



IFMRS

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF
MUSCULOSKELETAL RESEARCH SOCIETIES

IFMRS Strategic Plan 2021-2023

Our purpose

The IFMRS is an international, not-for-profit federation of musculoskeletal research societies. Our purpose is to promote excellence in the field of musculoskeletal science, in order to improve the prevention and treatment of all musculoskeletal conditions worldwide.

We do this by collaborating with, and fostering collaboration between, local, regional and international societies to share information and resources, raise public awareness, influence policy and provide education.

Our values

- Scientific excellence & rigor
 - Diversity, equity & inclusivity
 - Global collaboration
 - Transparency
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Meeting the challenge for musculoskeletal research

Despite their huge and well-documented impact on population health and global health economies, musculoskeletal (MSK) conditions continue to be universally under-recognised and under-prioritised. As a result, MSK research also remains widely under-recognised and under-resourced.

Our research community is very broad and varied, and brings together world-leading expertise from across basic, clinical and translational MSK research. By working together, learning from each other and speaking with one voice we can make a huge impact in the advancement of learning and make a real difference to many millions of people across the world.








The IFMRS facilitates this effort by

- Providing a forum for multilateral discussion and cooperation on shared challenges
- Pooling and disseminating MSK knowledge
- Spearheading influencing at international level

In doing so, we will continue to work across the full range of MSK conditions, including rare diseases and “large population” ones such as osteoporosis and osteoarthritis, as well as frailty and the impact of MSK conditions on mobility.



Between 2021 and 2023, we will:

-  Continue to **GROW** our community to be as representative as possible of the full spectrum of MSK research, and of the regions and countries of the world, with good representation across all continents
-  Proactively **INFLUENCE** to raise the profile and increase international recognition of MSK conditions and MSK research, in partnership with the Global Alliance for Musculoskeletal Health and others
-  Create new opportunities for increasing **DIALOGUE** and **MUTUAL LEARNING** through digital communications
-  Providing a unique repository of **KNOWLEDGE** through the Musculoskeletal Knowledge Portal and our HubLE online Learning Environment, which together make up the International Knowledge Hub.
-  Advance **EDUCATION** in MSK research and support the **NEXT GENERATION** of MSK researchers and, particularly in low and middle-income countries, in a focused and meaningful way
-  Become a strong, **SUSTAINABLE** international federation
-  Create a genuinely global, diverse movement underpinned by our **VALUES**



IFMRS Strategic Plan 2021-2023

Our strategic plan for the next 3 years focuses on 3 key areas: Network, Knowledge and Influence, all underpinned by reducing inequality and improving cultural awareness, and improved sustainability.

PILLARS	NETWORK	KNOWLEDGE	INFLUENCE
Aims	Improve collaboration, broaden our community	Deepen and disseminate knowledge in MSK research	Make MSK an international priority
Focus areas	Broaden our research community	Build the International Knowledge Hub: The MSK Knowledge Portal www.mskkp.org The IFMRS Learning Environment (HubLE) www.huble.org	Build strategic partnerships with key organisations in MSK
	Making MSK research “fit for the future”	Identify and fill the knowledge gaps	Achieve a global action plan on MSK
	Delivering high-quality International education	Provide guidance on good MSK research as appropriate	Increase prioritisation and funding for MSK research across the world
	Creating the space for cross-sectoral discussion		
	Pooling and promote member resources		

Reducing inequality, promoting cultural awareness

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Sustainability

Increase income in line with our Income Generation Strategy

