

IFOMPT2016 report: Isaak Tyros

The IFOMPT 2016 conference which took place last July in Glasgow was an outstanding event that I will remember for a long, long time. There, I had the chance to present my research and share my findings with a number of very important delegates from all around the globe. All the seminars were extremely interesting with state of the art studies being presented by the world's leading researchers in the physiotherapy discipline. I remember how difficult was to decide which seminar to attend. The mobile application was a life saver since it was constantly keeping you updated about the starting times of the seminars you had selected to attend. Also it offered an online platform for comments during the seminars. Those comments were voted by the delegates and the most voted questions were then asked directly from the panel to the presenters. A very clever and convenient tool indeed.

This was not an ordinary conference. I remember having coffee during the break and suddenly Brian Mulligan approached me and told me a joke. Of course Brian Mulligan was the honorary guest of this year's conference as he received the "Geoffrey Maitland Award" by the IFOMPT Committee and received a standing ovation by an enthusiastic audience in a full amphitheater. It was such a great experience to see this man moved when realising the respect and recognition from the physiotherapy community. Also, I won't forget the chats with Roger Kerry and his inviting me to watch his band playing in Glasgow.

Another highlight that marked this year's conference was the realization that musculoskeletal physiotherapy needs to shift back to hands on approaches leaving behind a long standing controversy regarding the future of physiotherapeutic management. The conference offered me brilliant networking opportunities as I made contacts from other OMT groups from around the world and exchanged knowledge and opinions about the future of physiotherapy.

The organisation of the event was excellent with a great welcome reception being held to the Scottish Science Centre, great catering during the course of the conference and other socialising activities including a gala night. The organisers made sure that we have enough information about the city and encouraged us to go out and about exploring Scotland. Moreover, the conference was equipped with an exhibition hall where Universities, physiotherapy products suppliers and journals had stands set up. In my opinion the MACP managed to organise an excellent conference and set high standards for the next IFOMPT conference in Australia.