

Fédération Internationale de Médecine Manuelle (FIMM) Delegate Reports



**FIMM 2024: Zürich
Delegate Reports**

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Fédération Internationale de Médecine Manuelle (FIMM)

Host Society – SAMM Switzerland

Zürich 2024

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SAMM
Schweizerische Ärztegesellschaft für Manuelle
Medizin
Swiss Society of Manual Medicine
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SAMM Leadership

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SAMM

- Active membership 30.09.2023: 1133
- Status MM Recognition: **CAS (3 modules) + DAS (8 modules)**
 - Accrediting Bodies: SAMM+SIWF-FMH (Swiss Medical Association)
 - SAMM Certificate / 380 h
 - Upgrade! Recognized as extended education since 2019 (decision of the Swiss Medical Chamber FMH)

With the right to use the title of
Specialist in Manual Medicine SAMM



SAMM Switzerland

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SAMM

- **Education**
 - Programs/Year: 8 modules over 2 years
 - Written examination (30 multiple choice questions, 120 min) in the beginning of Module 4
 - Final practical examination after Module 8 (30 min preparation and 30 min examination)
 - 2 satellite courses/ Year: Trigger points and Dry needling
 - 2 Educational Sites: Morat /bilingual, Diessenhofen G

SAMM Switzerland



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- **Strengths**
 - Unique national association with one regional subgroup French-speaking ASROMM
 - Education integrated in the Swiss Medical Association program
 - Treatments paid by the social insurances without limitations
 - Next Annual Congress: **Interlaken Nov 28-30th 2024,**



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- **Weaknesses**
 - Field of Manual Medicine is still difficult to understand by the public as it is well integrated in the practice of medicine! Versus
 - Osteopathy (practised by non medical doctors) or
 - Osteopathy practised by medical doctors or
 - Chiropractic (Chair at Zürich University with a Federal Diploma.)

and also recognized by social insurances



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- **Opportunities**
 - CAS and DAS with Bern University
 - Mantelstudiengang Manuelle Medizin at Zürich University
 - Mandatory continuous education, recertification every 5 years (50 credits over 5 years, at least 25 credits from SAMM)
- **Threats**
 - Plethora of other interesting education offers (sport medicine, ultra-sound, geriatrics...)
 - Lack of primary care physicians continues

Societies by Countries A-D

Bulgaria – Canada – Czech Republic – Denmark

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Bulgaria

Bulgarian Society Of Manual Medicine/ BSMM/




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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

Bulgaria / BSMM

Number of Societal Members: 30
Website: www.bdmm-bg.com
Leadership:
President – Ilia Todorov / ilkotodorov@gmail.com
Secretary – Dimitar Genov / dr.genov@mail.bg
Treasurer – Tsvetomir Yankov / lastshadow@abv.bg
FIMM Delegate – Ilia Todorov
Education Liaison – Tsvetomir Yankov
Other – Plamen Lakov / lakov_dr@abv.bg
Nikolay Handjiev / niki._hadjiev@mail.bg
Annual Meeting (Date/Site): winter 2025

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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

Bulgaria / BSMM

MM Status in Country
Society Certificate (Yes)
National certificate (No)
MM recognized as added qualification (Yes)
Recognized as specialty or subspecialty (No)
MM available in some medical schools (Yes)
MM integrated in some residency training (Yes)
MM central in a specialty residency training (No)

Society Education
Manual Medicine hands-on workshops (Yes)
Injection / Dry Needling hands-on workshops (No)
Research distribution/programs (No)
Journal: *none*

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2024 Societal SWOT Analysis

Bulgaria / BSMM

Strengths
• BSMM is presented in FIMM for a long time / society members are well acquainted with the FIMM policies

Weaknesses
• Small society with limited budget;

Opportunities
• Just 1 experienced trainer / 2 more expected in 1-2 years;

Threats
• There are opportunities to develop on national level;
• There is a particular interest in the young doctors for manual medicine;

Lack of sufficient control from the national authorities regarding the competencies involving the manual medicine.

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CANADA

Canadian Association of Orthopaedic Medicine (CAOM)
Brian Shamess, MD – Delegate
No Powerpoint

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Czech Republic (Czechia)

Czech Medical Association of J. E. Purkyně

Society for Myoskeletal Medicine
SMM.cz




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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

Czechia / SMM.cz

➤ Number of Societal Members:

- Exact # members: 226 medical doctors, (39) FT's

➤ Website: <https://camelot03.if2.cuni.cz/smutnazu/myoskelet>

➤ Leadership:

- President – *Jandova Jana – jana.jandova@pol.agel.cz*
- Scientific Secretary – *Vacek Jan – jvck@seznam.cz*
- Treasurer – *Tosnerova Vlasta – vlasta.tosnerova@seznam.cz*
- FIMM Delegate – *Tosnerova Vlasta*
- Education Liaison – *Vacek Jan*

➤ Annual Meeting (Date/Site): on April 17th, 2024

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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

Czechia / SMM.cz

➤ MM Status in Country

- Society Certificate (*Yes*)
- National certificate (*Yes*)
- MM recognized as added qualification (*Yes*)
- Recognized as specialty or subspecialty (*Yes*)
- MM available in some medical schools (*Yes*)
- MM integrated in some/all residency training (*Yes*)
- MM central in a specialty residency training (*Yes*) *Jan Vacek*

➤ Society Education

- Manual Medicine hands-on workshops (*Yes*)
- Injection / Dry Needling hands-on workshops (*Yes, outside MM*)
- Research distribution/programs (*No*)
- Journal: Rehabilitation and Physical medicin –*possibility to publish*

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2024 Societal SWOT Analysis

Czechia / SMM.cz

➤ Strengths

- Excellent background (Lewit, Janda) – system of education
- Pool of certificated teachers – system of education of teachers

➤ Weaknesses

- More medical doctors concerning painful conditions of motor system prefer only structural approach

➤ Opportunities

- System of education of medical doctors - basic courses - post graduate
- System of education of young teachers

➤ Threats

- Contemporary, no threats

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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

Country / Society Name

➤ Optional: Urgent Virtual Message to Delegates:

Place message here

I believe a item from report of every delegate must be present in the limited time. Time 2 minutes should be available for everybody. Every country needs to have opportunity to present what Society does.

It could be also inspirative all togethether. MM societies work hard and I think that the could be proud of work. Only few people have time to read presentation exhibited on FIMM site.

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Denmark

Dansk Selskab for
Musculoskeletal Medicin

DSMM



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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

Denmark / DSMM

➤ Number of Societal Members:

- Estimated #members : 353 (FIMM 300-hr qualification): 50

➤ Website: www.DSMM.org

➤ Leadership:

- President – *Catrine Neble catrine@neble.dk*

- *Secretary General – currently vacant.*

- Treasurer – *Morten Rosen : mortenrossen@hotmail.com*

- FIMM Delegate – *Karen Goss : goss_7@hotmail.com*

- Education officer – *Karen Goss*

➤ Annual Meeting Varies , about every other year.

