



The Secretary General

Dr. Ron Palmer

AU-4514 Woodford QLD • 1025 Cove Road • Commissioner's Flat • AUSTRALIA

Phone: +61 7 5494 9873 • Fax: +61 7 5494 9573 • email: billabongdowns@bigpond.com

The minutes of the General Assembly 2005

September 9, 2005, 09.00-19.20 hours
Hotel Copthorne, London Gatwick, United Kingdom
Dr. Ron Palmer, Secretary-General

Members present

Executive Committee

President	Dr. B. TERRIER	Medizinisches Zentrum Kurplatz 1 CH-5400 BADEN SWITZERLAND	Phone +41 56 203 95 55 Fax +41 56 221 71 91 b.terrier@bluewin.ch
Vice President	Dr. M. HUTSON	The Park Row Clinic 2, Regent street NOTTINGHAM NG1 5BQ UNITED KINGDOM	Phone +44 1 94 98 17 86 mobile +44 77 68 51 53 72 mahutson@aol.com
Vice President	Prof. M. KUCHERA	4170, City Avenue, Suite 320 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19131 USA	Phone +1 215 871 6168 Fax +1 215 871 6361 michaelkuc@pcom.edu
Secretary-General	Dr. R. PALMER	1025 Cove Road Commissioner's Flat WOODFORD QLD 5414 AUSTRALIA	Phone +61 7 5494 9873 Fax +61 7 5494 9573 billabongdowns@bigpond.com
Deputy Secretary	Dr. M. DEDÉE	Their Saive, 49 B-4608 WARSAGE BELGIUM	Phone +324 376 64 38 Fax +324 376 65 28 michel.dedee@skynet.be
Treasurer	Dr. V. DVORAK	Postfach 53 CH-7005 CHUR SWITZERLAND	Phone +41 81 630 22 30 Fax +41 81 630 22 34 dvd@smile.ch
Assessor (confirmed by the GA 2005)	Dr. W. VON HEYMANN	Auf dem Peterswerder 28 D-28205 BREMEN GERMANY	Phone +49 421 49 00 90 Fax +49 421 49 87 159 heymanncosit.de

EC Chairman	Dr. G. G. RASMUSSEN	Aalborg Hospital Rheumatology DK-9000 AALBORG DENMARK	Phone +45 99 32 17 69 Fax +45 98 16 69 95 glengorm@aes.nja.dk
--------------------	------------------------	--	--

Director FIMM Academy	Prof. J. PATIJN	University Hospital PO Box 5800 NL-6020 AZ Maastricht NL	Phone +31 43 387 65 43 Fax +31 43 387 54 57 jpat@sane.azm.nl jacob.patijn@hccnet.nl
----------------------------------	-----------------	---	--

Representatives

Australia	Dr. R. PALMER	1025 Cove Road Commissioner's Flat WOODFORD QLD 5414 AUSTRALIA	Phone +61 7 5494 9873 Fax +61 7 5494 9573 billabongdowns@bigpond.com
------------------	---------------	---	--

Austria	Dr. R. KERN	Nummer 88 A-3383 HÜRME AUSTRIA	Phon +43 2754 82 00 Fax +43 2754 85 30
----------------	-------------	--------------------------------------	---

Belgium	Prof. J. DE NAYER	Cliniques Univ. St Luc Avenue Hippocrate, 10 B-1200 BRUXELLES BELGIUM	Phone +322 764 16 60 Fax +322 764 89 75 denayer@read.ucl.ac.be
----------------	-------------------	--	--

Bulgaria	Prof. T. TODOROV	Boul. Zar Oswoboditel 70 BUL-9002 VARNA BULGARIA	Phone +359 52 24 39 13 Fax +359 52 30 24 13 todoroff@doctor.com
-----------------	------------------	---	--

Canada	Dr. C. APPLEYARD	552 Raglan St S Renfrew, ONTARIO K7V1R8 CANADA	Phone +1 613 432 7075 Fax +1 613 432 9 huckle@renfrew.net
---------------	------------------	---	---

Czech Republic	prim. MUDr. V. TOSNEROVÁ	Rehabilitacni Klinika Nezvalova 956 CZ-500 05 HRADEC KRALOVA 5 CZECH REPUBLIC	Phone +42 049 583 72 80 Fax +42 049 583 72 79 tosnerova@fnhk.cz
-----------------------	-----------------------------	---	--

Denmark	Dr. A. GRAVESEN	Laegernes Hus Norbangen 3 DK-4220 KORSOER DENMARK	Phone +45 4090 0163 Fax +45 5836 0019 allan.gravesen@dadlnet.dk
----------------	-----------------	--	--

