

The Health Policy Director

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FIMM STATUTES 2016 v1.5

	English OLD 2005	English NEW 2016 v1.5	Remarks
1	Fédération Internationale de Médecine Manuelle International Federation for Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine Internationale Gesellschaft für Manuelle Medizin	<i>No change.</i>	
2	Statutes		
3	Article 1 Name and Registration		
4	¹ The Association is to be known as the International Federation for Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine , abbreviated as FIMM . Its registered office is B-4608 WARSAGE, Thier Saive, 49; it is subject to the Belgian law of the 25th October, 1919 granting legal status to international associations with philanthropic, religious, scientific, artistic or pedagogic aims.	¹ The Federation is to be known as the International Federation for Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine , abbreviated as FIMM . Its registered office is XXX.	Survey of January 21, 2016: 100% of the questionnaires returned favored to change the seat.
	Link to the survey (p. 2, question 8): http://www.fimm-online.com/pub/en/data/objects/questionnaire_fimm_statutes_results_v1.pdf		
5	Article 2 Aims of the Association	Article 2 Aims of the Federation	
6	¹ The aims of the Association are exclusively those of public service. Its aims are above all: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to promote scientific research in the field of Manual Medicine, - to develop standards for Manual Medicine in quality management, - to promote co-operation between its members, - to harmonise pre- and postgraduate education in Manual Medicine in the various countries, - to support the foundation of scientific Societies and legal representation for Manual Medicine 	¹ The aims of the Federation are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to develop an active, internationally recognized umbrella organization, - to attract national societies and policy makers worldwide, whose main function is gathering and disseminating knowledge and expertise. - to proactively advance integration of Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine into health care. 	Survey of January 21, 2016: 86% of the questionnaires returned favored new aims of the Federation.

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	<p>in all countries,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to represent the interests of Manual Medicine in its dealings with official authorities and organisations on an international level. 		
	<p>Link to the survey (p. 3, question 11): http://www.fimm-online.com/pub/en/data/objects/questionnaire_fimm_statutes_results_v1.pdf</p>		
7		² The Federation strives to be The International Standard in the world for Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine.	
8		³ Recommendations are not binding and may be made by any member or board during the general assembly.	
9	Article 3 Membership		
10	¹ The Association has <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ordinary Members 2. Extraordinary Members 3. Honorary Members 	¹ The Federation has <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ordinary Members 2. Observatory Members 3. Honorary Members 	
11	² 1. Ordinary Members: National organisations of Manual Medicine Physicians are entitled to become members of the Association. Only one organisation of each country can be a member of FIMM. The General Assembly will decide upon membership with a simple majority.	² 1. Ordinary Members: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Organisations of Manual Medicine Physicians are entitled to become ordinary members of the Federation. 2.2 The General Assembly will decide upon ordinary membership with a simple majority. 2.3 A transitional period applies to this article until 2021 during which any current Ordinary Member has a veto to a new ordinary membership from the same country. 	<p>Survey of January 21, 2016: 60% of the questionnaires returned favored to allow more than 1 member per nation.</p>
	<p>Link to the survey (p. 5, question 13): http://www.fimm-online.com/pub/en/data/objects/questionnaire_fimm_statutes_results_v1.pdf</p>		

