

50 Years of History

Romania

Name of organisation: Orthopaedic Manual Therapy Romania (OMPRO)

Year organisation started: 2016

RIG of IFOMPT since: 2021

Key influencers of OMPT through the years:

Kostas Sakellariou and the Hellenic-OMT group
Andrei Gheorghiu and Bogdan Goga

Development over the years:

In 2016, we organized a tour around Romania to Bucharest, Craiova, Braşov and Bacău an educational program (1 day seminars) was presented to more than 200 persons.

The first OMTRO educational program, OMTRO 1, started in Braşov in March 2017 with 30 enthusiastic physiotherapists. The program then moved to Bucharest, and generations OMTRO 2, 3, 4, and 5 followed, with a total of 84 modules for 180 participants and 10 clinical placements delivered by OMTRO and Hellenic-OMT teachers. Since 2018, the OMTRO community has participated in various lectures and presentations at universities and physiotherapy faculties, as well as national and local congresses.

For the opening of the OMTRO generation 5 (May 2021) we had the honour of having as the first speaker the president of IFOMPT, Laura Finucane who delivered an extraordinary speech, inspiring the generation of future musculoskeletal specialists and giving them extra motivation for study and practice. The OMTRO 6 course in 2022 had 30 new participants the OMTRO 7 course will commence in 2023.

In December 2021 we held the first OMTRO Congress online, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and featured 44 speakers, including prominent figures such as Emma Stokes, President of World Physiotherapy, and Laura Finucane, President of IFOMPT, attracting over 1800 participants from Romania, Greece, Italy, Great Britain, France, and Belgium.

Any major changes or challenges in the last 50 years:

So far we had an exceptional journey and I can proudly say that in this 7 years we've managed to help our colleagues understand what IFOMPT represents and that we have the opportunity to offer to our patients the exact same approach as they can receive all over the world.

Current status and challenges:

To gain further education for instructors so that best education can be offered to future physiotherapists.

The future of the organisation:

Increase educational standards and opportunities.
