



International Federation of Orthopaedic Manipulative Therapists

Dear Member Organization, Registered Interest Group Delegates and Special Friends

Well, it has been a very busy time for IFOMT, with very successful Executive and Standards Committee meetings in Vancouver prior to the WCPT conference, and then having both a closed and open meeting for delegates during the conference, plus the IFOMT reception.

I would like to welcome Ollie Aranko back as delegate to Finland, and thank Maarit Keskinen for all her work over the years.

Report from the President – Michael Ritchie

WCPT once again provided a great show with the organization of Congress 2007 in Vancouver. The executive of IFOMT met and proved once again that real-time, face-to-face meetings are informative, productive and creative. On the agenda over the next several months, in preparation for IFOMT 2008 in Rotterdam are the following items and actions from our Vancouver meeting:

- Possible Name and Logo Change
- Strategies for communication with new and potential RIGs
- Further progression of EC Americas, collaboration between Canada and the U.S. of A.
- Exploration of Corporate Partnering to strengthen IFOMT
- Exploration of individual therapist profile listings on IFOMT.org
- Working closely with WCPT for events and news distribution
- Re-appraisal of EC Europe, how it can work better
- Specialization in Orthopaedic Manipulative (Physical) Therapy
- Consideration of usage of the IFOMT name for supporting non-IFOMT symposiums
- Continued development of the Monitoring process by the S.C.
- Publication of an example of a monitoring assessment on the IFOMT website
- Continued consideration of reciprocal recognition between MOs
- Continued development of VA/VBI/CV Stability Clinical Guidelines
- Re-visit of the IFOMT strategic plan with Dr. Ann Moore in Rotterdam
- Collaboration with other WCPT sub-groups, e.g. international private practice association
- Teacher's meeting associated with IFOMT 2008
- Development of a blog for the IFOMT website
- Place a flowchart of the relationship between WCPT, IFOMT, WHO, MO's on the website for easy reference
- Prepare for website forums regards name and logo changes
- Consideration of funding for IFOMT activities
- Defining the terms of reference and activities of the IFOMT Standards Committee

We look forward to meeting you in Rotterdam, we have defined our activities for the next 12 months, and we request and need your input regards future development of IFOMT. As a final note, in Vancouver, the IFOMT executive discussed each individual's anticipated roles following the Rotterdam conference. Apart from Marina Wallin, who presently is considering retiring from the executive, it is the intention of the other individuals on the executive to re-offer for a second term on the executive of IFOMT. We feel that the first term of office has allowed us to define and develop important IFOMT activities, and a second term of office would allow us to further develop and evolve these projects, although it will be up to the MO representatives in Rotterdam to determine who will be on the executive for 2008-2012. As always, if you would like to discuss any issues directly with the

executive, please contact us by e-mail as outlined at ifomt.org, my personal e-mail is president@ifomt.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Ritchie

Standards Committee (SC)

IFOMT was delighted to receive curriculums for evaluation by the Standards Committee from Ireland and Japan, who are hoping to apply for full membership in Rotterdam.

The second face to face meeting of the SC in Vancouver was very productive and successful, and it was also beneficial having SC members there to meet some of the IFOMT delegates and potential MOs / RIGs. The first international monitoring process went very well and the SC look forward to receiving the submissions from Canada, Norway and Sweden for review in Rotterdam.

MEMBER ORGANISATION REPORTS

Australia: Delegate – Debra Shirley

MPA 15th Biennial Conference 2007 – Science in Motion

Conference dates 4-6 October 2007, pre-conference courses on 2-3 October. You will not want to miss the opportunities this conference will provide for attending great clinical courses and workshops, up to the minute research, debate and myth-debunking.

Confirmed speakers now include:

Associate Professor Karim Khan MD, PhD (Canada), Professor Nikolai Bogduk MD, PhD, DSc (Australia), Dr Lorimer Moseley, Nuffield Medical Research Fellow, PhD (UK), Associate Professor Peter O'Sullivan, PhD (Australia), Professor Paul Hodges, MedDr(Neurosci), PhD, NHMRC Principal Research Fellow (Australia), Professor Tony Wright, PhD (Australia), Associate Professor Sally Green, PhD, Director of Australasian Cochrane Centre (Australia). In addition, the Geoffrey Maitland Oration will be given by MPA Distinguished Member **Robert Elvey**. This will be a rare opportunity indeed, since these days Robert prefers to make few public appearances – we are thrilled that he has accepted our invitation. Visit the conference website for the full provisional program to date – www.apaconferenceweek07.asn.au/nsg/mpa.htm

Conference Prizes

Conference prizes will be awarded in several categories, including Best Student Oral Presentation, Best 5x5 Presentation, and Best Paper from a Practising Clinician.

