

## 50 Years of History

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### United Kingdom (UK)

**Name/s of organisation:** The Musculoskeletal Association of Chartered Physiotherapists (MACP)

**Year organisation started:** 1968

**Member of IFOMPT since:** 1982

#### **Key influencers of OMPT through the years:**

Greg Grieve, together with Joe Jeans, John Conway, Jenny Hickling were driving forces behind the formation of the MACP. Greg Grieve trained as a physiotherapist post-war and collaborated with several national and international colleagues including James Stoddard, Stanley Paris, Freddy Kaltenborn and Geoff Maitland. Greg realised a global trend in physiotherapy to further understanding of musculoskeletal problems, through a process of precise examination and clinical interpretation.

#### **Developments over the years:**

Greg Grieve worked on the formation of the MACP, persuading a somewhat reluctant CSP of the need to have structured validated post registration courses culminating in an exam. In 1968 the MACP was established as the MT group recognised by the CSP. Greg Grieve ran the courses leading to MACP membership and produced a regular MACP Newsletter, which in the 90s transitioned to the international journal 'Manual Therapy', now Musculoskeletal Science and Practice edited by Profs Ann Moore and Gwen Jull.

#### **Major changes and challenges in the last 50 years:**

During the 80s the Schools of Physiotherapy moved into Polytechnics. In 1992, Polytechnics converted to Universities, providing the possibility for post-graduate training. The MACP had material for MSc level courses, although it was an arduous task persuading Universities to offer an academic award in a clinical specialty. This task was led by Jill Guymer and colleagues at Coventry University and Ann Thomson and colleagues at the University College London. In 1992 the first MSc courses were offered at these Universities. The number of MACP MSc programs has grown, with the 2016 IFOMPT Educational Standards embedded successfully within programs due to the inspiring work of Dr Alison Rushton. Recently, Dr Tim Noblet and Dr Neil Langridge developed the UK Advanced Practice Musculoskeletal (AP MSK) Standards (2022) embedding the 2016 IFOMPT standards. This has enabled formal recognition of the rigor, quality and skill of education and practice required by MACP members across professions in the UK. It is hoped that these standards will enable the development of more MACP accredited programmes reducing unwarranted variation in post-registration Musculoskeletal specialization programmes, with student places funded directly by the NHS in England.

#### **Current status and challenges:**

The current status and challenges for the MACP is to remain the MSK physiotherapy lead organisation, and support the multi-professional workforce re-designs required as part of Covid recovery within the private and public sectors. The opportunities of collaboration with national education organisations in the development of advanced and consultant practice also remains central to our strategic aims.

**The future of your organisation:** The future for the MACP rests on collaboration, opening across the multi-professional networks, driving the advanced practice agenda and supporting members to enact it on the ground.

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