



# Updating the WHO Benchmarks for Training in Osteopathy

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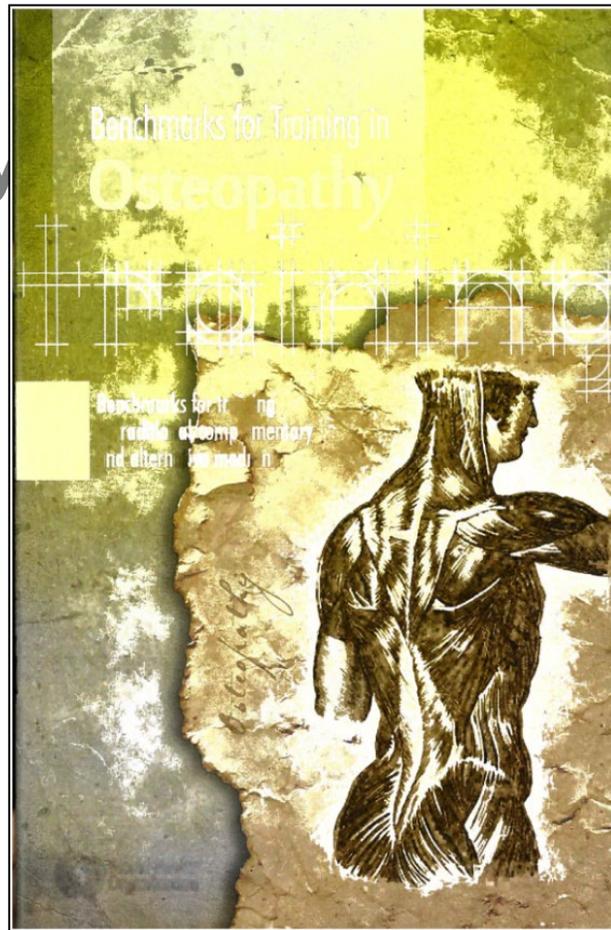




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## 2003-2010 Development of WHO Benchmarks

- 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



# OIA<sup>™</sup> History

## 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)

WHO Interregional Training Workshop on Clinical Research on TM/CAM  
 世界衛生組織區域間傳統/補充醫學臨床研究

of the People's Republic of China, 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> August 2015  
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# 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