We have had a busy start to 2017. The Executive Committee continues to meet monthly via on-line teleconferences. This meeting format has been invaluable in helping us to maintain momentum addressing the topics/issues that arose from discussions at the conference and meetings in Glasgow last year. Planning for Cape Town continues with arrangements for meetings (venue/timing etc) ‘all but’ finalised. Please make sure to diarise 1 July 2017 for IFOMPT activities.

**Advisory Groups**

All Advisory Groups are up and running and have met via on-line teleconferences at least once. The minutes of these meetings will be available to all MO’s so you are aware of what the groups have been up to and are proposing to do. A dedicated section has been added to the website for this purpose. Based on the discussions to date, it is clear that these groups will be instrumental in enabling IFOMPT to strive towards its strategic goals. A sincere thank-you to all of those involved and to the delegates at Glasgow who wisely suggested a closer working relationship between EC and the MO’s.

**Red Flags Research**

The International red flag research taskforce is underway and the minutes of these meetings will be available on the website shortly, along with the methodology for this piece of work. In a few months, we will be asking MO and RIG delegates to nominate members of your organisation who you consider to be an expert in serious pathology/red flags to participate in the consensus aspect of the study.

**CAD Framework**

Ali Rushton and the CAD team are busy updating this framework.
General

As always Ingrid has kept us on our toes, running the day-to-day business of IFOMPT. One of the unforeseen consequences of establishing the Advisory Groups was the additional load that these have created on the office. Ingrid has valiantly taken on the organisation of these groups, no easy task considering the diversity of the content being discussed, the different time-zones of the group members and their busy schedules.

In part, it has been this additional workload that has resulted in EC reviewing the operating model of IFOMPT. A consequence of this review is that EC considers that IFOMPT has matured to a point that it needs to appoint an Executive Director who, not only performs the current duties of the Office Manager, but who also takes on much greater responsibility in terms of governance, strategic planning and management. Further details will be shared in the near future.

We are trying to extend the reach of IFOMPT and get the individual members of all our MOs and RIGs to begin to engage through the Facebook and Twitter Feeds. Could all MO delegates please send a notification of the links to all of your members with and invitation to like/follow IFOMPT. Facebook https://www.facebook.com/IFOMPT and Twitter https://twitter.com/ifompt