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***VISION:***  
*Worldwide promotion of  
excellence and unity in clinical  
and academic standards for  
manual / musculoskeletal  
physiotherapists*



# IFOMT

## *International Federation of Orthopaedic Manipulative Therapists*

The Federation is a recognised sub-group of the World Confederation of Physical Therapists (WCPT).

A Member Organisation (MO) consists purely of Physical Therapists. These must have successfully completed a post-graduate educational program recognised by the Federation.

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## **MISSION:**

*The International Federation of Orthopaedic Manipulative Therapists aims to:*

- 1. Promote and maintain the high standards of specialist education and clinical practice in manual / musculoskeletal physiotherapists.*
- 2. Promote and facilitate evidence based practice and research amongst its members.*
- 3. Communicate widely the purpose and level of the specialisation of manual / musculoskeletal physiotherapists amongst physiotherapists, other healthcare disciplines and the general public.*
- 4. Work towards international unity/conformity of educational standards of practice amongst manual/musculoskeletal physiotherapists.*
- 5. Communicate and collaborate effectively with individuals within the organisation and with other organisations.*

## *The Executive of IFOMT is working towards:*

- Improving the IFOMT website, as well as the funding of IFOMT by exploring options for advertising on the website
- Enhancing the image of IFOMT and establishing an effective internal information system
- Facilitating the implementation of IFOMT's Standards Document and continuing to develop the Standards Document at regular and appropriate intervals
- Establishing a Resource Centre with names of experts in the field of clinical practice, educational developments and science
- Facilitating international communication between researchers and offering resources and information for Member Organisations, in all relevant areas of basic and clinical research, and in relation to Clinical Guidelines

***There are currently 17 MOs within IFOMT as follows:***

- Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Switzerland, Sweden, United Kingdom, USA

*In addition, we currently have several countries who belong as a Registered Interest Group (RIG), some of which are working towards full Membership.*

***Currently the RIGs are:***

- Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Korea (2 groups), and Spain (2 groups)