

Partner Profile:

OsEAN – Osteopathic European Academic Network

The Osteopathic European Academic Network (OsEAN) is an association of schools (no individual members) formed in 2001. OsEAN is composed of like-minded osteopathic educational institutions with a common mission which may be summarised as follows:

- To foster collaboration and innovation among its member schools in various areas including administration, education, research and service
- To provide a common European representation of schools in a time of emerging European standards
- To establish and develop common research streams
- To achieve academic recognition for osteopathy in all European countries
- To develop a standardised model of osteopathic education throughout Europe
- To develop active scientific, academic and professional communication links – essential for the development of osteopathy - both as an independent, clearly identifiable profession, and in the relationship with other professions in the health care sector
- To establish high academic teaching standards by making sure that osteopathic lecturers are trained in education

All OsEAN schools hold to the tenet that osteopathic training should be degree validated programmes at an MSc level as a precursor to the attainment of admission to practice. Therefore all schools strive for an academic partnership with a university to obtain that goals.

The OsEAN employs one part-time staff, has approximately 3000 members from the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Poland, Russia, Spain, United Kingdom, and Canada. The OsEAN's focus is to create a high-standard curriculum that applies to all member schools, which includes teacher trainings and students exchange.

Schools from outside of Europe can become Extraordinary Members.

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