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### **Summary**

#### **Meeting of the FIMM Executive Board**

Prague, Czech Republic

Dates: April 6-8<sup>th</sup> 2016

To: the Delegates of the national societies of FIMM

Dear friends and colleagues,

The executive board members met in Prague on the dates of 6-8<sup>th</sup> April 2017 for the main purpose of defining the educational status of FIMM, in order to present a proposal to the General Assembly in Utrecht, September 2017. Additional discussions involved the schedule of the Utrecht meeting and Scientific activities and also the proposed 2018 GA in Paris.

The following is a summary of these discussions by the President. There is also an official summary prepared by the secretary general for further examination.

Summary of the activities planned for Utrecht GA in September 2017.

- a. Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>: executive board meeting
- b. Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Evening program: get together party for FIMM delegates
- c. Friday 14<sup>th</sup>: FIMM GA at NH Hotel Utrecht
- d. Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Evening Program: FIMM annual celebration and party
- e. Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>: Dutch society annual Scientific conference (with FIMM participation- in English) in Utrecht
- f. Saturday evening program: walking dinner tour of Utrecht

g. Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>: FIMM/ Dutch society joint workshop day, Utrecht

The bureau of the Dutch Musculoskeletal Society is working hard on preparing all the necessary details for these activities and we decided that all the registration, booking etc. should go through one source (organized by the Dutch Musculoskeletal Society) in order to decrease confusion. We believe that by the end of April we will have a full program with all the details.

Scholarship Program:

In order to encourage your individual members, especially the younger members, we recommend and request that **you set up a modest scholarship program** in your society for candidates who wish to come to Utrecht.

For example- a 100 € scholarship for any member to participate in the scientific activities taking place in Utrecht.

FIMM will encourage and promote such a program by officially announcing those societies that have found a way to contribute to their members.

Any society that publicly participates in such a scholarship program will receive recognition of this at the General Assembly- including a special FIMM certificate.

If you wish to consult the Executive Board about such a voluntary scholarship program, please don't hesitate to contact me personally.

Education and Certification.

In our GA last year, we voted on the NEW statutes, declaring that each member society should have a valid FIMM educational program of at least 300 hours based on the guidelines on basic training and safety. Thus we see FIMMs role on promoting educational endeavours to help facilitate this process.

We see FIMMs role in 3 aspects and we are preparing a document for your deliberation.

Basically the idea is that the FIMM educational board will prepare itself to examine, and if found appropriate, to endorse the educational activities of course programs run by any society.

By the end of June we hope to have a comprehensive proposal of how this should be done, but it should be stated already here that this is probably a long term project of vital importance to raising and unifying the level of medical competence throughout the manual/musculoskeletal world.

## FIMM Finances

As usual this is a serious deficiency of the current agreements on funds, dues etc. We discussed this to see once again how we can successfully and ethically generate the funds that we need in order to run our federation. Thoughts were presented including:

1. Redefining the annual fee structure
2. Presenting specific projects for funding (such as requesting a surcharge fee for the project mentioned above on education)
3. Developing a FIMM scholarship program (encouraging individual members to come to FIMM annual activities and thus possible making a small profit after expenses)

As you can see, finances are difficult-and unfortunately we are physicians and not financiers.

## The GA of 2018

The French delegation came to Prague to present their proposal for running the FIMM GA, in conjunction with the French Manual medicine society in October 2018. The proposal is very ambitious and impressive. The dates proposed are 11-14<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Euro Disney situated outside Paris. This proposal will be presented to you ahead of time so that you may discuss it at the GA in Utrecht this year. And vote upon it.

That is all for now

Best regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Simon Vulfsons', is written over a light yellow rectangular background.

Simon Vulfsons

President of FIMM