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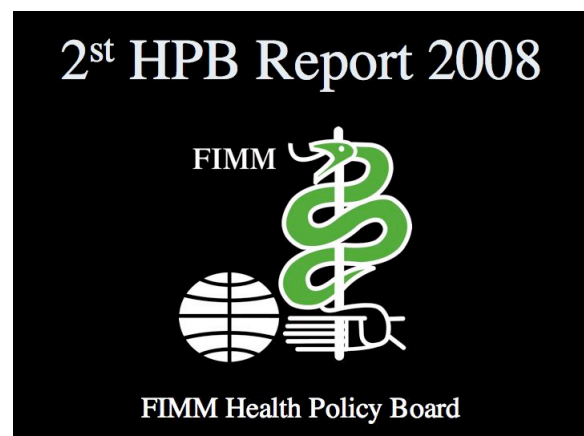
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Annual Report of the Health Policy Director

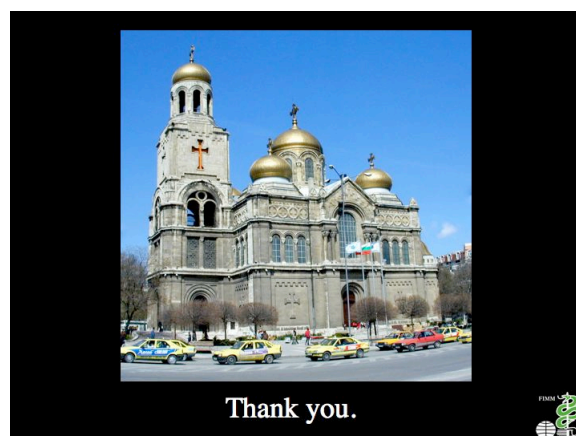
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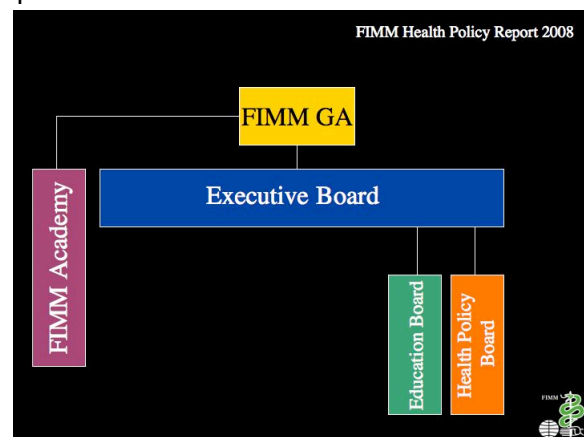
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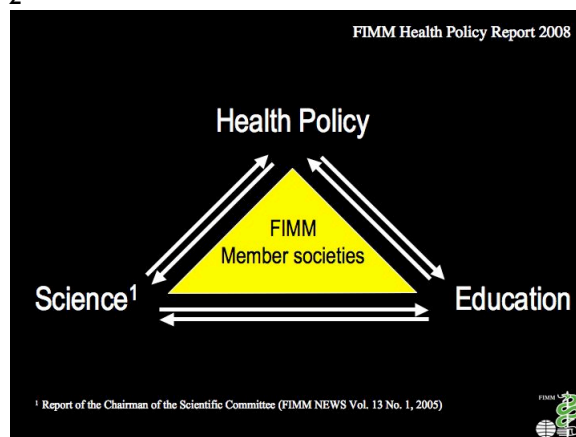
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July 5, 2007

- FIMM Executive Board charged the FIMM HPB Director: to prepare a plan for the FIMM General Assembly, which officially represents international M/M Medicine to the *World Health Organization (WHO)*.
- Further: to prepare steps to ask the *European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS)* to evaluate and possibly initiate the positioning of M/M Medicine in Europe as a distinct specialization