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2021 FIMM Delegate Report

Denmark / DSMM

- MM Status in Country (Respond yes/no for all that apply)
 - Society Certificate (*Yes*)
 - National certificate (*No*)
 - MM recognized as added qualification (*Yes*)
 - Recognized as specialty or subspecialty –*no, but as additional competence*.
 - MM available in some/all medical schools (*No*)
 - MM integrated in some/all residency training (*No*)
 - MM integrated in some/all residency training (*No*)
 - MM central in a specialty residency training (*No*)
- Society Education (Respond yes/no for all that typically apply)
 - Manual Medicine hands-on workshops (*Yes*)
 - Injection / Dry Needling hands-on workshops (*Yes*)

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2021 Societal SWOT Analysis

Country / Society Name

- Strengths
 - We have a relatively large amount of members, and the average age of our members is falling.
- Weaknesses
 - GP's are too busy. Many of the doctors that take our basic courses do not continue to take the full 300 hours in order to get at diploma of MM. We currently have a few registrants for our courses.
- Opportunities
 - We have many young members and they are trying to spread the word about the wonders of manual medicine to their peers.
- Threats
 - Chiropractors are encroaching on our role as the primary care person when it comes to pains and problems of the locomotor system.
 - All our courses must be recognized as CME for GP's; this is proving more and more difficult.

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DENMARK / DSMM

Our course program contains the full curriculum according to the FIMM guidelines and has been certified by the FIMM education board.

Our number of members is stable, but we have an influx of young members and many older colleagues are retiring, so a younger society in general.

We have a new e-book that, when finalized, will contain the full curriculum.

At the moment we are having a hard time getting people for our courses, so they are often being canceled. We are trying to become more visible and easier for the busy GP to see why they need to know MM.

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Societies by Countries F-H

Finland – France – Germany AMKA –
Germany DGMM – Hong Kong

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Finland

Olavi Airaksinen,
Professor of PRM, President of Finnish Society of MM



2022 FIMM General Assembly

Fédération Internationale de Médecine Manuelle
International Federation of Manual / Musculoskeletal Medicine



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Finland

Finnish Society of MM/MM
www.smly.fi



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Basic Course

ISSLS 2017





2024 FIMM Delegate Report

Finnish Society of MM/MM
www.smly.fi

➤ Total Number of Societal Members: 158

- Estimated # members with 300-hr qualification: 50

➤ Leadership:

- President – Olavi.Airaksinen@kuh.fi
- Exec. Secretary – Karl-August.Lindgren@kolumbus.fi
- Treasurer – Katja.Ryynanen@mehilainen.fi
- FIMM Delegate – Olavi.Airaksinen@kuh.fi
- Education Liaison – Timo.Pehkonen@oulu.fi
- Annual Meeting (Date/Site): Nov 15-16, 2024.

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Finland / Society News



SUOMEN MANUAALISEN LÄÄKETIETEEN YHĐISTYS
FÖRENINGEN FÖR MANUELL MEDICIN I FINLAND
SOCIETY FOR MUSCULOSKELETAL MEDICINE IN FINLAND



Tervetuloa yhdistyksen etusivulle!

SMLY:n ja SOMFY:n yhteissemppäpäivät pidettiin Tampereella. Tampere-talossa 18.-19.11.2023. Tapahtumassa osallistui 100 lääkintä ja terapian ammattilaista.

Yhteissemppäpäivät Euro 2024:ta 6.-7.6.2024 mennessä 400 €, sen jälkeen 600 €.

Yhteissemppäpäivät 2024 marras 20.11.2024

<http://www.smly.fi/semppapäivät/2024/11/20/2024-marras-20-11-2024>

SMLY:n yhdistyksenpäivät Tampereella yhteissemppäpäivän jälkeen

15.11.2024 kello 12.00

Mensuoliin lääketieteen peruskurssin loppuun!

"Myydä kilpailun tulokset uljaan, diagnoosia ja hoitoon!"

johtavien Suomen kunnioittavimpien lääketieteenkoulutuskeskuksen Helsinkiin ja Päijät-Hämeen.

14.-15.12.2024 Helsinki, kultana erilaisina järjestävien, joista suurimpiin jopa 1000.

I Mäntsälän yliopistopuiston tutkimus ja tutkimus

12.-13.12.2024 Mäntsälä

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LEVI 2025

• International Manual/Musculoskeletal
Medicine Course



• UPDATE : Pain – diagnostics and
treatment options

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Course Leader: Prof Olavi Airaksinen
Main Speakers: Professors Hannu Luomajoki, Jukka Pekka Kouri
and Olavi Airaksinen

• Organized by Finnish Society for MM

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Awards and Grants 2019



Best Paper of ISSLS 2019 concerning End plates and
Modic changes At Kioto Japan ISSLS Annual Meeting.



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University Contacts / Diplomas



- Close contact (Professorship of PRM) to Eastern University of Finland (Kuopio) and Helsinki (an orientation course for medical students).
- Pain education programme for GP:s and Occupational Health Doctors started September 2011. 2-3 courses/year at normal conditions – now exception of COVID19.
- Education for GP:s at Helsinki at January one day (Back and neck patient – clinical evaluation – hands on course).
- Own Society Diploma.

web: www.olavi.fi

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SOFMMOON



FRANCE

Société Française de Médecine
Manuelle Orthopédique et
Ostéopathie Médicale

French Society of Orthopedic
Manual Medicine and
Medical Osteopathy

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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

Country / Society Name

- Number of Societal Members:
 - Estimated #members: 131
- Website: www.sofmoom.org
- Leadership:
 - President – Dr Marc Rozenblat rozenblat.marc@gmail.com
 - Exec. Director/Secretary – Dr Olivier Dumay
 - Treasurer – Dr Patrick ILL
 - FIMM Delegate – Dr Marc Rozenblat
 - Education Liaison – Dr David Cypel
 - Annual Meeting (Date/Site): June

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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

Country / Society Name

- MM Status in Country (Respond yes/no for all that apply)
 - Society Certificate (*Yes*)
 - National certificate (*Yes*)
 - MM recognized as added qualification (*Yes*)
 - Recognized as specialty or subspecialty (*No*)
 - MM available in some medical schools (*Yes*)
 - MM integrated in some residency training (*Yes*)
 - MM integrated in some residency training (*No*)
 - MM central in a specialty residency training (*No*)
- Society Education (Respond yes/no for all that typically apply)
 - Manual Medicine hands-on workshops (*Yes*)
 - Injection / Dry Needling hands-on workshops (*No*)
 - Research distribution/programs (*Yes*)
 - Journal: *Revue de Médecine Manuelle* (Paper and Electronic)

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2024 Societal SWOT Analysis

Country / Society Name

- Strengths
 - New status, new name
 - New website
 - New journal (on paper)
- Weaknesses
 - Attractiveness
 - Bell tower conflict
- Opportunities
 - New governance
 - New strengths (see above)
- Threats
 - Non medical osteopaths number
 - French health regulations

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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

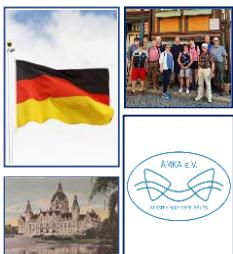
Country / Society Name

➤ Optional: Urgent Virtual Message to Delegates:

Foreign doctors like all of you can also benefit from it by becoming an associate member because France also wants to open up to all international training.

