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Secretary-General SEPTEMBER UPDATE

After an interruption of 14 years the actual President of the DGMM, Dieter Heimann and his Vice-president Uli Smolenski organized a national congress "New evidences for the new millennium". Invited speakers like the 90-years old Karel Lewit, the grandseigneur of the Austrian society and former FIMM-President Hans Tilscher and Ueli Böhni, president of the Swiss Medical Association for Manual Medicine SAMM proved good international cooperation and exchange of scientific results. Almost 400 physicians attended the congress with a number of lectures from basic researchers in respect to muscle structure and neurophysiologic functions. There were also a large number of workshops for almost each theoretical and practical aspect of MM.

Especially to mention is a symposium between the German Society of Neurology for Children and representatives of the work-group of physicians for MM for children (ÄGAMK), which finally succeeded in a good understanding after years of misunderstanding and even atrocity. The neurological society now accepts the possibility of safe MM also in children and respects the standard of professional education and skills required for this safety.

DGMM intends to continue its congress every second year.

During this congress a German-speaking panel for scientific coordination in MM was constituted by representatives of German, Swiss and Austrian societies. This group (EFOMM) will try to define necessary projects for scientific research, find the right scientists to do the work and collect the money for these well defined and prepared studies. The results will of course be presented to all physicians of the FIMM-community.

**Respectfully submitted,
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Secretary-General**