



Honorary Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists

Bob Sydenham received the special recognition of Honorary Fellow from the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists (AAOMPT) at their 2018 Awards Luncheon on November 9, 2018 in Reno, NV.

Joe Farrell, Founding Fellow and Past President of AAOMPT, nominated Bob and introduced him at the Conference with the following:

Bob Sydenham was the President of the International Federation of Manipulative Therapists (IFOMT) from 1992 to 1996. At the 1992 IFOMT Conference in Vail, CO, Bob and the IFOMT immediate Past President, Bob Elvey, worked with AAOMPT President, Joe Farrell, to secure USA/AAOMPT as a member of IFOMT. Bob was very instrumental politically during that meeting with his calm communication and diplomatic skills with countries such as Germany and the Netherlands who were not supportive of the USA/AAOMPT membership in IFOMT. He was influential in the vote affirming USA/AAOMPT IFOMT membership. In 1995, Bob presented a proposal to the World Confederation of Physical Therapy (WCPT) to change its Articles of Association to enable interest groups such as IFOMT to be members. Prior to that only sub-groups of National Associations that were members of the WCPT could be recognized by WCPT.

Bob's contributions to Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy clinical practice, and education are legendary within Canada since he was recognized in 2008 with the Canadian Academy of Manipulative Therapists (CAMT) Lifetime Achievement Award and in 2009 by the Orthopaedic Division of Canadian Physiotherapy Association with the Golden Hands Award, the highest award given by the Orthopaedic Division for extraordinary dedication to Orthopaedic Manual Therapy.

Bob was also honored by the Alberta Physiotherapy Associationⁱ with the Recognition Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Physiotherapy Profession and by the College of Physical Therapists of Albertaⁱⁱ with the Pinnacle Award for exceptional volunteer contributions to the college and a lifelong commitment to the safe and effective practice of the physical therapy profession.

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