You will find the terms and conditions on our website.

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Germany

Association of Physicians
for Manual Medicine
in Children & Atlas Therapy

ÄMKA

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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

Germany / ÄMKA

- MM Status in Country Society Certificate (*Yes/No*)
 - National certificate (*Yes*)
 - MM recognized as added qualification (*Yes*)
 - Recognized as specialty or subspecialty (*No*)
 - MM available in some/all medical schools (*Yes*)
 - MM integrated in some/all residency training (*Yes*)
 - MM central in a specialty residency training (*No*)
- Society Education
 - Manual Medicine hands-on workshops (*Yes*)
 - Injection / Dry Needling hands-on workshops (*No*)
 - Research distribution/programs (*Yes*)
 - Journal: *Manuelle Medizin*

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2024 Societal SWOT Analysis

Germany / ÄMKA

Strengths

- Only post-graduate practitioners are trained
- Lively discussions within the society to improve practice
- Ongoing development of new techniques
- In depth training in pediatric neurophysiological development

Weaknesses

- Size of society
- Limited interest in MM in children
- Pediatricians must first train in general MM, limits their access

Opportunities

- Diversity – most members are also members of other MM societies
- Large diversity of medical specialties among members
- New state of the art impulse simulator

Threats

- Physiotherapists trained in osteopathy without national guidelines



Germany / ÄMKA

Located at Annastift,
Orthopaedic Clinic of Hannover Medical School



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Germany

Deutsche Gesellschaft für
Manuelle Medizin
DGMM
German Society of
Manual Medicine
GSMM



2024 FIMM Delegate Report

Germany / DGMM

Number of Societal Members:

- Current #members (FIMM 300-hr qualification):
- 2.191 (MWE) 764 (AEMM) 1.059 (DGMSM) = **4.014** (- 9,6%)

Website:

www.dgmm.de

Leadership:

- President – Prof. Dr. Hermann Locher/ info@aerzeseminar-mwe.de
- Vice-President – Prof. Dr. Riggobert Klett/ r.klett@morm-klett.de Vice-President – Dr. Wolfgang Czichon/ Czichon-dgmsm@web.de
- Vice-President – PD Dr. Norman Best/ n.best@klinikum-weimar.de
- Secretary – Dr. Volker Liefring/ volker.liefring@sana.de
- Treasurer – Dr. Christian Froessler/ c.froessler@web.de
- FIMM Delegate – Dr. Stephan Vinzelberg/ stephan.vinzelberg@sana.de

Annual Meeting (Date/Site):

11.01.2025, Berlin

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Germany / DGMM

MM Status in Country (Respond yes/no for all that apply)

- Society Certificate (*Yes*)
- National certificate (*Yes*)
- MM recognized as added qualification (*Yes*)
- Recognized as specialty or subspecialty (*Yes*)
- MM available in some/all medical schools (*Yes*)
- MM integrated in some/all residency training (*Yes*)
- MM central in a specialty residency training (*Yes*)

Society Education (Respond yes/no for all that typically apply)

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- Injection / Dry Needling hands-on workshops (*No*)
- Research distribution/programs (*Yes*)
- Journal: *Manuelle Medizin - European Journal of Manual Medicine* (Springer)



2024 FIMM Delegate Report

Germany / DGMM

European Congress of Manual Medicine

- 03. – 05.04.2024
- Language: German
- Leipzig / Germany
- 5 symposia, 12 workshops, 1 congress party
- High number of participants (in person and online)

Europäischer Kongress
Manuelle Medizin
European Congress of
Manual Medicine
03. – 05. April 2025 – LEIPZIG

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Societies by Countries I-N

Israel – Italy – Kazakhstan – Netherlands

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HKimm
Hong Kong Institute of Musculoskeletal Medicine

Dr. Mark Wai Wah LAI
President of HKIMM
FHKIMM
FHKAM (FM), MScSMHS (CUHK), PGDip MSM (Otago)

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HKimm Hong Kong Institute of Musculoskeletal Medicine

Present Council
President: Dr Mark Iai
Vice President: Dr Allen Ngai
Hon Treasurer: Dr Ricky Wu
Hon Secretary: Dr Paco Lee

Education subcommittee: Dr Roy Chan
Internal Affairs subcommittee: Dr. Brian Tsang
IT subcommittee: Dr Paco Lee
QA & CME subcommittee: Dr. TK Ng
Research subcommittee: Dr Stanley Lam
Examination subcommittee: Dr. Andrew Ip

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HKimm Hong Kong Institute of Musculoskeletal Medicine

Members (Updated on 31 July, 2024)

Total: 122
Fellows: 20
Full Members: 3
Associate Members: 99

Country	Percentage
HK	38%
France	30%
Thailand	12%
UAE	7%
Poland	5%
Malaysia	3%
Macau	3%
Taiwan	3%
Indonesia	3%
Others	3%

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HKimm Hong Kong Institute of Musculoskeletal Medicine

Training ladder

Basic: CPMM
Intermediate: ACMM
Advanced: ASM/Advanced MSKUSG workshop

Fellowship examination

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HKimm Hong Kong Institute of Musculoskeletal Medicine

Education

Certificate of Practical Musculoskeletal Medicine
2 years course hybrid teaching (online and practical)

9 modules: Introduction and anatomical region (from shoulder, elbow, wrist and hands, hip and pelvic, knee, ankle and foot, thoracic spine, lumbar spine and cervical spine)

Introductory lecture: 8 hours of basic musculoskeletal medicine background and theory
Each anatomical region module: 6-9 hours online lecture and 6 hours hands-on workshop

Total online teaching hours: 46.5 hours
Total hands-on practical workshop hours: 48 hours

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Hong Kong Institute of Musculoskeletal Medicine
CPMM

