



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.

It is time for Summer School again!!! This annual event, sponsored by CSIMT, presents three new advanced classes in IMT, taught by Sharon Giammatteo. We all look forward to sharing, learning and social activities with our colleagues from around the world!

This year we are providing IMTA members with more publications, including the Digital News, Tech Bulletins, and the Journal of the Integrative Manual Therapy Association.

The IMTA events at Summer School will include two lectures, the Members Meeting, a raffle and more.

The Journal is going strong, but could use YOUR article!! Please consider writing an article and submitting it for publication in the Journal. We want to have a body of research and writing on clinical outcomes. Share your outcomes and experiences with IMT. Article guidelines are included in each Journal of the Integrative Manual Therapy Association.

Once again, it is time for annual elections to fill Board positions. The Board has a rotating schedule which was recently organized and formalized (see inside for details).

Several Board positions will be open—please turn to page 2 for more information on elections! We thank the members that have served on the Board, a volunteer position, for their hard work.

Board members and committees have been meeting regularly to upgrade functions of the IMTA, including website organization, education events, and member services.

A July website server crash has slowed our efforts to allow members to renew their membership online. Thank you for your patience with this process.

The Board welcomes all input of ideas, time, volunteering, feedback and more from the members! You are the Association!!!

We look forward to an exciting year!!

Nancy Ortolani, PT, IMT,C
President, IMTA

Upcoming Elections in August, 2010

Elections for positions opening on the IMTA Board will be held at CSIMT's Summer School in Connecticut in August 2010. 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 us at IMTA@IMTAssociation.org.

The following positions will be voted upon this August:

Treasurer

The Treasurer works closely with the President and Finance Chair for all financial matters.

Technology

The Technology Chair brings program development to the Association to further our promotion to members and the public. Past projects have included creating a power point presentation about the IMTA for use by members.

Archives

Traditionally, this position has consisted of documenting the history and events of the IMTA with photographs. Projects have included compiling photos and recording a history of the IMTA.

Voting will take place at the IMTA members meeting August 10, 2010.

Board Election Rotation

The Board set up a grid for future position changes. We are publishing this to enhance planning.

2010 (2013, 2016, etc): Treasurer, Technology, Archives

2011 (2014, 2017, etc): Finance, Ethics, Secretary (2014)

2012 (2015, 2018, etc): Vice President (automatic President), Membership, Governance, Education

Please consider serving on the Board, volunteering your time to a committee, or giving us ideas!!

STUDENT MEMBER HAPPENINGS

In June, the CSIMT students finished their last week of classes for the diploma program for IMT. They took their certification exam and participated in graduation exercises. Sharon Giammatteo, PhD, PT, IMT,C, was the featured speaker, along with presentations by Ayelet Connell-Giammatteo PT, IMT,C, Dean of the School, and student participation.

See photo next page!

CENTER OF ATTENTION—IN THE MEDIA

Integrative Manual Therapy was featured in multiple venues to the public.

Radio

In February 2010, Frank Gentile was interviewed on the radio by Hay House about IMT. He answered questions about IMT and various conditions that can be addressed.

Publications

The Natural Nutmeg, a local Connecticut monthly magazine, has featured monthly articles authored by Ayelet Connell-Giammatteo, PT, IMT,C on the topics of allergies, Lyme disease, and autism, and treatment with IMT.

Television

Integrative Manual Therapy was the focus of discussion several times on television. In May and June, Ayelet Connell-Giammatteo, PT, IMT,C, was interviewed on local Connecticut broadcast stations about IMT, gluten elimination diets and free community education on IMT.

Internet

Ayelet Connell-Giammatteo, PT, IMT,C, was

interviewed by Dr. Marilyn Blackston on a web-based radio program “Voice America Health and Wellness Channel” (www.voiceamerica.com) about IMT.

Event

On June 5, 2010, a free to the public day-long educational symposium was presented. Titled “Caring For Your Family Naturally,” speakers Dr. Thomas Giammatteo DC, ND, PT, IMT,C, Dr. Jo Feingold, MD, and Ayelet Connell-Giammatteo, PT, IMT,C addressed areas of parenting that could be impacted with natural methods.

Dr. Giammatteo spoke on supplements, allergies, pre-pregnancy and during pregnancy treatment with IMT, well baby checks, diet and supplements.

Dr. Feingold spoke on “The Vaccination Debate”. She discussed origins and historical trends of vaccination, the rise of autism, and strategies for parents in this decision process.

Ayelet spoke on natural childcare, incorporating treatment, diet and a natural lifestyle. Numerous childhood conditions, including autism, scoliosis,



sports injuries, and cerebral palsy that also benefit from treatment were discussed.

This event was gratis for the public. Please let us know if you have presented IMT to the public. We would like to let others know!

Congratulations to the 2010 Class of the Connecticut School of Integrative Manual Therapy!!



Connecticut School of Integrative Manual Therapy
Graduation Class 2010

The Integrative Manual Therapy Association extends its warm congratulations to the latest graduates of the Connecticut School of Integrative Manual Therapy. (Photo supplied by CSIMT)

Board Work

The Board of the Integrative Manual Therapy Association continues working to improve member benefits and services.

Thank you Leah and Laura!!

This quarter, Leah Nowak, Finance Chair, and Laura Welsh, Membership Chair, phoned over one hundred old and current members to update their contact information. This will facilitate contact with the members and allow us to mail Journals. Former members received Journals and newsletters from 2009; we realize during earlier years production of publications was not consistent, and wanted to recognize their former support of the organization.

Additionally, Journals were mailed to members that did not receive them in person at Winter School.

Joanne Coppa, our administrative assistant, has worked hard to update member information on the "Find a Practitioner" section of the website. There is much improved organization and updated information on the "Find a Practitioner" site. We are planning on adding contact email and contact phone number to improve the usage of this section for people seeking a practitioner, as that is an important feature of the website for members.

The next Board meeting will be Sunday, August 8, 2010 at 5:30 and the next Members meeting will be Tuesday, August 10, 2010.