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12	<p>3 2. Extraordinary Members: The General Assembly may allow other organisations or individuals to become Extraordinary Members by simple majority following a proposal of the Executive Board, if this may be useful for promotion of the aims of the Association. They do not have a right to vote at the General Assembly and are not eligible for membership of the Executive Board of the Association.</p>	<p>3 2. Observatory Members:</p> <p>3.1 The General Assembly may allow other organizations in Manual Medicine or related fields to become Observatory Members by simple majority following a proposal of the Executive Board.</p> <p>3.2 Their representatives do not have a right to vote at the General Assembly and are not eligible for the membership of the Executive Board of the Federation.</p>	
13	<p>4 3. Honorary Members: The General Assembly may, following a proposal of the Executive Board, appoint persons of extraordinary standing in Manual Medicine as Honorary Members. At the General Assembly, they will have an advisory role, but not the right to vote. Honorary members do not pay a membership fee.</p>	<p>4 3. Honorary Members:</p> <p>4.1 The General Assembly may, following a proposal of the Executive Board, appoint persons of extraordinary standing in the field as Honorary Members.</p> <p>4.2 At the General Assembly, they will have an advisory role, but not the right to vote.</p>	
14	<p>⁵ Ordinary, extraordinary or honorary members will have the status of legal persons.</p>		
15	<p>Article 4 Duties of the Members</p>		
16	<p>¹ It is incumbent upon the members to promote the aims of the Association as far as it lies in their power. They must undertake to view Manual Medicine as part of the healing art of physicians and must refrain from everything that could be detrimental to its authority.</p>	<p>¹ It is incumbent upon the members to promote the aims of the Federation as far as it lies in their power. They must undertake to view Manual Medicine as part of the healing art of physicians and must refrain from everything that could be detrimental to its authority.</p>	
17	<p>Article 5 End of Membership</p>		
18	<p>¹ Membership may be terminated by resignation or by exclusion, and in the case of individuals also by their death. A member ceasing to belong to the Association has no right to its assets or a part of it.</p>	<p>¹ Membership may be terminated by resignation or by exclusion, and in the case of individuals also by their death. A member ceasing to belong to the Federation has no right to its assets or a part of it.</p>	

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19	² Resignation from the Association is possible at the end of a calendar year. Notice must be given to the Executive Board three months in advance.	² Resignation from the Federation is possible at the end of a calendar year. Notice must be given to the Executive Board three months in advance.	
20	³ Exclusion from the Association may take place if the member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - substantially disobeys its duties according to Article 4, - has acted against the aims and interests of the Association or has damaged its authority, - has failed to pay a membership fee for two consecutive years to the Association. 	³ Exclusion from the Federation may take place if the member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - substantially disobeys its duties according to Article 4, - has acted against the aims and interests of the Federation or has damaged its authority, - has failed to pay a membership fee for two consecutive years to the Federation. 	
21	⁴ The General Assembly will decide about exclusion with a majority of two-thirds following a proposal of the Executive Board. In serious cases, the Executive Board may immediately suspend the membership until the next General Assembly.	<i>No change.</i>	
22	⁵ The member being aware of an exclusion must be invited to the General Assembly to present his defence.	<i>No change.</i>	
23	Article 6 Organisation of the Association		
24	¹ The component parts of the Association are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the General Assembly b) the Executive Board c) the Education Board d) the Health Policy Board 	^{1.1} The component parts of the Federation are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the General Assembly b) the Executive Board c) the Education Board d) the Health Policy Board 	
25		^{1.2} The Federation may establish those regional organizations and structures needed to enhance its performance.	Survey of January 21, 2016: 74% of the questionnaires were in favor to establish regional structures.
<p>Link to the survey (p. 6, question 15): http://www.fimm-online.com/pub/en/data/objects/questionnaire_fimm_statutes_results_v1.pdf</p>			

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26	Article 7 The Executive Committee	The Executive Board	
27	¹ The Executive Board consists of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the President - the Secretary-General - the Communication officer - the Treasurer - the Education Director - the Health Policy Director - the Chairman of the Executive Board of the FIMM Academy - one Member at large 	¹ The Executive Board consists of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the President - the Secretary-General - the Communication officer - the Treasurer - the Education Director - the Health Policy Director - the Science Director - one Member at large 	
28	² The Vice-Presidency is taken by one of the listed executives except by the President.	<i>No change.</i>	
29	³ The Executive Board administrates the Association. The President represents the Association in all other formal activities. He has the right to sign for the Association together with another member of the Executive Board. In legal actions two members of the Executive Board must represent the Association.		
30	⁴ The Executive Board reports annually to the General Assembly about the previous financial year.	<i>No change.</i>	
31	⁵ The Executive Board shall meet whenever necessary, but at least once a year at the discretion of the President or his substitute. The announcement of the meeting of the Executive Board, including the agenda, has to be made 4 weeks in advance.	<i>No change.</i>	
32	⁶ Decisions of the Executive Board are made by simple majority; in case of equal division of the votes, the President shall have the casting vote. The decisions of the Executive Board must be recorded.	<i>No change.</i>	