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HPB action plan

1. WHO project
World Health Organisation
2. UEMS project
Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes



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WHO project

WHO Guidelines on Basic Training and Safety in M/M Medicine
some possible content:

- General considerations
- Acceptable levels of education and retraining
 - Category I – bachelor level
 - Category II – master level
 - Category III – doctoral level
 - Other educational/training models
 - Retraining and continuing M/M Medicine education



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WHO project

- Other groups recognised by WHO have done the same.
- http://www.chiropractic.ie/docs/WHO_guidelines.pdf



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Basic objectives of the FIMM HPB

1. To defend professional status
2. To encourage bonds
3. To contribute to solidarity
4. To collaborate with international health policy
5. To exchange medico-political information



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WHO project

Task:

WHO Guidelines on Basic Training and Safety in M/M Medicine

- to develop an extensive consensus document presented by FIMM
- accepted and published by WHO
- which encourages and supports countries in the proper education and use of safe, effective practices in M/M Medicine as a part of national health service



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WHO project

WHO Guidelines on Basic Training and Safety in M/M Medicine
some possible content:

- Assessment and examination of students in M/M Medicine
- Primary health care workers and M/M Medicine
- Guidelines on safety of M/M Medicine
- Accidents and adverse reactions
- Appendices
- References



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WHO project

Implementation:

- After ratification by the General Assembly the consultation document shall be submitted to the WHO.
- It will then be screened and finally proved by the WHO authorities.
- Subsequent to their determination the document will become an official WHO document.



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WHO project**Time table:**

1. Meeting	September 2008	Varna, Bulgaria in conjunction with the FIMM General Assembly 2008	version 1
2. Meeting	June 2009	Prague, Czech Republic in conjunction with the Annual Meeting 2009 of the FIMM Academy	version 2
3. Meeting	September 2009	7 in conjunction with the FIMM General Assembly 2009	version 3 (pre WHO)



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WHO project**Time table:**

WHO Consultation	2011 - 2013	Geneva	version 4 (WHO)
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WHO project**Costs:**

1. Meeting ¹	September 2008	Varna, Bulgaria	EUR 5'000.00
2. Meeting	June 2009	Prague, Czech Republic	EUR 5'000.00
3. Meeting	September 2009	?	EUR 5'000.00
Total			EUR 15'000.00

¹ possibly to be omitted, depending on funds

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WHO project**Costs:**

WHO Consultation	2009 - 2010	Geneva	EUR ~75'000.00
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- The Consultation process involves extensive dialogue and testimony by WHO committees...
- and invited external representatives, and consultants of the WHO.
- The WHO consultants come from multiple countries to participate in the presentations.



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WHO project: consideration no. 1

Letter from the president of BIMM, Roderic MacDonald January 26, 2008:

"...we are probably not ready for international recognition and the consequent necessary regulation to maintain what may be an artificial conformity. ..."

"...there is the question of funding these political initiatives : we cannot see how this can be achieved and would not wish to be responsible for debt that was incurred on projects that have not gained our approval. ..."



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WHO project: consideration no. 1

- Are we (Manual Medicine) ready for international recognition and the consequent necessary regulation to maintain ?
- Are we ready to fund these political initiatives ?



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WHO project: consideration no. 2

"As I have mentioned to you previously, we have forwarded your information to our expert who is currently in charge of revision of the draft report. However, if you want to have a meeting with TRM team, this should be coordinated with my supervisor - Dr Xiaorui Zhang.

In the meantime, I regret to mention that, because Dr Zhang and myself will be busy with other commitments and duty travels, this meeting could be organized in mid-February earliest.

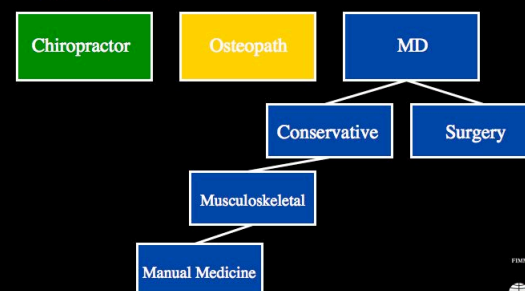
Thank you very much for your understanding.