Module 4: Introduction to Musculoskeletal Medicine

- 18 Nov 2023
 - Introduction to MSK medicine & somatic dysfunction (1 hr)
 - Anatomy & biomechanics of myofascial pain syndrome (1 hr)
- 22 Nov 2023
 - Introduction to manual medicine, vertebral dysfunction & manual therapy (2 hrs)
 - Anatomy, biomechanics & repetitive medicine (1 hr)
- 29 Nov 2023
 - Basics of musculoskeletal ultrasound (1 hr)
 - Common musculoskeletal pain (1 hr)
 - Pharmacology of pain medicine (1 hr)
- Module 4: Ankle & Foot**
- 3 Apr 2024
 - Anatomy of ankle & foot (handmarks included) (1.5 hrs)
 - Biomechanics of gait (1.5 hrs)
- 7 Apr 2024
 - Clinical assessment of ankle & foot (1.5 hrs)
- 18 May 2024
 - Hand-on: Physical assessment of ankle & foot (1.5 hrs)
 - Hand-on: Clinical assessment of ankle & foot (1 hr)
- 18 May 2024
 - Hand-on: Physical assessment of ankle & foot (1.5 hrs)
 - Hand-on: Clinical assessment of ankle & foot (1 hr)
- 18 May 2024
 - Hand-on: Physical assessment of ankle & foot (1.5 hrs)
 - Hand-on: Clinical assessment of ankle & foot (1 hr)
- 18 May 2024
 - Hand-on: Physical assessment of ankle & foot (1.5 hrs)
 - Hand-on: Clinical assessment of ankle & foot (1 hr)
- Module 5: Shoulder**
- 6 Jun 2024
 - Anatomy & biomechanics of shoulder joint (handmarks included) (1.5 hrs)
 - Physical assessment of shoulder joint (1 hr)
- 10 Jun 2024
 - Common shoulder problems (with cause illustration) (1.5 hrs)
 - Musculoskeletal ultrasound of shoulder (1.5 hrs)
- 16 Oct 2024
 - MSK causes of low back pain (with cause illustration) (1.5 hrs)
 - Biomechanics of low back pain (1 hr)
- 30 Oct 2024
 - Hand-on: Physical assessment of shoulder joints (handmarks included) (1.5 hrs)
 - Hand-on: Clinical assessment of shoulder joints (1 hr)
- 16 Nov 2024
 - Hand-on: Physical assessment of lumbar spine (handmarks included) (2 hrs)
 - Hand-on: Clinical assessment of lumbar spine (2 hrs)
- 16 Nov 2024
 - Hand-on: Clinical assessment of low back pain (1 hr)
- Module 7: Lumbar Spine**
- 2 Oct 2024
 - Anatomy & biomechanics of lumbar spine (handmarks included) (1.5 hrs)
 - Physical assessment of lumbar spine (1.5 hrs)
- 16 Oct 2024
 - MSK causes of low back pain (with cause illustration) (1.5 hrs)
 - Biomechanics of low back pain (1 hr)
- 30 Oct 2024
 - Hand-on: Physical assessment of lumbar spine (1.5 hrs)
 - Hand-on: Clinical assessment of lumbar spine (1.5 hrs)
- 16 Nov 2024
 - Hand-on: Physical assessment of lumbar spine (1.5 hrs)
 - Hand-on: Clinical assessment of lumbar spine (1.5 hrs)

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Hong Kong Institute of Musculoskeletal Medicine

Annual Scientific Meeting 2023 Dec




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Hong Kong Institute of Musculoskeletal Medicine
CPMM 2023-2024



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Hong Kong Institute of Musculoskeletal Medicine

Future

Diploma of Musculoskeletal Medicine will replace CPMM in 2025

Advanced MSK USG training workshop

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Hong Kong Institute of Musculoskeletal Medicine

• In memory of Dr. Philip Lim



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ISRAEL

ISMM
WWW.ISMM.ORG.IL

Touching the pain 



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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

ISRAEL / ISMM

- Total Number of Societal Members: 375
- Leadership:
 - Chairwoman - Dr. Yulia Gorsky / ISMM.PAIN@gmail.com
 - Secretary - Dr. Gabi Mirzochi / ISRISMM@gmail.com
 - Treasurer - Dr. Shai Paz / ISMMFINANCE@gmail.com
 - FIMM Representative - Dr. Negev Bar / NEGEVBAR@gmail.com
 - Education Liaison - Dr. Robert Satran / RSATRAN@gmail.com
 - Director - Mrs. Yael Or / OFFICEISMM@gmail.com
- Annual Meeting : 8th May 2024 / live

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לעט בכאב החברה הישראלית לרופאות שריר שלך The Israeli Society of Musculoskeletal Medicine

Touching the pain



2024 was a very challenging year for the people of Israel and the middle east.

Despite the horrible war, the ISMM continued its education program, adapting it to the intense security challenges.



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Touching the pain החברה הישראלית לרופאות שריר שלך The Israeli Society of Musculoskeletal Medicine



We all pray and hope that the war will end soon, the hostages will return back to their home as soon as possible, all civilians will return safely to their land, and that peace will once again prevail in the Middle East! 🙏

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ITALY

SIMFER
(Italian Society of Physical and
Rehabilitative Medicine)
Manual Medicine Section

Website: www.simfer.it

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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

Italy / SIMFER

- Total Number of Societal Members: 90
- Leadership:
 - President – Dr Carlo Mariconda / carlo.mariconda@gradenigo.it
 - Secretary – Dr Valeria Coco / valecoco@yahoo.it
 - Treasurer – Dr Lorenzo Agostini / agostini.sbt@gmail.com
 - FIMM Delegate – Dr Carla Correggia / carla.correggia@virgilio.it
- Annual Meeting (Date/Site): 6-9 October 2024 / Padua

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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

Italy / SIMFER

- MM Status in Country (Respond yes/no for all that apply)
 - Society Certificate (Yes)
 - National certificate (Yes)
 - MM recognized as added qualification (Yes)
 - Recognized as subspecialty (Yes)
 - MM available in some medical schools (Yes)
 - MM integrated in some residency training (Yes)
 - MM central in a specialty residency training (Yes)
- Society Education (Respond yes/no for all that typically apply)
 - Manual Medicine hands-on workshops (Yes)
 - Injection / Dry Needling hands-on workshops (Yes)
 - Research distribution/programs (Yes)
 - Journal: MR Giornale Italiano di Medicina Riabilitativa

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2024 Societal SWOT Analysis

Italy / SIMFER

- **Strengths**
 - We are one of the largest section of the society of physiatrists
 - Collaboration with other specialties
- **Weaknesses**
 - Need to increase courses and training
- **Opportunities**
 - Looking for the most advanced therapeutic methods of treating pain of spinal origin
 - Education to all trainees in physical and rehabilitative medicine
- **Threats**