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26	Article 7 The Executive Committee	The Executive Board	
33	⁷ Eligible for the Executive Board are members of organisations, which are Ordinary Members of FIMM. Members of the Executive Board shall be elected by the General Assembly for a period of four years. They may be revoked by the General Assembly with a majority of two-thirds. They fulfil their office on a honorary basis.	<i>No change.</i>	
34	⁸ The Vice-President shall not be of the same nationality as the President. When the President is not available, he shall be substituted by the Vice-President.	<i>No change.</i>	
35	⁹ The members of the Executive Board are re-eligible for the same office, the President only after a break of four years.	<i>No change.</i>	
36	¹⁰ Decisions of the Executive Board shall be valid if at least two thirds of its members are present.	<i>No change.</i>	
38	¹¹ The Education Board reports regularly to the Executive Board. The members of the Education Board are appointed by the Education Director and confirmed by the General Assembly.	<i>No change.</i>	
40	¹² The Health Policy Board reports regularly to the Executive Board. The members of the Health Policy Board are appointed by the Health Policy Director and confirmed by the General Assembly.	<i>No change.</i>	

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41	Article 8 The General Assembly		
42	<p>¹ The General Assembly consists of one delegate of each Ordinary Member. Each delegate has one vote. The right to vote is limited to the members who have paid their membership fee for the running year. Voting by proxy shall not be possible. Honorary Members have an advisory role only; one delegate of each Extraordinary Member and a second delegate of each Ordinary Member are also admitted, but without the right to vote.</p>	<p>1.1 The General Assembly consists of one delegate of each Ordinary Member.</p> <p>1.2 The right to vote is limited to <i>Fractions</i> consisting of one or several Ordinary Members reaching together a total of at least 50 qualified physicians.</p> <p>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/Musculo-skeletal Medicine criteria of the FIMM Guidelines for Education and Safety.</p> <p>1.4 The constitution of a given fraction is not restricted except by Art. 8.^{1.2}.</p> <p>1.5 Ordinary Members may not change Fractions during a General Assembly.</p> <p>1.6 According to the numbers of qualified physicians represented, the Fractions have the following numbers of votes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fractions of 50-99 have 1 vote, - Fractions of 100-1'999 have 2 votes, - Fractions of 2'000 or more have 3 votes. <p>1.7 The right to vote is limited to Fractions made up of Ordinary Members who have paid their membership fee for the running year.</p> <p>1.8 Honorary Members have an advisory role only.</p> <p>1.9 One additional delegate of each Observatory Member is also admitted, but without the right to vote. Attendance by additional persons may be granted by permission of the President.</p>	<p>This regulation avoids that very small groups have disproportionate power by having a full vote. At the same time it balances better the power for big and very big groups.</p>

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43	² The General Assembly shall meet once a year on the invitation of and under the chairmanship of the President or his substitute. On demand of one half of the Ordinary Members, an extraordinary General Assembly shall be convened. Invitations for the General Assembly, including the agenda, must be prepared two months in advance. The agenda may be changed or subjects may be added only with unanimous resolution of the General Assembly.	<i>No change.</i>	
44	³ Decisions of the General Assembly shall be valid if one quarter of the Ordinary Members are represented. In the event of failure to meet this criterion at once, a new General Assembly has to be convened within a period of four weeks; the subsequent General Assembly shall be valid whatever the circumstances.	<i>No change.</i>	
45	⁴ The General Assembly shall a) receive and endorse the annual report of the Executive Board for the previous financial year, b) decide about the budget of the coming year, c) elect the members of the Executive Board, d) determine the membership fee, e) decide about admission of new members, f) decide about exclusion of members, g) decide about the nomination of Honorary Members, h) decide about revocation of members of the Executive Board, i) decide about amendments to the Statutes, j) decide about dissolution of the Association.	⁴ The General Assembly shall a) receive and endorse the annual report of the Executive Board for the previous financial year, b) decide about the budget of the coming year, c) elect the members of the Executive Board, d) determine the membership fee, e) decide about admission of new members, f) decide about exclusion of members, g) decide about the nomination of Honorary Members, h) decide about revocation of members of the Executive Board, i) decide about amendments to the Statutes, j) decide about dissolution of the Federation .	

