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Dear delegates and societies officers,

Under normal circumstances you would have already received detailed information about FIMM's yearly General Assembly and following Conference.

To our regret, although preparations had already been completed, we now have to inform you that for the second consecutive year our face-to-face meetings must be cancelled due to the consequences of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Instead, we will have, like in 2020, a live digital General Assembly followed by a 1-day Web based Conference.

As you can recognize, the reason for this difficult decision is that there are still too many uncertainties concerning travelling, vaccination, mutations and so on all of which increases the risk that many participants would be unable to physically attend the 2021 General Assembly and Conference.

This, in turn, would also have consequences for making reservations of rooms, locations in advance and so on.

Therefore, the organising society, ÄMKA asked us to postpone the Conference in Hannover until 2022.

In light of their request and the underlying uncertainties and risks, as well taking into account the good experience of last year's GA and the great success of the on-line Conference, the Executive Board of FIMM decided that we would again replace the 2021 General Assembly and Conference in 2021 in Hannover with internet-facilitated live virtual options.

We politely and humbly ask our member Societies for their understanding of this necessary but regrettable decision.

The remainder of this email is meant to inform you about the scheduled dates for FIMM's GA and following Web-based Conference.

General Assembly

As scheduled now the **Date for the Virtual General Assembly will be:**

- **Date:** Friday **October 22nd 2021**
- **Time:** This meeting will take place at **12:00 Hrs CET**.
- **How:** By ZOOM

Conference

The day after the GA we will have 1-day Web-based Conference. We currently are working on this Program and will periodically update our FIMM Home website to help inform you.

- **Date:** Saturday **October 23rd 2021**.
- **Time:** There will 2 similar sessions on the same day for your convenience and to accommodate our members who occupy many different time zones
- **Theme:** The theme of this year will be *“Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine Worldwide: Pain Treatment in Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine”*

Call for Papers

Although we have already started to organise this year’s Program, we would like to offer speakers from all of our full and observational societies to submit lectures. We especially want to invite societies that were not involved last year to do so ... for example, we would love to hear of possible contributions from our Austral-Asian colleagues.

The digital internet-based conference that we are planning will provide a unique opportunity to experience speakers from all over the world and to disseminate knowledge in the field of Manual/Musculoskeletal (M/M) Medicine. It is our intention to also have virtual poster-presentations of studies or study-designs as part of the conference, so such submissions are also more than welcome.

Papers related to clinical M/M Medicine, manual techniques, studies or study-designs can be submitted on the FIMM website link: <https://www.fimm-online.com/paper-upload/>
Your submission will be reviewed by the Scientific Director in consultation with the Executive Board for consideration as a presentation in the FIMM poster session. Further correspondence will follow in response to your confidential submission.

Webinars

Because of the success of last year’s virtual Conference FIMM’s Executive Board decided to annually coordinate a 1- or 2-day Webinar early each year regardless of the annual format of our fall program. Preparations are now in the planning phase. We will inform you as soon as we know about the date.

Journal

Last week we are informed about the resurrection of the ***European Journal of Manual Medicine***. It will be a combined German and English language journal. Every Journal edition will have a Theme. We hope to inform you about the Themes and content in the near future. Consistent with our mission and for the good of our members, we would like to encourage all Societies and their members to send in studies, case-studies etc. related to the field of Manual/ Musculoskeletal Medicine.

Questionnaire on Basic Curriculum of 300 hours 2025

On the FIMM website you can find a questionnaire that we like each society to fill in immediately or in any case before May 31st .

<https://fimm-online.com/questionnaire-on-cme/>

SAVE-THE-DATES SUMMARY:

- **Virtual General Assembly: October 22, 2021**
- **Web-based Conference: October 23, 2021**
- **Webinars 2022: To be announced**



Best wishes and regards,

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