Presentation Formats

At MPA2007 we continue to be cutting edge, with a choice of presentation formats. No more messing about with traditional poster boards – complicated to prepare, difficult to carry and impossible to update! As well as offering 15 minute oral presentations, this MPA Conference will introduce an innovative format – known as the '**5x5**'. This consists of a five-minute oral presentation using five PowerPoint slides. Presentations will be grouped into similar themes and will be facilitated by experts. Abstracts can be submitted and will be posted online. The 5x5 format is suitable for researchers at all levels of experience and will provide you with an opportunity to present your work in a more intimate setting to people with a specific interest in your research field.

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Austria: **Delegate – Andreas Gattermeier**

At the moment there are no special activities in Austria except the OMT-MSc. Program in Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy. It is running very well. The students are now at the end of the second semester and they are already developing their master thesis. At the end of this year they start with clinical practice and the final exams will take part in spring 2009. The next program will start in October 2008 at the University of Krems. At the moment there are requests from institutions from other countries to cooperate with our university to establish our Master Program there. So I think we are on a good way to bring manual therapy forward.

Belgium: **Delegate - Axel Beernaert**

No changes have occurred in the Belgian manual therapy situation. We are still working on the document concerning the ministerial decree for a specific competence in manual therapy.

Canada: **Delegate – Anita Gross**

Our national Orthopaedic Symposium was linked with WCPT 2007 this year. What a wealth of information in the field of Musculoskeletal and Manual Orthopaedics! We held a successful EC America's Educational Event around VBI testing and the state of art in US, UK, New Zealand and Canada. Our new president is Lisa Carlesso and Vice President is Shaun Lapinski. Our executive has put together another successful Media Blast about headaches and videogames "A painful sign of the times -

Cervical headaches becoming common in an age of computers and video games". Finally, we will be putting forward an IFOMT bid for 2012 for Quebec City.

Denmark: **Delegate – Inge Ris Hansen**

At the moment are we changing the structure of our education again. We want to implement supervised clinical teaching early on in the courses, instead of only the last half of the study. Now that referrals from a medical doctor are not anymore required in Denmark, we want to be more prepared to be the first person a patient meets with a musculoskeletal problem. Therefore we want to implement more detailed courses in medical screening, when to require radiological examinations or other examinations and more detailed knowledge about medication. The research part of the study is now well described and we want to include, beside case reports, also literature studies and other research.

The project in evidence based MT education is now starting 3 new groups after the summer holidays. One will be looking at the evidence for passive mobilisation and manipulation for treatment effect. One will be doing an update on clinical reasoning and generating of hypothesis. The last group will be working with classification systems of backpain, concerning movement dysfunctions, medical diagnoses, McKenzie classification, and classification of different pain models. In this group we will be working together with people from the McKenzie institute and a chiropractor research fellow. There is quite some work for the next couple of years!

We have a lot of younger physiotherapists attending our education. To meet the needs of our older members we have started a serial of updating courses. This is summer news from Denmark.

Finland: **Delegate – Ollie Aranko**

As our association's former chair Maarit Keskinen 1.1.2007 became the chairperson of the Finnish Association of Physiotherapists, we got a fantastic opportunity to influence in Physiotherapy and Manual Therapy in Finland. We have also this year had some international front line lecturers in Finland. Dr Peter O'Sullivan and Prof Paul Hodges speaking about management of low back pain, and

as we started to co-operate with Kinetic Control, Mark Comerford and Jacqui Clark presenting their protocols. Later in this year we will still get Michael Shacklock once again and for the first time Prof José Miguel Tricás from Zaragoza University, Spain.

14 colleagues finished their OMT exam in June and the next new OMT course will start in January 2008.

Germany: Delegate - Fiona Morrison

In September the DFAMT has organised a direct access conference. Here it will compare various Systems of direct access and OMT within other EU countries, for example Peter Lehne from Norway and Aert Bakker from the Netherlands will be presenting, as well as a number of other people from within Germany on how we can move towards direct access here in Germany, especially for the OMT practitioners. For more information see: www.dfamt.com

Greece (HMPA): Delegate – Kostas Sakellariou

No report received.

