



Call For Articles

The community of IMT practitioners, patients and affiliates come from a wide variety of backgrounds and bring to the field a vast array of talents, experience and expertise. In a constant effort to further the practice of IMT and educate the community about IMT practices, events, services and more, the IMTA is dedicated to producing a quality product through member services, web functions and publications. We at the IMTA invite and encourage our members to take part in this effort by contributing articles and original research for publication in Digital News and the Journal of the Integrative Manual Therapy Association. Submissions are appreciated. All written submissions are welcomed and IMTA staff can help finalize your articles for publication. Please email, hand deliver or mail an electronic version of your submission and an IMTA representative will contact you.

IMTA members from around the world gathered at CSIMT's Winter School in Pasadena, California March 22 - 28 , 2009. Members from the US, Canada, Italy, Germany, Hong Kong, and Taiwan attended.

Events for the IMTA in Pasadena included a raffle, the Members Meeting and a lecture for members by Sharon Weiselfish-Giammatteo, PhD, PT, IMT,C. Lisa Chinn provided invaluable assistance with planning and coordinating events at Winter School.

Thank you to all who attended the Members Meeting on March 28, 2009! The two annual Members Meetings are a forum for the board to report on its activities and receive input from the membership.

This year we want to provide members with more publications, including the Digital News, and the Journal of the Integrative Manual Therapy Association.

IMTA events will focus on additional clinical skills workshops and educational opportunities.

We are pleased to have produced a Journal of the Integrative Manual Therapy Association for March 2009. Thank you to Tom Giammatteo for his publishing help! We are planning two journals this year. For this, we need your help! Please consider writing an article and submitting it for publication in the Journal.

Ellen continues work on upgrading the website and its functions.

Other big news for this year is annual elections. The Board has a rotating schedule to ensure continuity for the Board operation.

Several Board positions will be open—please turn to page 2 for more information on elections!

It is through the combined efforts of the Board and the membership that we will improve the services of the IMTA.

I am looking forward to working with you to further the goals of the IMTA.

Nancy Ortolani, PT, IMT,C
Vice-President, President-Elect, IMTA

Upcoming Elections in August, 2009

Elections for positions opening on the IMTA Board will be held at CSIMT's Summer School in Connecticut in August 2009. Please come and vote! Please consider being on the Board or volunteering some time on a committee. Serving on the Board can be a rewarding experience and involves working with a group of your peers to formulate ideas to best serve our members and advance the autonomous practice of IMT world wide. Those interested in serving or making an inquiry only need to be a professional member.

To nominate yourself or another interested professional member, contact the Association Secretary, Suzanne Joseph at SuzanneJoseph@CenterIMT.com. Nominations must be submitted by July 31, 2009.

The following positions will be voted upon this August:

Vice President

The vice president position of the IMTA is a three year term leading to automatic promotion to position of President. This allows a solid depth of experience with the workings of the Board.

Secretary:

As part of the Executive Board, the Secretary position of the IMTA works closely with the President and Vice-President, manages the minutes of all meetings, and is integral to the running of the Board.

Education Committee:

The IMTA has been in the process of developing a comprehensive process to support the CSIMT diploma students and IMTA members in developing and publishing research studies. The Education Chair works with CSIMT to develop projects to support student members.

Membership Committee:

The Membership Committee is responsible for overseeing the processing of new and renewing memberships, and distribution of member materials. The Membership Chair works with administrative personnel to keep current membership status accurate. Projects involve new membership recruitment and contacting former members.

Governance Committee:

The mission of the Governance Committee is to insure that the IMTA Board complies with their stated bylaws and provides evidence to outside parties that the stated bylaws have been adhered to. The chair of the governance committee works closely with the chair of the ethics committee and the secretary.

Voting will take place at the IMTA members meeting August 13, 2009.

STUDENT MEMBER HAPPENINGS

The IMTA has been expanding its role as a research writing resource for IMT student members.

The freshman class of CSIMT was introduced to the IMT Association via a presentation by Leah Nowak and Nancy Ortolani at the school's September reception.

During the Academic Intensive, presentations from IMTA members instruct the students through a three part learning module (one part for each of the three years of the program) that includes learning how to design and implement a case report, how to design and implement a case study, and developing a poster presentation or professional journal submission.

The first module, "How to design and implement a case report" was presented on January 8, 2009 by Leah Nowak, MSPT, NCS, IMT,C to the CSIMT freshman class.



On January 7, 2009, the IMTA sponsored Dr. David Morand who presented a lecture to the freshman CSIMT students on "Performing Internet Research." David Morand, PhD, is a professor of psychology at Penn State University. He is a published author, and has performed research in a university setting.

