



Today, we are honoring a good friend and valued colleague who has been teaching FM I courses since 1987. For the last 30 years, Andy Kerk has contributed significantly to the IPA. He has passionately shared his love of manual therapy and his remarkable humor with everyone who has had the honor to study with him. Andy has many interests and has decided that it is time for him to retire from teaching. Even though we are deeply saddened to lose his remarkable talents, we are excited to wish him well and to support him on his future adventures. For those of you who know Andy, please take the time to thank him for his contributions to your professional career.

We will miss you, Andy!



*Clockwise from upper left: CFMT with Honors in 1999; CFMT tester in 2001; Andy and Gregg Johnson; Andy and his wonderful wife Julie; Andy teaching.*

Andy became a Certified Athletic Trainer prior to graduation from the Physical Therapy program at University of Nebraska Medical Center in 1983. His continuing education background includes extensive training in muscle energy technique and cranial mobilization at Michigan State University Osteopathic College, the spinal mobilization series from Stanley Paris, PhD, PT, and "Chain Reaction" from Gary Gray. He is also certified in trigger point dry needling from Myopain Seminars and incorporates this into his Functional Manual Therapy practice. Mr. Kerk first attended Functional Orthopedics I with Gregory S. Johnson, PT, FFCFMT, in 1985, and eventually completed the full curriculum with the Institute of Physical Art. He completed his Certified Functional Manual Therapist (CFMT) credential with Honors in 1999. Mr. Kerk began teaching FO I in 1987, and continued to teach as a Primary Instructor of FO I, FOII and the Functional Mobilization Series. Mr. Kerk co-authored a chapter on soft tissue mobilization and neuromuscular training in *Evaluation, Treatment and Prevention of Musculoskeletal Disorders, 4th Edition*, published by The Saunders Group. He also teaches and consults with physical therapists in the Wisconsin area in manual therapy and functional training of movement dysfunction in the orthopedic population. Mr. Kerk owns and operates a private practice in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, specializing in musculoskeletal dysfunction.