Hong Kong: Delegate - Agnes Chan

Continuing education in manipulative physiotherapy for practicing physiotherapists is provided by Manipulative Therapy Specialty Group and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Short courses are organised by MTSG and the Masters course is run by the University.

Italy: Delegate - Guido Frosi

In the National Meeting in 2006 GTM approved a new statute, which became effective on the 1st of January 2007. The new rule reserves the full membership of the Italian OMT Association only to Physical Therapists with University Master in Manual Therapy, that is granted by the University of Genova and the University of Padova. Physical Therapists with other education in Manual Therapy can subscribe the supporting membership and can attend to all courses and congresses our National Association will arrange, but they are not considered OMTs and they cannot vote or be elected in the National Meeting. GTM believes that University Education can improve research and political acknowledgement for Physical Therapists, but not to discriminate past other education in Manual Therapy, GTM continued to communicate with Italian Maitland and Kaltenborn groups and decided to build a bridge course for Physical Therapists with high level, but not University, education in Manual Therapy. This bridge course mainly based on Medical Sciences will allow Physical Therapists to get the OMT title and full membership after passing exams in University. GTM is still discussing details of this course with Maitland and Kaltenborn groups, to prepare the announcement of application by November 2007.

At the WCPT congress in Vancouver, Canada, Italy took part at the closed and open meetings of IFOMT and supported initiatives of the IFOMT committee about creating a sort of community on the Internet site of the Federation. Italy appreciates also the interest in becoming full members of some RIG especially Ireland and another group from Netherlands, because we had the occasion to know the high level of their Universities and initiatives.

On the 4th June, a member of the GTM executive committee had a lecture in the WCPT congress, in cooperation with the University of San Raffaele (Milan), titled “Painful Response to medial neurodynamic test 1 in healthy subjects”. It is a pride for our country in which research is so difficult. At last GTM is arranging the National Annual Meeting, which will take place on the 3rd of November near the Garda Lake, in the North of the country. The matter is the muscle: function, evaluation, pathologies and treatment and we are involving some international experts about muscle rehabilitation. This years National Meeting there will be a vote for the new executive committee, which lasts for the next three years.

Netherlands: **Delegate - Will Bonneveld**
& Erik Thoomes, Chairman congress committee IFOMT2008

This time we only have news from our congress chairman IFOMT 2008. In the next newsletter we tell you more about manual therapy in the Netherlands. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find an advertisement for IFOMT 2008. Probably you want to have this advertisement in a word document for easy distribution. This is possible, send an e-mail to hugovanderlinden@hetnet.nl and he will send you the document.

The Organising Congress Committee for the IFOMT2008 congress have been working very hard these last months, trying to have the programme and the social events as well as the pre- and post-conference tours and partner programme ready and online before we travel to Vancouver and promote the congress at WCPT. So we are pleased to invite **manual/musculoskeletal physiotherapists** from around the world to register online at www.ifomt2008.nl for the IFOMT 2008 Congress:

Connecting “science” to Quality of Life

WHAT DO WE OFFER YOU:

Four and a half days of scientific programme, covering 5 themes:

The central congress theme: *Connecting “science” to Quality of Life* will be discussed through these main topics:

- Age-related parameters in quality of life
- The manual therapist in a changing educational and social environment
- Managing the black box in research
- Spinal complaints
- Quality of life

Pre and post-conference courses; meet and greet your colleagues from all over the world and take the opportunity to join one of the many interesting courses!

Pre-and post-conference tours and partner programme:

- AMSTERDAM; 2 NIGHTS - 3 DAYS
- Visit Antwerp (Belgium), Rotterdam city, Delft & The Hague (full day)
- Visit the Delta Expo (full day)
- Tour to the city of Gouda or Delft (half day)
- Tour to the Mills of Kinderdijk (half day)

Social programme:

On Sunday evening join us at the Welcome Reception for all delegates and their partners. We'll have some Dutch surprises in store for you!

The Social Programme events on Wednesday afternoon include:

- A bike excursion through Rotterdam
- A walking tour through the Museum park with a visit to the Sonneveld House
- A bus excursion through Rotterdam (see the city of modern architecture)
- An architectural guided tour through the Van Nelle Factory
- Abseiling down the 96 metre high Euromast tower

On Wednesday, join us for the **SPIDO Sunset Cruise**: see spectacular sights ranging from the high tech Rotterdam Container Terminal to the 17th century Mills of Kinderdijk!

And on Thursday evening we have organised the **Gala Dinner** in one of Rotterdam's oldest and beautifully restored buildings: The Church of St. Laurens.

