

Affix  
stamp

**International Federation of Orthopaedic  
Manipulative Therapists - IFOMT  
To the Secretariat  
P O Box 35 602  
Browns Bay  
Auckland  
NEW ZEALAND**

**IFOMT PRESIDENT:**

Annalie Basson  
President, IFOMT  
407 Stonewall Ave,  
Faerie Glen 0043  
SOUTH AFRICA  
Phone: +271 2991 4499 Fax: +271 2991 4499  
Email: [annalieb@intekom.co.za](mailto:annalieb@intekom.co.za)

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

Duncan Reid  
C/- Auckland University of Technology  
Private Bag 92 006  
Auckland 1020  
NEW ZEALAND  
Phone: +64 9 917 9999 Ext 7806 Fax: +64 9 917 9720  
Email: [duncan.reid@aut.ac.nz](mailto:duncan.reid@aut.ac.nz)

**TREASURER:**

Eric Thoomes  
Park Ypenburg 17,  
2396 CR Koudekerk a/d Rijn  
THE NETHERLANDS  
Phone: +31 713 412 194 Fax: +31 713 419 592  
Email: [ejthoomes@wxs.nl](mailto:ejthoomes@wxs.nl)

**EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:**

Michael Ritchie  
6178 Quinpool Road  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
B3L 1A3  
CANADA  
Phone: 1-902-425-1157 Work : 1-902-425-3065  
Fax : 1-902-422-0942  
Email: [ritchiemichael@eastlink.ca](mailto:ritchiemichael@eastlink.ca)

Kenneth A. Olson PT, DHSc, OCS  
Northern Rehabilitation and Sports  
Medicine Associates  
DeKalb, IL 60115  
USA

Phone: 1 815 756 8524 Fax: 1 815 756 1841  
Email: [olsonpt@comcast.net](mailto:olsonpt@comcast.net)

**SECRETARIAT:**

Vicki Reid  
P O Box 35 602  
Browns Bay, Auckland,  
NEW ZEALAND  
Phone: +64 9 4765 353 Fax: +64 9 4765 354  
Email: [admin@ifomt.org](mailto:admin@ifomt.org)

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:**

Alison Rushton  
School of Health Sciences (Physiotherapy)  
Morris House  
The University of Birmingham  
Edgbaston, Birmingham  
B15 2TT  
UNITED KINGDOM  
Phone: 0121 627 2832 Fax: 0121 627 2021  
Email: [standards@ifomt.org](mailto:standards@ifomt.org)



**I  
NTERNATIONAL  
F  
EDERATION OF  
O  
RTHOPAEDIC  
M  
ANIPULATIVE  
T  
HERAPISTS**



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

[www.ifomt.org](http://www.ifomt.org)



# 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.

\*\*\*\*\*

### 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.

### DEFINITION

Orthopaedic Manual Therapy is a specialized area of physiotherapy / physical therapy for the management of neuro-musculo-skeletal conditions, based on clinical reasoning, using highly specific treatment approaches including manual techniques and therapeutic exercises.

Orthopaedic Manual Therapy also encompasses, and is driven by, the available scientific and clinical evidence and the biopsychosocial framework of each individual patient.

### The Executive of IFOMT is working towards:

- Improving the IFOMT website as a tool to promote, stimulate and facilitate IFOMT's vision
- Increasing the funding of IFOMT in order to further, and facilitate, the ever increasing demands on input from both the Standards Committee and Executive Committee
- 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 22 Members Organization (MO) within IFOMT as follows:

- Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, 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 Registered Interest Groups (RIG) are:

- Australia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Korea and Spain.

### I wish to get more information about IFOMT.

- ⇒ Please send me a list of planned conferences.
- ⇒ Please send me Membership criteria for a country to become a MO or RIG.
- ⇒ Please send me a copy of the IFOMT constitution.
- ⇒ Please send me a copy of IFOMT's Educational Standards document.
- ⇒ Please send me addresses of the Member Organisations and Registered Interest Groups of IFOMT.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Mr Mrs Ms Miss Dr Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please circle)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

