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Fédération Internationale de Médecine Manuelle - Internationale Gesellschaft für Manuelle Medizin - International Federation for Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine

## FIMM NEWS BULLETIN TO THE NATIONAL SOCIETIES

### Secretary-General MAY UPDATE

A successful **General Assembly** took place **May 18** at the Hotel Mir in Moscow.

The General Assembly delegates voted to modify the **Bylaws of FIMM** to rename and restructure the Executive Committee of FIMM. In keeping with prior discussions at the 2005 FIMM Assembly, changes were made to:

1. Rename the Executive Committee as the **Executive Board**.
2. The new Executive Board was **reduced in size** from 9 to 8 persons attending in further attempts to decrease administrative costs. The position of 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president (**previous past president**) was **eliminated**.
3. The Executive Board was restructured replacing election of a 1<sup>st</sup> VP with the election of a **member-at-large** (or member-without-portfolio).
4. In addition to electing a President, Secretary-General, Treasurer, and Member-At-Large, the remainder of the Board include the functional positions of **Health Policy Director** (new position), Education Director, FIMM Academy EB Chairperson, and **Communications Officer** (new position).

The General Assembly delegates also voted to pursue a **Special Glossary Project** to fast-track updating the FIMM Glossary in at least the three official/working documents of FIMM, French, German, and English. The Education Chairperson, Glen Gorm Rasmussen appointed a Special Glossary Project Taskforce to be headed by the existing Chairperson of the Glossary Subcommittee. The General Assembly delegates ratified the Taskforce members and the proposed timetable. This special project will require **sponsorship** to be completed by its target date of September 2007. Initial plans will commence at the **FIMM Academy meeting in Leipzig June 9-10, 2006**.

The General Assembly delegates elected a new FIMM Executive Board to serve four-year terms. The **new Board members elected** are:

President:	<b>Wolfgang von Heymann</b> ( <i>Germany</i> )
Secretary-General:	<b>Michael L. Kuchera</b> ( <i>United States of America</i> )
Treasurer:	<b>Viktor Dvorak</b> ( <i>Switzerland</i> )
Member-At-Large:	<b>Sergei Nikonov</b> ( <i>Russia</i> )
Health Policy Director:	<b>Bernard Terrier</b> ( <i>Switzerland</i> )
Education Director:	<b>Glen Gorm Rasmussen</b> ( <i>Denmark</i> )
FIMM Academy EB Chairperson:	<b>Michael Hutson</b> ( <i>United Kingdom</i> )
Communications Officer:	<b>Michel Dedee</b> ( <i>Belgium</i> )

**Respectfully submitted,  
Michael L. Kuchera  
Secretary-General**