More information about the social programme, the provisional time table, the keynote speakers and much more is on line at www.ifomt2008.nl. There you can register, book your hotel accommodation, send in abstracts for poster and platform presentations, book pre- and post-conference courses and get a preview of everything Rotterdam can offer you. The website will keep being updated so please bookmark it in your web browser and visit us regularly.

The Scientific Committee wishes to invite abstract submissions for Platform and Poster Presentations. Instructions are now online and available at www.ifomt2008.nl
We hope to receive at least five abstracts from each MO and RIG, but many more are wanted!

The closing date for the submission of abstracts is November 15th, 2007.

New Zealand: Delegate – Donna Hickmott

The biggest event that has taken place in our Association since our last newsletter is Vicki Reid's resignation as our Executive Officer. Vicki has been 'the face' of our Association for over 10 years and has working extremely hard on behalf of our executive to promote manual therapy in New Zealand through her administration, networking and superb conference organization. We will miss Vicki and we wish her all the very best for her future as she concentrates on her IFOMT work. We are pleased to welcome Katie Hayward on board as our new Executive Officer.

Much of the focus in the last six months has been directed towards finalising details for our Biennial Scientific Conference in August, titled 'Manual Therapy Down Under - Performance of the Lower Quartile'. It is being held in Rotorua, which is not only a good central location for our members, but a great tourist destination. Our keynote speakers are Peter O'Sullivan, Stuart McGill, and Annelies Pool-Goudzwaard. There has been great demand for their pre conference & post conference courses, and the Saturday night at an old Bath House should be lots of fun.

Our College accredited Upper and Lower Quartile weekend courses continue to be very popular as they provide evidence based manual therapy and meet the need for continuing competency.

For those wishing to continue with Postgraduate study, both the University of Otago and AUT Universities offer Manual Therapy Courses, which we hope will both have IFOMT accreditation by 2008. The School of Physiotherapy at the University of Otago currently offers a one year full-time Postgraduate Diploma or an 18 month Masters Degree in Physiotherapy endorsed in either Manipulative Physiotherapy, Sports Physiotherapy or Mechanical Diagnosis and Therapy. The Auckland University of Technology currently offers a Postgraduate Diploma in Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy (PGD), which is accredited by IFOMT. This diploma can be completed in one year of full time study or on a part-time basis over three years. Students who have completed this diploma can go on to either a Masters in Health Practice or a Masters in Health Science provided they meet the entry criteria.

This year the NZMPA Educational Trust Fund funded two main projects – these being Duncan Reid to undertake two studies investigating acute and periodic stretching regimes in patients with osteoarthritis of the knee as part of his doctorate and Kate Polson to attend the 2006 NZ Sports Medicine and Science Conference.

The New Zealand government is considering extending limited prescribing rights to suitably qualified health practitioner groups. A working party within our Profession is well under way with preparation for an application for 'Limited Prescribing Rights for Physiotherapists'. This is certainly pertinent to those working in the field of manual therapy.

Norway: **Delegate - Heather Nicol**

PRIMARY CONTACT ROLE:

Manual Therapists in Norway are now well established in their new role as primary contacts in the Norwegian Health system. We refer to Radiology and Medical Specialists which assists in giving patients a more effective service.

Our role as giving sick leave to patients is at present not utilised as much as expected.

MANUAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION:

The membership of the association has remained stable during the last year. The committee is working constantly towards the Health Department presenting our interests.

Portugal: **Delegate - João Filipe Vasconcelos Abreu**

No report received.

South Africa: **Delegate - Lorraine Jacobs**

It was great to have the opportunity to meet all the representatives of the IFOMT member organizations at WCPT. It seems that many of us are facing similar issues.

We have been approached by one of our major medical funders to assist them in setting up a network of physiotherapists with a standardized level of expertise for the management of low back pain, in order to try and reduce the costs associated with hospitalization and subsequent surgery for LBP. The basic level of expertise that was identified by them was the OMT course that is run nationally by our group. This is an indication of the regard that the OMT course is held in.

We are also in the process of registering this course with the South African National Qualifications framework, which will ensure that the course is standardized throughout the country. This will also entail the training of some of our members as course assessors.

Our parent body, the South African Society of Physiotherapy is currently setting up levels of membership, and we have been active in assisting them with this. We are also involved in the debate about the prescription of drugs.