On May 31, 2009, John Alegi, PT, IMT,C presented a lecture on IMT for treating the shoulder girdle for IMTA student members at the Academic Intensive class: Integrative Manual Therapy for Double Crush Syndrome.

Thank you John, Leah and David for your contributions, and Matt Connell-Giammatteo for your facilitation!

The IMT Association plans to expand this program in scope and depth.

CENTER OF ATTENTION

Integrative Manual Therapy was featured on The Profile Series. The show aired on Bravo television on April 27, 2009. The presentation focused on autism.

Ayelet Connell-Giammatteo, PT, IMT,C, of the Center of Integrative Manual Therapy and Diagnostics (CenterIMT) in Bloomfield, Connecticut was interviewed on a national talk show profiling CenterIMT's successful treatment of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

The Profile Series, hosted by Award winning actor Lou Gossett, Jr., is dedicated to providing education on advances in Humanity. The Profile Series chose CenterIMT to be featured in their health and wellness series, based on the advancements that CenterIMT has made within the field of Autism.

For parents, family or friends living with or touched by someone living with Autism, this series may be life changing. Over the past 30 years, Integrative Manual Therapists worldwide have successfully treated individuals on the Autism Spectrum.

IMTA MEMBERS HAVING FUN IN PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, MARCH 2009



More Fun in Pasadena!!!



Come see your colleagues at Summer School! Vote in the IMTA Board Elections!

Come to the Clinical Skills Workshop Sunday August 9, 2009 with John Alegi on Double Crush. Come to the Lecture by Sharon Giammatteo on Thursday August 13, 2009.

Job Fair before the Picnic Wednesday August 12, 2009!

Executive Board:

- President-Ellen Helinski, M.S., P.T., IMT.C.
- Vice President/President-elect-Nancy Ortolani, P.T., IMT.C.
- Secretary-Suzanne Joseph P.T., IMT,C.
- Treasurer-Adrienne Kramer P.T., IMT, C.
- Academic Advocate-Sharon Giammatteo PhD., P.T., IMT,C.

Committee Chairs:

- Finance Chair-Leah Nowak, MSPT, NCS, IMT. C
- Education Chair-Ayelet Connell-Giammatteo, PT, IMT.C.
- Governance Chair-George Giannoni ,PT, G.D.M.T.,IMT.C.
- History & Archives Chair-Arlene Gronningsater ,O.T., IMT.C.
- Membership Chair-Currently vacant.
- Technology Chair-William Wheeler, M.T., IMT.C.
- Ethics & Standards-Mary Ellen Ogreaan, P.T., IMT.C.

Board Meeting:

- Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2009
- Time: 5:30 pm
- Location: CSIMT classroom

Membership Meeting:

- Date: Thursday, August 13, 2009
- Time: 1-2:00 pm
- Location: CSIMT classroom

BEHIND THE SCENES

Ins and Outs of IMTA

Physical mail is mailed to our P.O. box in Denver, Colorado which is then forwarded to our operations office in Boston, MA. The IMTA was originally incorporated in Colorado and thus our non-profit status is linked to that originating address. Eventually, as membership grows, the IMTA will reincorporate in an area specifically conducive to non-profit organizations. The operations office where the day-to-day functions of the organization take place is currently located in Boston, MA. The phones are answered there, emails managed, physical mail forwarded from Denver is received and membership functions take place.

New and renewing members can **sign up or renew** on the IMTA web site, hand a completed application to an IMTA representative, or mail their completed application to IMTA. Applications are then processed and new members are mailed a new membership packet which includes a welcome letter with instructions to activate your online account, a wall certificate and membership card. Once the application is reviewed, member information is added or updated on the web site and payments are sent to the IMTA treasurer.

Production of publications is accomplished through a collaboration of board members, committee chairs and members. The types of publications were chosen based on feedback from members via member surveys. With the upcoming addition of administrative personal, frequency of publication production will increase and a release schedule will be posted on the web site. Publications are posted on the website and members are emailed to notify them of new activity on the website. To ensure you receive publication notifications in your email box, please add IMTA@IMTAssociation.org to your email address book.

Member information is stored and maintained on the IMTA web site at www.IMTAssociation.org. **To activate your account** and update your member information, click on the "Activate Account" link on the homepage. Enter your email address and you will be sent instructions to set up a password and gain access to your account.

All meetings of the IMTA Board of Trustees are open to members, with the exception of executive sessions, in which matters discussed could affect personal or institutional privacy.

If there is anything that we can help you with, please e-mail us at IMTA@IMTAssociation.org. If you ever want to remove yourself from the IMTA e-mail list, you can send a blank email to: IMTA@IMTAssociation.org with Unsubscribe in the subject line. You will be removed immediately upon receipt of your e-mail.