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IFOMPT 2020 Postponement Statement: COVID-19

Dear IFOMPT Family,

The IFOMPT Executive Committee, alongside our IFOMPT Australian Member Organisation, Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy Australia and their parent body, the Australian Physiotherapy Association, have been closely monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak worldwide in relation to the IFOMPT 2020 conference, scheduled to take place in Melbourne, Australia on 6 to 8 October 2020.

Given that the situation has now rapidly evolved in Australia in line with the experiences in the rest of the world combined with the health, societal, and economic impact of the pandemic worldwide, we have decided to postpone the IFOMPT conference until the latter half of 2022 at a date to be announced in the near future. The IFOMPT 2020 General Meeting will take place in a virtual format on or around the originally scheduled date of 5 October with details to follow as they are developed

The conference committee members are working to optimise the rescheduling of the conference to benefit presenters, delegates and partners and are currently liaising with the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre regarding new dates.

The work that has already been done in planning for the IFOMPT 2020 conference will be transferred to 2022. Further details will be communicated directly with all invited speakers and accepted abstract presenters once the Scientific Committee has met.

Further information about new dates, abstract submissions, registration, and accommodation will be provided via email and the website in due course.

We will be developing several amended digital assets once the new dates are finalised and will make these available to all MOs and RIGs to assist in promoting the 2022 IFOMPT Conference in Melbourne.

Please communicate this information to your members at your earliest opportunity and ensure you update your websites as we know there is a lot of uncertainty at present. We ask each of you to look after yourself and those around you.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Kind Regards and Stay Well,



Kenneth A. Olson, IFOMPT President