Towards 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic

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Considerations

- Contact to Olympic Paralympic Organizations
- Legal Situation
- Current Sports Care in Japan

Possible future prospect of Osteopathic Sports Care in Japan
Organizational Situation in Japan

• Several Osteopathic organizations exist
• So as schools (however, over 4000 hours education with clinical internship is provided only by Japan College of Osteopathy)
• Japan Osteopathic Federation (JOF) founded 1997 by 3 osteopathic organizations aiming towards legal recognition
Legal Situation of Osteopathy in Japan

- No statutory status
- No Bachelor or Master course yet to be founded
- JOF provide Member of Registered Osteopaths (Japan) (MRO(J)) diploma with written and practical examinations. Total number of MRO(J) is 105.
Contact to Japanese Para-Sports Association (JPSA), Japan Paralympic Committee (JPC)

• Very positive reaction because involvement of Osteopathy in London Olympic and Paralympic. So will be in Rio.
• Whole plan need to be set by 2 years before the games, i.e. by 2018.
Tokyo Organizing Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games

• It was founded within the Tokyo Metropolitan Government in early May 2014.
• This committee is responsible for organizing and coordinating all Olympic Paralympic matters.
• Only mass media is allowed to contact the organizing committee and not open to public yet.

• We are trying to contact the committee for appealing presence of Osteopathic Sports care.
Current situation of sports medical team in Japan

• Last Tokyo Olympic was in 1964. There has been no central medical team organized since.

• Each sports or athletes seem to have their special professional support in training and medical treatment. Also there seem no lateral communications between different kind of sports.
Example of sports care relationship

Athlete

Physiotherapists
Other therapists

Medical Doctors

Athenic Trainer / Coach

Diagnosis

Instruction

Order

Treatment
Current Osteopathic Sports Care in Japan

• Premature
• No national recognition limits attending professional athletic trainer courses held by Olympic Paralympic associations.
• Athletes who had opportunity to experience Osteopathy tend to use Osteopathy to keep their performance but only individually.
Future prospect in Sports field
- What way we can try

• Train to be able to perform role of central medical team
  – Requires broad knowledge of wide varieties of sporting activities.
  – Also requires trust from achievement of osteopathic sports care in Japan as well as abroad.

• Being involved with certain athletes where we earn a chance and getting results with Osteopathic care, gradually earning trust.
  – Difficult since sports care in Olympic Paralympic fields are saturated.
Current activities

• Japan Osteopathic Academy (JOA - an organization of JOF) is trying to be involved with sports care especially in top athletic field.

• JOA is planning courses provided by Osteopathic Sports Care Association (OSCA) improving and updating standards of osteopathic sports care.
Dates of 2020 Tokyo Olympic Paralympic Games

- Olympic from 24th July, to 9th August
- Paralympic from 25th August to 6th September

We need your support!!
Thank you very much!