

Musculoskeletal Association of Chartered Physiotherapists

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The world of musculoskeletal physiotherapy is expanding, it was very pleasing to see IFOMPT change their name at this years conference to better reflect this – we no longer need to be "manipulative", which is a relief for us working in rheumatology physiotherapy where manipulations are often contraindicated due to the underlying inflammatory processes that many of our patients live with.

This was the first time I had attended an IFOMPT conference, and I immediately noticed how friendly and welcoming the meeting was, as well as how full it was of the latest science and a variety of strands of musculoskeletal physiotherapy that would interest everyone. The session we ran on identifying Axial Spondyloarthritis was remarkably well attended and well received. Other highlights, were hearing Prof. Annina Schmids key note talk on neuroinflammation, Ass. Prof. Clifton Chan, Prof. Lisa Roberts, Prof. Jane Simmonds on the latest classification and assessment tools for hypermobility and Peter O'Sullivan's keynote on high-value care. Please do see my X posts for more on these topics @PhysioWillGreg.

Thank you to the MACP for supporting/contributing to my attendance at this meeting and for the warm welcome I received at the event. There is no doubt that we are a strong group in the UK, and we have a good reputation within the international network.