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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 November 2006 UPDATE

From October 27 - 29 there was the 53<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the DGMM-MWE in Isny. This was quite important because the leader of MWE, Peter Bischoff, resigned after 30 years of leadership. Following the founder Karl Sell, he was the director of the educational board since 1976, and he became also president in 1994. So this society was really stamped by his leadership. Michael Frey became new president, director of education board is Horst Moll. The meeting was attended by more than 200 members, who enjoyed the scientific presentations of the invited speakers Prof. Hans Tilscher (ÖÄMM), Prof. Casser (FAC), Prof. Lothar Beyer (ÄMM), Ulrich Böhni (SAMM) and Marie-José Teyssandier (SOFMMO), as well as the presentations and workshops of the MWE in regard of MM, craniomandibular dysfunction, acupuncture and osteopathic techniques. Especially the workshops to present and discuss the different techniques used by different societies were of great interest. The meeting ended with broad honouring the work of Peter Bischoff.

From November 30 – December 2 the 47<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Swiss Medical Society for Manual Medicine SAMM took place as always in Interlaken, Switzerland. The main topic was a general upgrade of functional disturbances, diagnostics and treatments of the cervical spine. After years of doubts it was clarified, that within the Swiss format of manual treating techniques manipulations of the cervical spine (including high velocity thrust techniques) were very much recommended again due to new data and experience. It was noted that after 22 years of activity Prof. Jiri Dvorak retired from his position as a Chairman of the Education Board of SAMM and as the responsible for the Education Programme of Manual Medicine in Switzerland. He was replaced by Dr. Christoph Reich and Dr. Gérard Hämmerle who will be responsible for the task in the future, which was split in two divisions. Programme and abstracts: [www.samm.ch](http://www.samm.ch).

#### Upcoming events:

- Paris, France: 8. - 9. December: 1<sup>st</sup> National Congress of SOFMMOO on Cervical Spine and News in Manual Medicine. The presidency of SOFMMOO will change after 3 terms (6 years) from Prof. Yean-Yves Maigne, Paris ([jy.maigne@htd.aphp.fr](mailto:jy.maigne@htd.aphp.fr)) to Dr. Jehan Lecoq, Strasbourg ([Jehan.Lecocq@chru-strasbourg.fr](mailto:Jehan.Lecocq@chru-strasbourg.fr)).
- Lodz, Poland: 18.12.2006: honorary doctor for Karel Lewit by the faculty of neurology of the Lodz University.
- Barcelona, Spain: 2./3.03.2007: Grup Barcelona se medicina ortopèdica i manual (GBMOIM): V jornades-taller internacionals.
- Zurich, Switzerland: 13.-15.09.2007 (FIMM Triennial Congress) programme and 2<sup>nd</sup> announcement on the website: [www.fimm-online.com](http://www.fimm-online.com)

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**Respectfully submitted,  
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