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KAZAKHSTAN

Kazakhstan Association of Manual Therapists and Osteopaths

KAMTAO



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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

Kazakhstan /Kazakhstan Association of Manual Therapists and Osteopaths

- **Number of Societal Members:**
 - 35 members :
- **Website:**
- **Leadership:**
 - President –Nadezhda Krasnoyarova/krasnon555@rambler.ru
 - Exec. Director/Secretary – Natalya Lukina
 - Treasurer – Olga Kondrashova/olechka1981.01@mail.ru
 - FIMM Delegate – Nadezhda Krasnoyarova, Natalya Lukina
 - Education Liaison – Nadezhda Krasnoyarova/krasnon555@rambler.ru
 - Annual Meeting (Date/Site): November/Almaty

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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

Kazakhstan /Kazakhstan Association of Manual Therapists and Osteopaths

- **MM Status in Country**
 - Society Certificate YES
 - National certificate YES
 - MM recognized as added qualification YES
 - Recognized as specialty or subspecialty YES
 - MM available in some/all medical schools NO
 - MM integrated in some/all residency training NO
 - MM integrated in some/all residency training NO
 - MM central in a specialty residency training NO
- **Society Education**
 - Manual Medicine hands-on workshops YES
 - Injection / Dry Needling hands-on workshops NO
 - Research distribution/programs YES
 - Journal: The Manual Therapy Journal (Russia)

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2024 Societal SWOT Analysis

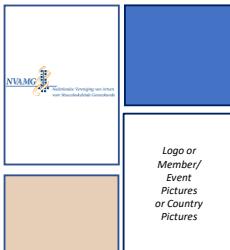
Kazakhstan /Kazakhstan Association of Manual Therapists and Osteopaths

- **Strengths**
 - The Association has been operating since 2010, holding meetings, scientific and practical seminars of specialists from England, France, the Czech Republic, New Zealand, and Israel. The results of the work are highlighted at International Congresses and in the journal "Manual Therapy".
- **Weaknesses**
 - Currently, the Almaty Institute for Advanced Training of Physicians is closed and it is impossible to obtain retraining and advanced training in manual therapy in Kazakhstan.
- **Opportunities**
 - With the help of the Association, seminars of foreign specialists provide an opportunity for doctors in Kazakhstan to improve their qualifications in manual therapy and osteopathy
- **Threats**

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Netherlands

Nederlandse Vereniging van Artsen voor MusculoSkeletale Geneeskunde NVAMG



See examples at end

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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

Country / Society Name

- Number of Societal Members: 141
 - Estimated #members:
- Website:
- Leadership:
 - President – *M. Schepers*
 - Exec. Director/Secretary – *Name/email*
 - Treasurer – *Name/email*
 - FIMM Delegate – *H. Bultman*
 - Education Liaison – *n.a.*
 - Other – *Name/email*
- Annual Meeting (Date/Site):

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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

Country / Society Name

- MM Status in Country (Respond yes/no for all that apply)
 - Society Certificate (*Yes*)
 - National certificate (*No*)
 - MM recognized as added qualification (*No*)
 - MM available in some/all medical schools (*No*)
 - MM integrated in some/all residency training (*No*)
 - MM integrated in some/all residency training (*No*)
 - MM central in a specialty residency training (*Yes*)
- Society Education (Respond yes/no for all that typically apply)
 - Manual Medicine hands-on workshops (*Yes*)
 - Injection / Dry Needling hands-on workshops (*No*)
 - Research distribution/programs (*Yes*)

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Societies by Countries S-U

Republic of Korea – Spain – Switzerland
(See 1st) – Turkey – Ukraine – Uruguay – USA

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South Korea

Korean Society of Chuna
Manual Medicine for Spine
& Nerves
(KSCMM)

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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

Korea / KSCMM

- Number of Societal Members:
 - Estimated #members : 1,393/5,943 (active/total)
 - Education board member with over 300 hours of education : 148
 - FIMM 300-hr qualification completers : 40
 - FIMM 300-hr qualification process : 432
- Website: <http://www.chuna.or.kr>
- Leadership:
 - President – *Hoe-Cheon YANG/hanje@hanmail.net*
 - Exec. Director/Secretary – *Kyoung-song Song/ykn01@hanmail.net*
 - Treasurer – *Young-Jae LEE/ly8793@hanmail.net*
 - Education Liaison – *Sung-Hoon Ki/elecen@empal.com*
 - International Affairs – *Hyun-Joon LEE/hjokamj@gmail.com*
- Annual Meeting (Date/Site): Apr, Jun, Oct, Jan / Online (Zoom)

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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

Korea / KSCMM

- MM Status in Country (Respond yes/no for all that apply)
 - Society Certificate (*Yes*)
 - National certificate (*No*)
 - MM recognized as added qualification (*No*)
 - Recognized as specialty or subspecialty (*No*)
 - MM available in some/all medical schools (*Yes*)
 - MM integrated in some/all residency training (*Yes*)
 - MM integrated in some/all residency training (*Yes*)
 - MM central in a specialty residency training (*Yes*)
- Society Education (Respond yes/no for all that typically apply)
 - Manual Medicine hands-on workshops (*Yes*)
 - Injection / Dry Needling hands-on workshops (*No*)
 - Research distribution/programs (*Yes*)
 - Journal: *The Journal of Chuna Manual Medicine for Spine & Nerves (JCMM)*

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	<h1>2024 FIMM Delegate Report</h1>
Korea / KSCMM	
Strengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Large society with 5,900+ members and 30 year historySystematic nationwide education provided through 8 regional societies
Weaknesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Education dependent on dedication of individual instructors (time, energy consuming)KSCMM curriculum/training not directly related to specialty training or undergraduate coursework
Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">China included in Korean National Health Insurance as of April 2019 (leading to increase of new members)Journal of KSCMM officially recognized as KCI journal
Threats	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Extensive private insurance coverage for physical/manual therapy

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Korea / KSCMM

Organization Structure (Committees)

Committee	President
Assembly of Representatives	Dr. Hye-Chan YANG, KMD
8 Regional Societies	0
Committee of Professors on University Education	0
Executive Board	Dr. Sung-Hee KIM, KMD
Academic Board	Dr. Hang-Woo NAM, KMD
Education Board	Dr. Young-Sub NAM, KMD
Journal Editorial Board	Prof. Byung-Chul KIM, KMD
Ethics Committee	0
Board of Audit and Inspection	0
Administrative Office	0
Monetary President	Dr. Jeon-Sub SONG, KMD
Academic Board Standing Advisors	0

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Korea / KSCMM

Organization Structure (Regional)

Main headquarters (in Seoul)

