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Report of the Chairman of the FIMM Education Board

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The FIMM education project was created in May 2017 in Prague at the mid – year Executive Board meeting.

TASK

The task of the FIMM Project on Education is to develop and implement educational programs that will support the basic curriculum of 300 hours training in Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine.

The period of development started in 2018 and will end in 2023.



The FIMM Education board from 2018:

- Heather Ferril, (USA)
- Karen Goss (Danmark)
- Me-riong Kim (South Korea)
- Negev Bar (Israel)
- Javier Martínez (Spain)
- Norbert Teisseire (France)
- Stephan Winzelberg (Germany)
- Ilia Todorov (Bulgaria), chairman



The FIMM General Assembly revised its statutes in 2016. The revised statutes regulate the right to vote in the General Assembly. The right to vote is limited to Fractions consisting of one or several ordinary members reaching together a total of at least 25 **qualified physicians**.

Article 8. The General Assembly

1.3. qualified physicians are physicians or surgeons qualified according to the national regulations of the country of their member society. After 2023 qualified physicians must fulfil the 300 hours of training in Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine criteria of the FIMM Guidelines for Education and Safety.

Actual FIMM statutes 2021

Article 1. Ordinary Members:

2.3 After 2025 Ordinary members are obliged to identify and present an educational curriculum which fulfils the 300 hours of training in Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine criteria of the **valid version** of the FIMM Guidelines for basic training and safety.

Article 8. The General Assembly

1.3 Qualified physicians are physicians or surgeons qualified according to the national regulations of the country of their member society.

From the start of the project the education programs of 4 countries have passed the evaluation of the FIMM Education Board: Denmark, Germany, Switzerland and Spain.

The dedicated task force for USA made some progress but could not finalize it's effort.

We have also created some documents:

- FIMM education program checklist
- FIMM teachers checklist



The Education board has done an intensive work provided by several face to face meetings till the end of 2019, after which the COVID pandemic has interrupted that trend. We continued though with online meetings, but we were experiencing difficulties with the educational programs / models of the Non-European member countries.



The structured documents that we have so far:

- FIMM Guidelines on basic training and safety, version 3.1 (2013);
- European core curriculum “Manual Medicine” (2018);
- ESSOMM European core curriculum and principles of Manual Medicine, version 5.0 (2021).

They have proved not entirely useful for the purpose of evaluating the programs of Non-European members.

So we need a change in the FIMM Guidelines