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46	⁵ Decisions about subjects a) to e) need a simple majority; decisions about subjects f) to j) need a majority of two-thirds of the General Assembly. Every decision must be recorded.	<i>No change.</i>	
47		⁶ Recommendations are not binding and may be made by any member or board during the General Assembly.	
48	⁶ Amendments to the statutes need a royal Belgian approval and publication in the annex of the <i>Moniteur belge</i> to become valid.	⁷ Amendments to the statutes need the approval of XXX to become valid.	
49	⁷ Following consultations between the General Assembly and the Executive Board, the General Assembly may appoint committees for its support. Details shall be registered in Regulations.	⁸ Following consultations between the General Assembly and the Executive Board, the General Assembly may appoint committees for its support. Details shall be registered in Regulations.	
50	Article 9 Budget and Accounts		
51	¹ The financial year of the Association shall be the calendar year.	¹ The financial year of the Federation shall be the calendar year.	
52	² The Association shall be financed by membership fees. Expenses shall be allowable from the income and assets only to fulfil the aims of the Association as listed in Article 2.	² The Federation shall be financed by membership fees. Expenses shall be allowable from the income and assets only to fulfil the aims of the Federation as listed in Article 2.	
53	³ Income, expenditure and assets of the Association shall be recorded in the accounts in a commercial manner. The Executive Board shall present the annual balance, which should be approved by an auditor, to the General Assembly of the following year as part of its annual report.	³ Income, expenditure and assets of the Federation shall be recorded in the accounts in a commercial manner. The Executive Board shall present the annual balance, which should be approved by an auditor, to the General Assembly of the following year as part of its annual report.	

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54	Article 10 Languages and Announcements		
55	¹ The official languages of the Association may be only French and German as these are official languages of Belgium. Other languages such as e. g. English may be used as equally entitled working languages within the Association.	¹ The official languages of the Federation shall be English, French and German.	Survey of January 21, 2016: 93% of the questionnaires returned favored English as an additional official language besides French and German.
	Link to the survey (p. 8, question 19): http://www.fimm-online.com/pub/en/data/objects/questionnaire_fimm_statutes_results_v1.pdf		
56	² Announcements of the Association shall be published in the <i>Moniteur belge</i>, in the journal <i>Manuelle Medizin</i> and in the <i>Journal of Orthopaedic Medicine</i>.		
57	Article 11 Dissolution of the Association	Dissolution of the Federation	
58	¹ The General Assembly shall require a majority of two-thirds for dissolution of the Association. At the same time it has to decide which public interest shall receive the remaining assets of the Association after deduction of all liabilities.	¹ The General Assembly shall require a majority of two-thirds for dissolution of the Federation . At the same time it has to decide which public interest shall receive the remaining assets of the Federation after deduction of all liabilities.	
59	Article 12 Final Regulations		
60	¹ These Statutes replace the Statutes of the 18 th July 2002; they shall be valid with the 31 st May 2007.	¹ These Statutes replace the Statutes of the 31 th May 2007; they shall be valid with the dd/mm/yyyy.	
61	² Invalidity of single items of the Statutes do not cause invalidity of the complete Statutes.	<i>No change.</i>	

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62	³ Any matter not provided for by these Statutes shall be dealt with according to the provisions contained in the Belgian law of the 25 th October, 1919, granting legal status to international associations with philanthropic, religious, scientific, artistic or pedagogic aims.	³ Any matter not provided for by these Statutes shall be dealt with according to the provisions contained in XXX.	
63	⁴ The statutes of FIMM were published in the <i>Moniteur belge</i> issue of July 18th, 2002 on the pages 7452 – 7454. They replace the statutes of December 30th, 1999. The modifications adopted by the 41st General Assembly of FIMM 2006, held in Moscow on 18th May 2006, were published in the appendixes of the <i>Moniteur belge</i> stamped on 31st Mai 2007.		

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