8 Regional Societies

- Seoul
- Gyeonggi/incheon
- Jasung (Seoul)
- Daegu/Chungbuk
- Busan/Gyeongnam
- Daegu/Gyeongbuk
- Gwangju/Jeon-nam
- Jeonju/Jeon-buk

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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

Education/Training Program – 1

FIMM Academy > CMT workshop > Basic level		
Subject	Course	Teaching Unit
1st. term	1. Principles & Procedures	12TU
	2. Soft Tissue	12TU
2nd. term	3. Pelvic Girdle	12TU
	4. Lumbar, Thoracic Spine & Rib Cage	12TU
3rd. term	5. Cervical Spine, Cervical & Thoracic Vertebrae	18TU
	6. Extremities	12TU
Mentorship	Mentor teaching (10 points)	15TU
	Self-directed learning (Review one case report column)	2TU
Additional requirements	Regular CMT Seminars (active one time)	4TU
	Regional practical test (written examination score: 20 points / Practical test: 40 points)	4TU
1. Total score should be equal to or above 80 points out of total 120 points.		
2. A minimum of 70% of the total should be equal to or above 80% out of 120%.		
Total		12TU



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    EP[Education Program] --> PC[Professors Council for the Organization of Education/Training (PCOME)]
    EP --> COE[Committee of Education]
    EP --> COE[Committee of Examination]
    PC --> CWT[CMT Workshop (Basic level)]
    CWT --> M1[Module 1]
    CWT --> M2[Module 2]
    CWT --> M3[Module 3]
    CWT --> T[Team]
    M1 --> E1[Ex: TU Every year: 2 TU]
    M2 --> E2[Ex: TU 74 TU]
    M3 --> E3[Ex: TU 30 TU]
    T --> E4[Ex: TU 6 TU]
  
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2024 FIMM Delegate Report			
Korea / KSCMM			
Education/Training Program – 2			
KSCMM Academy - Advanced course - Module 1 (M1)			
Subject	Content	Teaching Unit	
Principles	Principles, Principles, Get started	4TU	
WMA Techniques	1. Cervical - Cervical & Thoracic Soft Tissue Technique - 4TU 2. Lumbar - Lumbar - 4TU 3. Sacroiliac - Sacroiliac - 4TU 4. Neuromuscular release & Mobilization - 4TU 5. Clinical application of various release - 4TU 6. Cervical & Thoracic soft tissue technique - 4TU	18TU	
Golf Tissues	Foot technique	12TU	
Entwined	Muligan technique - 10TU	14TU	
Specialized	Spine - 10TU	10TU	
Self-directed learning	Clinical application - Require case report submit	10TU	
Additional	Attendance record should be equal to or above 80% out of 100%.	Pass/Fail	
Total		80TU	
KSCMM Academy - Advanced course - Module 2 (M2)			
Subject	Content	Teaching Unit	
Image-guided techniques	X-ray, Postural patient studies - 2TU	2TU	
Craniocervical system	Paraspinal and - 4TU	4TU	
Internal organs	Paraspinal and - 4TU	4TU	
Lymphatic system	Lymphatic drainage - 4TU	4TU	
Functional neurology	Functional neurology - 8TU	8TU	
Clinical application	Motor function - 4TU Dysfunction of the motor function - 4TU Spasticity - 4TU Sports injury: emergency treatment, dissociation & split, 4TU Treatment for musculoskeletal disease - 4TU Psychological counseling for pain patients - 4TU	28TU	
Self-directed learning	Clinical application - Require case report submit	10TU	
Additional	Attendance record should be equal to or above 80% out of 100%.	Pass/Fail	
Total		74TU	

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Korea / KSCMM

Education/Training Program – 3

KSCMM Academy > Advanced course > Module 3 (MS)		
Subject	Course	Teaching Unit
Elective Course	Movement assessment – Diagnosis and Treatment	RTU
Additional requirements	Whole body mechanics – Diagnosis and Treatment	RTU
Total	Alignment and management – Diagnosis and Treatment	RTU

KSCMM Academy > Advanced course > Test of completion		
Subject	Course	Teaching Unit
Total	Total score should be equal to or above 60 points out of total 100 points (including written test)	RTU

Current Education/Training Program

- **Basic workshop:** 126 TU
 - Since 1994
 - ± 300 trainees/year
- **Advanced Level:** 190 TU
 - Since 2016
 - ± 50-100 trainees/year
 - Module 1, 2, 3 for 2-3 years
- **CIQ (CMM Standard Curriculum Instruction Qualification) system**
 - ± 200 CIQ instructors
 - Qualified Instructor management system

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Spain

Sociedad Española de Medicina Ortopédica Y Manual

SEMOYM

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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

Spain / SEMOYM

- Number of Societal Members: 88
- Website: www.semoym.org
- Leadership:
 - President: Pedro Castells – pcastells@gmail.com
 - Vicepresident: Jaime González – gonzalez_jaime2003@yahoo.es
 - Secretary: Ana Marchena – ana1811_90@hotmail.com
 - Treasurer: Sandra Mulet – sandram77@gmail.com
- FIMM Delegates:
 - Javier Martínez - doctorjaviermartinez@hotmail.com
 - María Victoria Sotos Borrás - victoria.sotos.borrás@gmail.com
- Education Liaison: Javier Martínez
- Annual Meeting (Date/Site): 7th-9th November 2023 - Madrid (Spain)

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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

Spain / SEMOYM

- MM Status in Country
 - Society Certificate (*yes*)
 - National certificate (*No*)
 - MM recognized as added qualification (*No*)
 - Recognized as specialty or subspecialty (*No*)
 - MM available in some/all medical schools (*No*)
 - MM integrated in some/all residency training (*Yes*)
 - MM central in a specialty residency training (*No*)
- Society Education (Respond yes/no for all that typically apply)
 - Manual Medicine hands-on workshops (*Yes*)
 - Injection / Dry Needling hands-on workshops (*Yes*)
 - Research distribution/programs (*No*)

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2024 Societal SWOT Analysis

Spain / SEMOYM

- Strengths
 - University Master Degree
 - Strong Society
 - Number of interested physicians rising up
- Weaknesses
 - Difficult to disseminate
- Opportunities
 - To get MM into Medicine Degree through our Master Degree
 - Expand through Latin America
- Threats
 - Physiotherapists and non-medical osteopaths, although decreasing
 - No pharmaceutical industry involved

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Host Society
– SAMM
Switzerland

(See 1st Presentation)



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Türkiye

MANUEL TIP DERNEĞİ
TURKISH ASSOCIATION OF MANUAL MEDICINE

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Our Teacher 2001-2007
Dr. Todor Todoroff



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2 years 300 hours 6 courses
+Refreshment course 2X 3 day

