

EFFO Newsletter

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Dear EFFO Member,

I would like to thank all of you who attended the landmark EFO AGM in Athens on 8 March, when we achieved the formal merger of the EFO and FORE, and the birth of the European Federation and Forum for Osteopathy (EFFO).



There were 21 nations present at this fantastic event!

I am sure you will also join me in thanking Dimitri and Georgina for the smooth management of the event itself – thank you!

The new Board for the EFFO was elected by secret ballot, with nine candidates coming forward from the membership for the seven Board positions – we'd very much like to thank all the candidates for putting themselves forward. There were nineteen countries, as full EFFO members, which were eligible to vote.

The newly elected EFFO Board consists of Marika Jevbratt (President), Gert-Jan Goede (Vice-President), Dimitri Boulanger (Treasurer), Alex Boon (General Secretary), Jonathan Bailey-Teyletche, Hanna Tómasdóttir and Richard Weynen.



The EFFO Board has met twice by videoconference since the meeting in Athens, to start the process of delivering the new organisation's strategy.

Our thanks

Philippe Sterlingot

We would like to thank Philippe Sterlingot for all his efforts and hard work as Vice Chair of FORE, particularly during the merger process. Thank you Philippe, your work is very much appreciated!



Sylke Burkard-Wagner

Due to growing national activities in Germany, Sylke has decided to step down from her role as executive advisor to the EFFO board. We would like to thank Sylke for her great work over the past few years for the EFO, during the merger process between FORE and EFO, and for the first few weeks for our new organisation: EFFO.

Future Meetings

Members' Network Meeting

As we proposed at the Athens AGM, we will be arranging a new series of videoconference meetings for members. The first Members' Network Meeting will be on 8 May 2018 between 1900-2030 CEST, and will use the GoToMeeting videoconference platform. This will be an opportunity for EFFO members to discuss key issues between the two General Meetings each year, and will help us all to share progress and ideas between the Board and each of the countries, as well as to keep in touch with colleagues.

Among other issues, we will be discussing a proposal from our Dutch colleagues for a project on 'Defining Osteopathy', where we can explore what this could look like and what the objectives would be. We will also be looking at the current EFFO action plan, which is being developed based on the strategic plan. Login details for this event will be announced shortly – please come and join in!

The GoToMeeting link is: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/305415085>

See you then!

General Meeting Autumn 2018

We are looking at the options for a General Meeting for this autumn, and will come back to you with more information as we have it.

AGM 2019

We are looking for a member country to host the AGM in 2019. If you are interested in hosting the EFFO AGM in your country, will you please let us know by the end of May 2018?

Congratulations Finland!

I would like to congratulate the Finnish Osteopathic Association on their 30th Anniversary and the hosting of a fantastic Gala event which I was very honoured to attend. Despite being a relatively young profession, the Finns have achieved a level of recognition which many of us are still working towards.



Facebook

We have just created a new, closed, Facebook group for the national representatives of the EFFO. The idea is to share:

- news, both from the board and from our member countries
- relevant research articles
- information about our members associations happenings
- conferences, meetings
- etc.

On our official EFFO Facebook page, we would like to ask you to participate in 'Member country of the Month', a monthly introduction of all our member countries. It could be a short text and a picture. For instance: how many members are you in your association and/or how many osteopaths are in your country, is osteopathy recognised in your country or where are you in the process, and you could even promote a national conference, Gala, or other big happenings! It could also be a simple DIY video greeting – the choice is yours!

We think it could be a good idea to introduce all EFFO member countries in this manner on our Facebook page, with a different member each month.

Our new Board Advisor

Luckily for us, Maurice Cheng, Chief Executive of the iO, has agreed to be our new advisor. Maurice is very knowledgeable in the osteopathic field, and without a doubt, the best suitable candidate for the role as EFFO's new advisor. A very warm welcome to Maurice – we are looking forward to work with you!



News from EFFO Members

Spain



The 2018 International Osteopathic Symposium of ROE (Registro de Osteópatas de España) 'From Research to Clinical Practice in Osteopathy: an integrative view' will take place on 1-3 June 2018 at the magnificent Círculo de Bellas Artes, Madrid (Spain). You can read more here:

<http://www.osteopatas.org/main.asp?Familia=233>

Denmark

The legislative proposal regarding regulation of osteopaths in Denmark will be discussed for the second time on the 3 May 2018, and the third (and final debate) is scheduled for 15 May 2018. All political parties supported the first debate, and no questions has been raised during the political process until now, so it looks very promising. If the legislative process is supported and accepted on 15 May 2018, then the first osteopaths can apply for an 'authorisation' from the 1 July 2018.



Share with us!

We would like to encourage all our members to share news and updates from your countries and associations in our future newsletters. So, if you have some news you want to share with us, please do not hesitate to contact Georgina, Marika or Hanna.

Marika Jevbratt
President