthopaedic Manipulative Physical Therapists* to *International Federation of Manual and Musculoskeletal Physical Therapists*.

- **New Member Organisations:**
  - **Brazilian Association of Orthopedic Physiotherapy and Traumatology (ABRAFITO)**
  - **Colegiul Fizioterapeuților din România (Order of Physiotherapists in Romania)**
  - This brings the total number of IFOMPT member organizations to 27.

### **IFOMPT 50th Anniversary Conference**

- **Dates:** 4th–6th July 2024
- **Location:** Basel, Switzerland
- **Attendance:** Almost 1,700 delegates
- **Conference Theme:** "Crossing bridges" between research, clinical practice, education, patients' perspectives, and addressing the global burden of musculoskeletal (MSK) conditions.
- **Key Address from MACP Physiotherapists:**  
 Outgoing IFOMPT President (2020–2024) **Laura Finucane** expressed deep gratitude to the Basel organising team for hosting a memorable celebration. She emphasised the need for continued alignment with IFOMPT's global vision and the role the organisation must play in addressing the rising global MSK burden.

### **Progress Against Organisation's Strategic Aims**

In alignment with the corporate strategy, MACP/IFOMPT continued to focus on the following areas:

- Strengthening **governance** and implementing initiatives to address leadership diversity.
- Enhancing global education through ongoing collaboration with member organisations to update the **IFOMPT educational standards**. These are currently under review.
- **Global Recognition:** The introduction of the **iMACP** (International Membership for MSK Physiotherapists), which aligns with IFOMPT standards, was a significant milestone. This initiative was designed to:
  - Provide an accessible **portfolio route** for MSK physiotherapists worldwide.
  - Help practitioners achieve **advanced practice recognition** in regions where local educational pathways are limited.
  - Promote IFOMPT standards globally and increase international membership.

### **Progress Against Sub-Speciality Strategic Aims**

- **Marketing and Outreach:** The MACP continued to work with IFOMPT's marketing team to develop a social media strategy, including the creation of promotional videos. These efforts aim to raise awareness of IFOMPT and its member organisations.
- **Digital Innovations:** The MACP, in collaboration with IFOMPT, has been exploring innovative methods such as **digital placements** at the advanced practice (AP) level, helping to further expand access to training and education globally.
- **International Portfolio Use:** The MACP is in discussions with IFOMPT and other member organisations regarding the adoption of the **UK portfolio route** by countries where educational programs are less developed or where accreditation at an advanced practice level is required e.g. Ireland (ICSP).
- **MACP event in Basel:** The MACP exec hosted an evening event in Basel to gauge interest in the international membership category. This was well received with high interest received via the website and in person.
- **International MACP reaching out:** The MACP have worked with several countries around development at AP level. These include Ireland, Canada, South Africa, Latvia.

## Key Development Plans for 2024-2025

- **Standards Review:** Work closely with IFOMPT on the upcoming **educational standards review**, ensuring that advanced practice representation remains a key focus.
- **Global Expansion of the Portfolio Route:** Continue to develop and promote the **portfolio route** to provide access for MSK physiotherapists in all regions, supporting a more inclusive and diverse global community.