Our Masters degree in OMT continues to grow, and the University of Stellenbosch has a record number of students registered this year. One of our first graduates from the University of the Witwatersrand was a student from India!

Spain: **Delegate - José Miguel Tricàs Moreno**

OMT España group maintain the objective to develop OMT in Spanish Physiotherapy. At the moment, 200 physiotherapists are in some part of the process of formation in OMT according to IFOMT standards. From the total amount, 130 that work in the public health system are attending the OMT Master at University, due to the agreement between the University of Zaragoza and Spanish Public Administration.

At university, there are two OMTs with a PhD and we are working to develop a specific line of researching in OMT within the university.

OMT España attended the Spanish-Portuguese Manual Therapy Meeting “Upper Quarter Dysfunctions” end of March and was active with 7 lectures:

- “Program of motor relearning in the shoulder joint complex” OMT Joaquin Corredora
- “Relationship between craneocervical and temporomandibular region in musculoskeletal dysfunction” OMT Rafael Giner
- “Integration of cognitive-motor techniques in chronic pain of upper quarter” OMT Elena Estebanez
- “Evaluation of neuroartromusculoskeletal dysfunction in shoulder joint complex. Provocation and Alleviation Tests” OMT César Hidalgo
- “Contractile tissue dysfunction in elbow, wrist and hand region: functional massage” OMT Pablo Herrero
- “Mechanical Interface Neurodynamic Dysfunction Treatment with diacutaneous fibrolysis” OMT PhD Orosia Lucha
- “Anatomical-biomechanical approach of the cervical manipulation” OMT PhD José Miguel Tricás

Ann Moore and Michael Shacklock were invited to this event and demonstrated their work on Patient Management and Neurodynamics.

OMT España and University of Zaragoza is going to hold a Neurodynamic Course at the end of July with Michael Shacklock.

Sweden: Delegate – Ragnar Faleij (Report kindly submitted by John Ressman)

In February we had our yearly congress. One of our guests was Professor Tricás Moreno from Spain, who lectured about Fibrolysis, a Swedish invention we actually had never heard about before the meeting in Zaragoza last year.

This autumn we will have our yearly OM (Orthopaedic Medicine) day. This year the theme is ‘neural’ and we will have Michael Shacklock here for 4 -5 days. Some of those days will go to upgrade our teachers in the subject. In general we are preparing for IFOMT’s monitoring process in 2008.

Switzerland: Delegate - Harry Herrewijn

We are Harry Herrewijn and Ursula lindner Wolf and are members of the SVOMP, the Swiss manual therapy association. In the future we will be taking over the contact to the IFOMT, while Renée is changing her ‘Field’ inside the SVOMP.

For the moment we don’t have any news or changes which have happened in Switzerland since the last newsletter. There are a lot of things going on and hopefully we will be able to tell you about them in the next newsletter.

United Kingdom: Delegate - Laura Finucane

The MACP continues to be active and growing in number. We continue to financially support the undertaking and dissemination of research at all levels. The Clinical mentorship programme is now in place to support students route to membership. This has proved to be popular and well attended by clinicians. A database of clinical mentors is currently being developed to provide students access to available placements. This should be up and running by September.

At WCPT in Vancouver, the MACP had a strong presence with many presenters, researchers, reviewers and sessional chairs in attendance. Roger Kerry’s work on ‘Cervical Artery Insufficiency’ commissioned by the MACP, was presented and well received at the conference.

The organisation of the 2009 International conference in Edinburgh with Kinetic Control, 'Rehabilitation –Art and Science', is well underway. Shirley Sahrmann and Steve Harridge are amongst the keynote speakers.

We are pleased to announce and congratulate Jill Gamlin, one of our members, on her recent award of an MBE for her contribution to physiotherapy.

At WCPT we officially announced our intention to bid for IFOMT 2012. 2012 is Olympic year and the MACP felt this was a great opportunity not to be missed to combine two world class events. Ann Moore will lead the bid committee with a number of key figures acting as ambassadors such as Agneta Lando, Karen Beeton and Jane Greening. We have secured the support of the London Olympic organising committee and most importantly Elsevier who are part of the bid team. If the bid is successful it will take place after the Olympic Games and we are confident that we will provide a profitable, affordable and enjoyable conference in the heart of London.

If you would like to follow the bid progress or register your support please visit
www.macpweb.org.

