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Dear •

It is my pleasure to invite you to be an appointed member for **full membership** of the FIMM Health Policy Board (HPB). The basic objectives of this Board are<sup>1</sup>:

- to defend at the international level the professional status of medical specialists in Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine in society;
- to encourage and establish bonds between national professional organisations grouping together as medical specialists in Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine; to support and co-ordinate their actions;
- to contribute to the creation and maintenance of solidarity between medical specialists in Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine;
- to collaborate with international health policy and political international organisations on global and multinational levels to the benefit of Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine;
- to organize exchanges of medico-political information by whatever means on relevant professional issues concerning Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine.

On July 5, 2007 I was charged by the FIMM Executive Board to prepare a plan for the General Assembly, which officially represents international Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine to the World Health Organization (WHO). It recommended establishing a document with a possible title: *WHO Guidelines on Basic Training and Safety in Manual Medicine*.

In further Health Policy discussions the FIMM Executive Board considers asking the *Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes* (UEMS) to evaluate and possibly initiate the positioning of Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine in Europe as a distinct specialization.

Therefore, I have set up an action plan for the years 2007 - 2009:

1. WHO project
2. UEMS project
3. Archive on medico-political issues

The HPB shall split in two teams and work parallel on project no. 1 and no. 2. Project no. 3 will engage all members of the HPB and the FIMM Secretary-General.

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<sup>1</sup> proposed by the HPB Director and to be discussed by the FIMM HPB and the FIMM authorities.

The details of the plan are explained in the 1<sup>st</sup> FIMM Health Policy Report attached to this letter. Please check this report for better understanding.

Within the next three weeks the HPB shall be constituted. This is a two-step procedure. According to the FIMM Statutes in a first step I have to appoint the candidates. In a second step the appointed candidates will need to get approval by the FIMM General Assembly, which this year will meet on September 15. The appointed candidates will then become official members of the HPB.

I foresee two types of membership:

### **1. Full membership**

Full members shall participate actively in one or more working groups. They get invited to and participate at all meetings of their working group(s). They get all documents labelled "FIMM HPB" (that means all documents of all working groups). They vote on all issues of their working group(s) and on all final issues of the HPB and even if they are not members of all working groups.

### **2. Advisory membership**

Advisory members do not participate in a working group. They may participate at meetings of any working group according to specific circumstances or needs, but there is no obligation for that. They get all documents labelled "FIMM HPB" (that means all documents of all working groups). They advise the working groups, the group leaders, and the Health Policy Director. They have no vote on any HPB issue.

### **Glossary**

Working group:	Working groups consist of full members of the HPB dealing with a specific project.
Group leader:	Working groups are chaired by group leaders. The Health Policy Director appoints the group leaders.
WHO team:	The WHO team is the working group that deals with the WHO project.
EU team:	The EU team is the working group that deals with the EU project.

The candidates for appointed HPB membership are listed below.

Again, I appreciate very much if you would accept this appointment to the HPB as a full member and specifically as a member of the WHO team.

Please let me know soon as the FIMM General Assembly will take place on September 15, 2007.

Sincerely yours



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FIMM Health Policy Director

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FM	= full member			
AM	= advisory member			
WHO	= WHO team			
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