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Our Teacher:
Late Dr. Wolfgang von Heymann
2012 till death
2 years 300+ hours 4+4 courses
+2XHospitalization course 3 day+Exam



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Our Teacher:
Marc-Henri Gouchat
Since 2018
2 years 300+ hours 4+4
courses +2XRefreshing
course 3 day+Exam



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Türkiye/ 

MANUEL TIP DERNEĞİ
TURKISH ASSOCIATION OF MANUAL MEDICINE

▶ Number of Societal Members:
• 51 plus: Waiting for the exam - by MTD Committee
«Dr.Marc-Henri Gouchard, Dr.Cihan Aksoy, Dr.Demirhan Diracoglu»

▶ Website: www.manueltipdernegi.org

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Türkiye/ 

MANUEL TIP DERNEĞİ
TURKISH ASSOCIATION OF MANUAL MEDICINE

▶ Leadership:
• President – Cihan Aksoy Prof. MD. PhD
(dr.cihantr@gmail.com)
• Exec. Director/Secretary – Demirhan Diracoglu Prof. MD. PhD
(demirhan1@yahoo.com)
• Treasurer – Elif Gürkan, MD
• FIMM Delegate – Cihan Aksoy Prof. MD. PhD and Demirhan
Diracoglu Prof.MD.PHD
• Education Liaison – Demirhan Diracoglu Prof. MD. PhD
(demirhan1@yahoo.com)
• Annual Meeting (Date): 20 12 2024/Advanced Course, Istanbul

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Türkiye/



MANUEL TIP DERNEĞİ
TURKISH ASSOCIATION OF MANUAL MEDICINE

- MM Status in Country (Respond yes/no for all that apply)
 - Society Certificate (Yes)
We give certificate after finishing our courses & examination
 - National certificate (No)
 - MM recognized as added qualification (No)
 - Recognized as specialty or subspecialty (No)
 - MM available in some/all medical schools (Yes)
 - MM integrated in some/all residency training (Yes)
 - MM central in a specialty residency training (No)

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Türkiye/



MANUEL TIP DERNEĞİ
TURKISH ASSOCIATION OF MANUAL MEDICINE

➤ Society Education

- Manual Medicine hands-on workshops (Yes)
- Injection / Dry Needling hands-on workshops (Yes)
- Research distribution/programs (Yes)
- Journal: *none*

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Türkiye/



MANUEL TIP DERNEĞİ
TURKISH ASSOCIATION OF MANUAL MEDICINE

- Strengths
 - Türkiye is a big country and there is interest in MM.
 - There is demand from patients.
- Weaknesses
 - MM is not considered a specialty in Türkiye.
 - Regulations are not enough.
- Opportunities
 - Many physicians interested in the musculoskeletal system want to learn MM.
 - Plans for the future can be made.
- Türkiye has become a hub for medical professionals from neighboring countries who come to specialize. Those Doctors will introduce manual medicine and FIMM to their countries

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UKRAINE

UKRAINIAN ASSOCIATION
OF OSTEOPATHIC AND
CHIROPRACTIC MANUAL
THERAPISTS
“UAOMT”
<https://uaomt.org/info>



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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

UKRAINE / Ukrainian Association of Osteopathic & Chiropractic Manual Therapists

➤ Number of Societal Members: 93

- Estimated #members (FIMM 300-hr qualification): 0 at the moment.

➤ Website: <https://uaomt.org/info>

➤ Leadership:

- President – Prof. Vitaliy Gubenko, Dr. Sc. vitaliygubenko@gmail.com
- Exec. Director/Secretary – Dr. Igor Dovhyi, PhD / clinic-dovgogo@ukr.net
- Treasurer – Dr. Pavlo Nykonenko
- FIMM Delegate – Dr. Igor Dovhyi, PhD / clinic-dovgogo@ukr.net
- Education Liaison – Dr. Andriy Fedosenko / andriy.fedosenko@gmail.com

➤ Annual Meeting: The holding of the annual conference is impossible due to the war with Russia. Perhaps the association will hold an online conference on December 2024

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2024 FIMM Delegate Report
UKRAINE / Ukrainian Association of Osteopathic & Chiropractic Manual Therapists

- MM Status in Country
 - Society Certificate (*Yes*)
 - National certificate (*No*)
 - MM recognized as added qualification (*No*)
 - Recognized as specialty or subspecialty (*No*)
 - MM available in some/all medical schools (*Yes*)
 - MM integrated in some/all residency training (*Yes*)
 - MM central in a specialty residency training (*No*)
- Society Education (Respond yes/no for all that typically apply)
 - Manual Medicine hands-on workshops (*Yes*)
 - Injection / Dry Needling hands-on workshops (*Yes*)
 - Research distribution/programs (*No*)
 - Journal: *No*

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2024 FIMM Delegate Report
UKRAINE / Ukrainian Association of Osteopathic & Chiropractic Manual Therapists

- Despite the difficult situation related to the war, UAOMT were able to conduct the training Module 1 from 300-hours MM program at the end of 2023 offline: "Introduction. Methodological foundations of MM. Diagnostic and treatment techniques of MM. Functional muscle testing. Neuromuscular therapy" (4 days - 32 hours). Unfortunately, it was not extended in 2024.

Also, UAOMT submitted article "ORGANIZATION OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS OF ACQUIRING ADDITIONAL COMPETENCE OF A MANUAL MEDICINE SPECIALIST IN UKRAINE" for publish at the local scientific journal "Clinical and profilacted medicine". Article is at the review stage.



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UKRAINE / Ukrainian Association of Osteopathic & Chiropractic Manual Therapists

President of UAOMT Prof. Dr. Sc., Vitaliy Gubenko managed to conduct a scientific revision of the **translated into Ukrainian** American book Joseph E. Muscolino "The Muscle and Bone Palpation Manual with Trigger Points, Referral Patterns, and Stretching", 3rd edition. This book will be published by the Ukrainian publishing house Medicine in September 2024. We hope and believe that this educational publication will be popular among doctors of physical and rehabilitation medicine, orthopedists, neurologists and physical therapists and will increase awareness of musculoskeletal medicine as well.



