

THE OSTEOPATHIC INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE AND THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF THE WHO PROJECTS



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- Since our establishment in 2003 we have maintained an active program of work with WHO, including the Benchmarks for Training in Osteopathy, supporting WHO policies and programs, advising on matters relative to the osteopathic profession, and attendance at annual and other meetings.
- ***The OIA was admitted into official relations with the WHO as a non-governmental organization in February 2018.***

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- Why is this relationship so important to the OIA and our global profession?

WHO COLLABORATION

- Dr Buser represented the OIA as a co-chair of the WHO Working Group on Benchmarks for Training and Practice of Tuina in Wuhan, China in August 2019.
- OIA took part in a web consultation for non-state actors regarding participation in WHO governance activities

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Three-project Plan

- **Update the Benchmarks in Training**
- Update on the Global Profession
- Osteopathic Glossary

Time Frame

BENCHMARKS TASK FORCE

- **Chair:** Jane Carreiro
- **Members:** Philippe Sterlingot, Stephen Hartshorn, Boyd Buser, Michael Mullholland
- **Mandate:**
 - Establish benchmark parameters
 - Identify/vet “experts” to lead the process/write the benchmarks
 - Set working group meeting
 - Be a sounding board for person(s) writing the benchmarks
 - Ensure the “two streams” are represented in document

GLOBAL SURVEY TASK FORCE

- **Chair:** Charles Hunt
- **Members:** Ana Paula Ferriero, Frank Mueller
- **Mandate:**
 - Determine what we need to know and what we want to know (e.g. impact o patient care and how to measure this? Make sure to include practitioners and students)
 - Determine the survey methodology and identify appropriate consultant to develop and manage process.

GLOSSARY TASK FORCE

- **Chair:** Anthony Nicholas
- **Members:** Kendi Hensel, Johannes Mayer
- **Mandate:**
 - Develop glossary of osteopathic-specific terms
 - Set out timeframes
 - Identify and engage partner organizations involved in similar projects

WHO TASK FORCES

- Member organization participation
- Interested in your thoughts on the relationship with the WHO
- Interested in your feedback on the projects

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



THANK YOU!

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