With best regards, Samvel Azatyan M.D., Ph.D. Technical Officer Department of Technical Cooperation for Essential Drugs and Traditional Medicine World Health Organization"

Email January 30, 2008



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WHO project: consideration no. 2**Professions:**

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UEMS project

All attempts failed ¹. Why ?

¹ Only Germany received provisional observer status (unofficial)



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UEMS project

The facts are well compiled in Art. 24:
(of the *Rules of Procedure of UEMS* ¹)

- In order for a discipline to be recognised as a **specialty of UEMS**, [...], it must be recognised as an **independent specialty** by more than **one third** of the EU member states, [...] and fulfil the following **conditions**, as laid down by the Management Council on 3rd of November 1979:

¹ part 2, UEMS specialists section, final text dated May 5, 2003



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UEMS project

The facts are well compiled in Art. 24:
(of the *Rules of Procedure of UEMS* ¹)

- a. The specialty must be **effectively carried on** as such, essentially in exclusive practice, by competent specialists;
- b. The **number** of these specialists must be **sufficient** to establish, from among their members, panels of examiners or recognition Committees in that discipline;

¹ part 2, UEMS specialists section, final text dated May 5, 2003



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UEMS project

The facts are well compiled in Art. 24:
(of the *Rules of Procedure of UEMS* ¹)

- c. The discipline must be practiced in **institutions** with sufficient training facilities available for them to be designated as training centres.
...These institutions must be controlled by specialists of such seniority and experience as to be acknowledged as **directors of training** (D7927).

¹ part 2, UEMS specialists section, final text dated May 5, 2003




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UEMS project

Goal:

- To initiate the positioning of M/M Medicine in Europe as a distinct specialization.



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UEMS project

Meeting on February 9, 2008 in Berlin

Attending:
Dr. Bernard Terrier, Switzerland
Dr. Reihard Deinfelder, Germany
Prof. Lothar Beyer, Germany
Dr. Wolfgang von Heymann

Apologies:
Dr. Leili Lepik, Estonia
Dr. Nadine Fouques-Weiss, France
Prof. Hans Tilscher, Austria




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UEMS project

Meeting on February 9, 2008 in Berlin
Action Plan:

1. Collect statistical data on the conditions of the national member societies in relation to the UEMS application criteria




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UEMS project

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Action Plan:

- One third of UEMS members must fulfil the criteria
- They must represent an independent sub-specialty
- Quality and standards of training and examination must be guaranteed
- Training facilities with qualified teachers must be provided sufficiently



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UEMS project

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Action Plan:

2. Identify delegates familiar with M/M Medicine to build up a network within the UEMS.
3. Observe developments and of the UEMS, especially in respect to the implementation of Multidisciplinary Joint Committees.
4. Contacts to be initiated to the MJC of Sports Medicine.



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UEMS project

Meeting on February 9, 2008 in Berlin

Action Plan:

- This must start in one EU-country to give a binding example
- An institution for certification has to be found or initiated, without any veto-power of any FIMM member, completely independent
- Precise modalities of examination based upon the publications on basic guidelines and standards for medical postgraduate education to be published.



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Action Plan:

7. All diploma and certificates have to become signed by an academic institution such as a university. The national societies have to initiate this process of collaboration between the society and the universities of its country.



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UEMS project

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Action Plan:

5. Concept for recognition of the 300-hours core Curriculum 2 of FIMM as an equivalent to the 30 ECTS required for a diploma in M/M Medicine.



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UEMS project

Meeting on February 9, 2008 in Berlin

Action Plan:

6. Definition of a 60 ECTS¹ curriculum for the Master of Advanced Studies as a qualified teacher in M/M Medicine is required.


¹ European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System



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The end of this report

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