	Dr. N. JENSEN	Maaloev Hovedgade 69 DK-2760 MAALOEV DENMARK	Phone +45 44 65 54 43 Fax +45 44 65 54 05 niels.jensen@dadlnet.dk
--	---------------	--	--

Finland	Prof. Dr. O. AIRAKSINEN	Kuopion Yliopistollinen Sairaala PL 1777 SF-70210 KUOPIO FINLAND	Phone +358 17 17 34 50 Fax +358 17 17 34 66 olavi.airaksinen@kuh.fi
	Dr. K.A. LINDGREN	Invalidisäätiö PL 29 Tenholantie 10 SF-00281 HELSINKI FINLAND	Phone +358 94 748 23 66 karl-august.lindgren@invalidisaatio.fi
France	Dr. M. J. TEYSSANDIER	Av. Joseph Giordan 56 F-06200 NICE FRANCE	Phone +33 493 21 10 43 Fax +33 493 21 65 47 mjteyssandier@voila.fr
Germany	Dr. W. VON HEYMANN	Auf dem Peterswerder 28 D-28205 BREMEN GERMANY	Phone +49 421 49 00 90 Fax +49 421 49 87 159 heymannc@cosit.de
Japan	Dr. K. SUMITA	3-9-7 Minami-ikebukuro Toshima-ku 171-0022 TOKYO JAPAN	Phone +81 48 881 7433 Fax +81 48 881 5330 k-sumita@spn1.speednet.ne.jp m_mochi@lapis.plala.or.jp
New Zealand	Dr. J. WATT	Musculoskeletal & Spine Centre 256 Papanui Rd. CHRISTCHURCH NEW ZEALAND	Phones 64 3 355 0342 64 3 310 0512 Fax 64 3 310 0516 jon.r@xtra.co.nz
Russian Federation	Prof. A. B. SITEL	Vernadsky prosp., 121 RU-117571 MOSCOW RUSSIAN FEDERATION	Phones +7 434 56 94 +7 434 84 01 Fax +7 433 64 66 sitel@cmt-moscow.com
	Prof. S. NIKONOV	Vernadsky prosp., 121 RU-117571 MOSCOW RUSSIAN FEDERATION	Phone +7 434 56 94 Mobile +7 903 593 44 96 Fax +7 433 64 66 snn00@list.ru
Slovak Republic	MUDr. S. BODNAR	Hrnciarska 20 SK-040 01 KOSICE SLOVAK REPUBLIC	bodnaro@isternet.sk
Spain	Dr. Dr. V. SOTOS BORRAS	Apto de correos 31 E-03201 ELCHE Alicante SPAIN	Phone +34 670 06 27 16 Fax +34 966 92 27 06 vsotos@hsanjaime.com
Switzerland	Dr. M.-H. GAUCHAT	Rue Pré Fleuri 9 CH-1950 SION SWITZERLAND	Phone +41 27 322 30 78 Fax +41 27 322 30 82 marc-henri.gauchat@netplus.ch

United Kingdom	Dr. R. MACDONALD	23 British Grove, Chiswick LONDON W4 2 NL UNITED KINGDOM	orthmed@doctors.org.uk
	Dr. U. JANNOUN	1 New England Cottages BALCOMBE W. Sussex UNITED KINGDOM	Phone +44 1444 400 449 orthmed@doctors.org.uk
USA	Prof. M. L. KUCHERA	4170 City Avenue Suite 320 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19131 USA	Phone +1 660 662 25 37 Fax +1 660 626 20 80 michaelkuc@pcom.edu

Apologies

Estonia	e-mail	03.08.2005
Italy	e-mail	26.08.2005
Latvia	e-mail	07.02.2005
Lithuania	e-mail	05.09.2005
Poland	e-mail	19.08.2005
Portugal	e-mail	01.09.2005

Absent

Greece
Hungary
Luxemburg
Netherlands
South Korea

Honorary members present

Dr. L. Burn
Prof. K. Lewit
Dr. J. Paterson

The minutes of the General Assembly

*

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Dr. B. TERRIER.