USA: **Delegate – Chris Showalter**

The American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists (MO USA) is very active in the advocacy of Manual Therapy. The Academy is comprised of over 1556 members, including 438 Fellows who have shown proficiency in Manual Therapy by formal Fellowship training or by successfully challenging the Fellowship examination.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF EC AMERICAS

WCPT in Vancouver was a venue for further discussions on EC Americas. IFOMT President Michael Ritchie, MO-USA President Tim Flynn and IFOMT Delegate Chris Showalter met with numerous potential stakeholders of note including: Members of the IFOMT Executive, and Members of CAMT and OPD from Canada.

The subject of the session was the further development of an EC Americas within IFOMT. EC Americas encompasses North and South America and the Caribbean nations. An EC presents an opportunity for collaboration and development of education programs, fostering OMT awareness within the region, and assisting in the development and incubation of new OMT programs within the EC.

To date, the potential stakeholders currently involved are USA and Canada who have agreed upon reciprocity arrangements related to annual conference fees (members of each country may register at the host countries member rate). Discount pricing is also offered in journal, newsletter and website advertising to encourage cross-border education. It is also agreed that the two organizations encourage participation in each other's conference through invitation of speakers from the other's organization.

EC Americas continues to invite participation from countries and interested groups within the Americas region. If you wish to learn more or become more involved please contact Chris Showalter at
chris@ozpt.com

OMT SURVEY

MO-USA has authored a survey for dissemination to IFOMT MO's to determine the similarities and differences in OMT around the world including patient accessibility to therapy, practice and reimbursement models, significant competitors for patients and what strategies OMT's are using to

protect their autonomy. The purpose of the survey is to evaluate the world OMT environment and for the survey results to become a tool to potentially develop strategies for use by IFOMT member nations and the USA to maintain OMT autonomy. This web based survey is scheduled for release in the next few weeks. USA will make the findings available to the IFOMT Executive.

MO-USA 13th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MO USA will hold its 13th Annual Conference October 17-21, 2007 in St. Louis, MO. The conference title is “The Subcranial Spine: From Impairment to Empowerment” and the distinguished speakers are Mariano Rocabado, Michelle Sterling and Linda VanDillen. The program promises to be thought provoking and stimulating. The conference looks to be well attended this year as our 2006 Conference in Charlotte was booked to capacity with over 400 participants in attendance. For more information go to www.aaompt.org

UPCOMING CONFERENCES:

NEW ZEALAND: www.nzmpa.org.nz, Rotorua – 24 – 26 August 2007. Keynote speakers are Dr Stuart McGill, Dr Annelies Pool-Goudzwaard and Dr Peter O’Sullivan

AUSTRALIA: Science in Motion, 4 – 6 October 2007. Visit the conference website for the full provisional program to date – www.apaconferenceweek07.asn.au/msg/mpa.htm

IFOMT: Next Conference Rotterdam, the Netherlands June 8-15, 2008
Contact: Erik Thoomes ejthoomes@wxs.nl ‘Connecting “Science” to Quality of Life’.

From the Office:

My life has changed somewhat since returning from the WCPT conference, as you may have read from the New Zealand report, as I have resigned from the Executive Officer position for the NZ Manipulative Physiotherapists Association in order to concentrate more on my IFOMT work as the role continues to grow.

I will continue to co-ordinate the NZMPA conference on 24 – 27 August and finish totally with NZMPA on 31st August. Until then I will be in the office 20 hours per week – 10 for IFOMT and 10 for NZMPA. As always, I will look forward to hearing from you on any IFOMT matters.

Best wishes

Vicki Reid
IFOMT Secretariat



IFOMT 2008

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June 8–13, 2008

Rotterdam, The Netherlands

www.ifomt2008.nl

The date for submitting abstracts has been extended to November 15th 2007

[Call for abstracts](#)

June 8th -13th 2008: mark it in your diary!

The dynamic city of Rotterdam, The Netherlands, will be the platform for the IFOMT 2008 world congress. The largest port in the world, with the most beautiful skyline of The Netherlands has a lot to offer you, as congress participant: the Euromast tower, many museums and a lot of shopping possibilities. And if this is not enough, the historic city of Amsterdam, the windmills of Kinderdijk, the governmental city of The Hague, the beaches etc. are never more than an hours' travel away.

And then of course the congress itself. Many famous speakers will present the state of the art in the field of musculoskeletal therapy, several pre- and post conference courses will endeavour to make a contribution to increase your knowledge and skills.

What an opportunity to be a participant and meet colleagues from all over the world in a holiday atmosphere!

Visit **www.ifomt2008.nl**

See you in Rotterdam.

The Congress Committee.