Updating the WHO Benchmarks for Training in Osteopathy

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No Conflicts to disclose
2003-2010 Development of WHO Benchmarks

- Originally drafted as “Guidelines for Basic Training and Safety in Osteopathy”

- Original profession-approved document included both Osteopathy and Osteopathic Medicine

- Published by WHO in
Following Publication of “Benchmarks”

• Many administrative changes at WHO

• OIA leadership has numerous meetings with WHO personnel

• Regular attendance at

2018 – OIA accepted into Official Relations with WHO
Participation in other WHO projects

- Seventh WHO Interregional Training Workshop on Clinical Research on TM/CAM (Macao - 2015, Burke, Buser)
- Working Group Meeting on Benchmarks for Practice in Cupping Therapy (Jinan - 2018, Buser)
- Working Group Meeting on Benchmarks for Acupuncture and Tuina (Wuhan - 2019, Buser)
- Third World Traditional Medicine Forum (Virtual - 2021, Buser)
- II World Summit on Traditional and Complementary Medicine, Towards an Integrate Medicine (Virtual - 2021, Ferreira)
Outreach – Zoom Call

Official Relations status renewed in 2021

Ball is in WHO’s Court
Lessons Learned

• WHO is a massive, slow-moving bureaucracy
  • Everything takes longer than we think

• Must stay engaged and visible in order to achieve our agenda
  • Our continued participation gains valuable information for our projects.
Questions and answers