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2024 Societal SWOT Analysis
UKRAINE / Ukrainian Association of Osteopathic & Chiropractic Manual Therapists

- **Strengths**
 - UAOMT accepted at the end of 2023 the 300 hours Curriculum under own umbrella
 - UAOMT is legal provider of the continuous professional development in MM under Ministry of Health of Ukraine
 - UAOMT is following scientific biomechanical and neurophysiology principles
- **Weaknesses**
 - Martial law in Ukraine: restriction with movement in wartime, mobilization of association members into the Army Forces of UA, restriction for offline meetings
 - Difficulties with electricity supply, with the Internet. Impossibility of teaching MM online
 - Decrease in enthusiasm of the Board of UAOMT
- **Opportunities**
 - We strongly believe in Ukraine's victory and further reconstruction
 - The acceptance of M/M Medicine in Ukraine is traditionally good, with a belief in efficacy
- **Threats**
 - Treatment paradigm among medical society in UA is more pharmacology oriented

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Uruguay / Latin America

Sociedad Latinoamericana de Medicina Ortopédica y Manual

SOLAMOYM

See examples at end

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2024 FIMM Delegate Report
Latinoamérica / SOLAMOYM

- Number of Societal Members: 25
- Website: www.solamoym.com
- Leadership:
 - President – [Daniel Strán/cdstran@Hotmail.com](mailto:cdstran@Hotmail.com)
 - Secretary – [Victoria Agustoni/uveya1@hotmail.com](mailto:uveya1@hotmail.com)
 - Treasurer – [Karina Rivero/karinariverom1971@gmail.com](mailto:karinariverom1971@gmail.com)
 - FIMM Delegate – [Javier Martinez/doctorjaviermartinez@hotmail.com](mailto:doctorjaviermartinez@hotmail.com)
 - Education Liaison – [Edgar Gomez/gomezgomezedgar@gmail.com](mailto:gomezgomezedgar@gmail.com)
- Annual Meeting (Date/Site): April/ZOOM

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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

Latinoamerica / SOLAMOYM

➤ MM Status in Country

- Society Certificate (*Yes*)
- National certificate (*No*)
- MM recognized as added qualification (*No*)
- Recognized as specialty or subspecialty (*No*)
- MM available in some/all medical schools (*No*)
- MM integrated in some/all residency training (*No*)
- MM integrated in some/all residency training (*No*)
- MM central in a specialty residency training (*No*)

➤ Society Education

- Manual Medicine hands-on workshops (*Yes*)
- Injection / Dry Needling hands-on workshops (*No*)
- Research distribution/programs (*No*)

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2024 Societal SWOT Analysis

Uruguay/Latin America -- SOLAMOYM

➤ Strengths

- The only Society to train in MOM as a medical specialty in the entire American continent.
- The only Spanish-speaking MOM postgraduate course, with Latin American, Spanish and French teachers.
- Pioneers in specific Soft Tissue MOM techniques, which we conceptualize as the fundamental tool in MOM: it develops the clinical diagnosis, resolves the most severe cases with minimal complications, easy learning and compatible with most medical specialties.
- Member of FIMM.

➤ Weaknesses

- Society little known in America due to its youth.
- Diversity of training in our members.
- We do not have a scientific journal.

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2024 Societal SWOT Analysis

Uruguay/Latin America -- SOLAMOYM

➤ Opportunities

- Continue supporting the Spanish-speaking MOM University course.
- Support the development of the 2nd Level of this postgraduate course aimed at the use of minimally invasive techniques.
- Maintain interaction with all FIMM Societies.
- Participate in FIMM activities.
- Develop a campaign to recruit and publicize the Society.

➤ Threats

- Carry out face-to-face activities due to the characteristics of the geography of the American continent.

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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

Uruguay/Latin America -- SOLAMOYM

➤ Optional: Urgent Virtual Message to Delegates:

- We consider essential to integrate specific soft tissue treatment techniques into MOM training programs, as this is a fundamental structure affected by the vertebral segment dysfunction.
- Therefore we would like to see it included a little bit more specifically in the FIMM Guidelines.

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The AAO is the
Neuromusculoskeletal
Medicine Osteopathic
Manipulative Medicine
specialty organization
dedicated to serve all who
practice manual medicine.

United States of American (USA)

American Academy of Osteopathy

AAO

www.academyofosteopathy.org

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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

USA / American Academy of Osteopathy

➤ Number of Societal Members: 1388

- Student AAO (Physicians-in-Training): 3400

➤ Website: <https://www.academyofosteopathy.org/>

➤ Leadership: info@academyofosteopathy.org

- President- William Stager, DO, MPH, MS, FAAFP, FAAMA, FAAO, FACOPF dist.
- Chief Executive Officer- Sherri L. Quarles / squarels@academyofosteopathy.org
- Secretary/treasurer- Dennis J. Dowling, DO, MA, FAOOGdist
- FIMM Delegate/Education Liaison- Travis Gordon, DO, MSc
- FIMM Delegate – Michael L. Kuchera, DO, FAAO, FNAOME
- President-elect – Stefan Hagopian, DO, FAAO

➤ Annual Meeting: March 27, 2025, Orlando, FL

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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

USA / American Academy of Osteopathy

➤ **MM Status in Country**

- Society Certificate – Yes (FAAO – Fellow of American Academy of Osteopathy)
 - The FAAO is considered a Level 4 competency-based MM specialty in that it requires thesis, multiple publications and multiple competency-based examinations.
- National certificate – yes (ONMM)
- MM recognized as added qualification - Yes
- Recognized as specialty or subspecialty - Yes
- MM available in some/all medical schools - Yes
- MM integrated in some/all residency training - Yes
- MM central in a specialty residency training - Yes

➤ **Society Education**

- Manual Medicine hands-on workshops – Yes
- Injection / Dry Needling hands-on workshops – Yes (periodically)
- Research distribution/programs – Yes
- Journal: *The AAO Journal (AAOJ)* and *Journal of Osteopathic Medicine (JOM)*

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2024 Societal SWOT Analysis

USA / American Academy of Osteopathy

➤ **Strengths**

- Development of an on-site training center for hands-on courses.
- Increased number of medical students and colleges of osteopathic medicine.
- Involved in multiple tasks in support of the osteopathic profession

➤ **Weaknesses**

- Decreased # of trained faculty/administration for osteopathic education.
- Need to renew long-range plan priorities

➤ **Opportunities**

- Expansion of osteopathic training to non-osteopathic medical organizations.
- Allopathic physicians may obtain board certification from the American Osteopathic Association (osteopathic board certification).

➤ **Threats**

- Increase in the number of organizations providing osteopathic medical education opportunities.

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2024 FIMM Delegate Report

USA / American Academy of Osteopathy

➤ **AAO Convocation (& Pre-Convocation Workshops)**

March 26-30, 2025, in Orlando, Florida at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort
(Convocation = 4 days; Pre-Convocation = 1-3 days)

- lectures
- hands-on training
- interactive educational sessions

History of the AAO

The timeline diagram illustrates the evolution of the American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO) through several key milestones:

- 1977: Initial meeting in midwest osteopathic manipulative therapy program
- 1978: Name changed to Academy of Applied Osteopathy
- 1980: Office moved to Colorado Springs, CO
- 1982: Office moved to Indianapolis, Indiana
- 1992: American Academy of Osteopathy formed (finalized)

<https://www.academyofosteopathy.org/>

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