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Re: FIMM General Assembly 2017

Dear President of FIMM national member society!

Dear Secretary General of FIMM national member society!

Dear Delegate of FIMM national member society!

It is my great pleasure to invite you to the FIMM General Assembly 2017. Please find attached the preliminary agenda. I would be very pleased to meet you personally in Utrecht, The Netherlands, on Friday, September 15th, 2017. It will be the 52th General Assembly of this Federation. The General Assembly will start at 09:00 and probably last until 18:00.

The **agenda of the Assembly** holds the important issue of **FIMM as a leading institution for accreditation and certification** of both our society's educational programs as well as individual members' qualifications. As there is no other international body capable of doing this work, it is **FIMMs' duty** to set down **accepted standards** both for educational programs and also to bestow individual certification. Most of the national societies have education programs and it is clear that all societies would strive to certify their graduates as accomplished physicians in the field of manual and musculoskeletal medicine. There is also a great need for standardization between societies. Much good work has been done in the past, as seen in the **guidelines on basic training and safety in musculoskeletal medicine**. It is now timely to implement these guidelines into activity. The executive board will meet in Prague at the beginning of April to discuss these issues.

This year will also see the active participation with the hosting nation society- The Dutch Organization for Musculoskeletal Medicine. This will take place on the 16-18th of September 2017 immediately after the GA. There will be a one day English language scientific conference followed by two days of workshops. We would wish you all to stay on and register for these events.

We are now finalizing the details, and you will soon receive a detailed scientific program with a call for papers. **Please send out the information to your national members.**

As for the presentation of your society at this reunion, I would like to ask you or a delegate of

your society to have a short presentation about the activities of your society, indicating also the number of your members that are according to the standards of your country fully trained in M/M Medicine. However, please make sure that your presentation does not take more than 4 minutes.

The **Dutch Organization for Musculoskeletal Medicine** will host the FIMM General Assembly on Friday September 15th 2017.

Welcome to the 52th FIMM General Assembly in Utrecht, The Netherlands!

Location of the General Assembly 2017:

The GA will take place at the headquarters of the Dutch Organization (Bureau NVAMG)

Address:

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Accommodation information

We will be informing soon of the various accommodation possibilities for the GA and also the conference.

Additional program

Thursday, September 14th, 2017

09:00-12:30 To be decided

13:30-17:00 Meeting Executive Board

19:00 Get-Together Party before the GA- location to be announced

Friday, September 15th, 2017 – after the end of the GA:

19:00 FIMM-Dinner in Utrecht- location to be announced

Funding for the additional program: This will be announced.

It is very important to get an early indication of your arrival and also how many members your delegation will comprise. Please communicate with me as early as possible.

If you have questions or requests before the meeting, please don't hesitate to contact:
s_vulfsons@rambam.health.gov.il.

I hope to meet all of you in September in Utrecht!

Best wishes and regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Simon Vulfsons", is displayed on a light yellow background.

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President FIMM