*

Agenda

1. Opening by the President
2. Presentation of the British Institute of Musculoskeletal Medicine BIMM
3. Presentation of the representatives of the national societies (limited to 4 minutes per presentation)
4. Matters arising from the minutes of the last General Assembly (Bratislava – Slovak Republic)
5. Report from the President
6. Report from the Secretary General
7. Matters concerning FIMM structure and strategy
8. Report from the FIMM International Academy of Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine
9. Report from the Chairman of the Education Committee
10. Report from the Chairman of the Policy Committee: FIMM Policy 2010.
11. Report from the Treasurer
12. Report from the Auditors
13. Budget 2006
14. Election of Auditors
15. Elections of officers and members
- 15a Intermediate elections of Members of the Executive Committee
- 15b Reappointment of the Chairman of the *FIMM* Academy
- 15c Elections of Honorary Members

16. Admission of new members
17. Exclusion of members
18. Information on the next International FIMM Congress 2007
19. Date and place for the General Assembly 2006
20. Any other Business
21. Closing of the General Assembly by the President

*

1. Opening by the President, Dr. B. TERRIER

The President thanked the BIMM for organizing the current meeting and also thanked the Slovak Society for holding the last General Assembly and Congress in Bratislava in 2004. He also thanks Prof K. LEWIT, who attends this General Assembly, for his pre-diner presentation this evening. He reminds the delegates that this General Assembly is the 40th FIMM General Assembly.

He mentions several small changes to the printed agenda of the meeting by inclusion of some additional topics. The assembly accepts these.

He chooses the counters of votes: Dr A. GRAVESEN (Denmark) and Prof. K. SUMITA (Japan).

2. Presentation of the British Institute of Musculoskeletal Medicine BIMM

By Dr. R. MACDONALD, President BIMM. (Summarised)

The British Institute of Musculoskeletal Medicine (BIMM) was formed in 1992 by the amalgamation of The In

stitute of Orthopaedic Medicine (IOM) with the British Association of Manipulative Medicine (BAMM). BAMM had been a founding member of FIMM.

To provide a standard of proficiency a Diploma of Musculoskeletal Medicine examination was established in 1993. BIMM now has over 300 members. An official 300-hour course has been in place since 2001.

72 members of BIMM have full osteopathic training in addition to their medical qualifications.

He stated that for FIMM to be an effective international body the national societies must try to work together on communication and understanding. International involvement will not solve national schisms.

BIMM welcomed the formation of the Academy. He proposed that FIMM makes an effort to organise web-based videoconferencing for most of its meetings.

3. Presentation of the representatives of the national societies (limited to 4 minutes per presentation)

See the list of participants above. Some general questions were voiced.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the last General Assembly (Bratislava – Slovak Republic)

The President thanks the Secretary-General for preparing these minutes. No remarks: the minutes are accepted unanimously.

5. Report from the President, Dr. B. TERRIER

See FIMM NEWS Vol. 15, No. 1.

No remarks.

The Secretary General gives some additional information on the FIMM NEWSLETTER which will be published at least twice a year with infor-

mation from FIMM to the national members but also include input from the members to FIMM.

No comment from the assembly.

6. Report from the Secretary-General, Dr. R. PALMER

See FIMM NEWS Vol. 15, No. 1.

Some comments.

The report is accepted unanimously.

7. Matters concerning FIMM structure and strategy

The President presents the result of the work of the Executive Committee meeting on the new structures and strategy in the future. If accepted by the assembly, these new structures should need a change of the statutes but the decision about this should be taken at the next General Assembly in 2006. The reason of these propositions is mainly the high costs of the current Executive committee.

He first presents the current structure of the executive committee with 9 voices and 7 votes and compares with the proposed new structure and an Executive Board of 7 voices and 7 votes – version 7/7 – elected by the General Assembly. Attached to this Executive Board (EB), two other boards called «Education Board» (EduB) and «Health Policy Board» (HPB); the members of these last boards would be not elected but ratified by the General Assembly. Two other versions of the Executive Board are also presented with 8 members – version 8/7 or 8/8 – or 9 members – version 9/8 –. These versions are certainly more expensive than the version 7/7. (See the pictures). The version 8/8 looks more democratic.

Following a question, the President confirms that the term of board remains still of four years.

The President reminds that the change

of the statutes, if necessary, needs two-third of the votes.

Discussion follows on these different propositions.

Procedures of votes: Two resolutions: (1) shall we start now with new structures and (2) what version shall we develop in the future.

1) Do we agree to vote on these resolutions: pro: 16, against: 0, abs: 0.

2) Do we agree to start with to work on these new structures and plan to change the statutes: pro: 14, against 0, abs: 0.

3) Version 9/8 against 8/8: pro: 1, against: 15, abs: 0.

4) Version 8/8 against 8/7: pro: 8, against: 7, abs: 0.

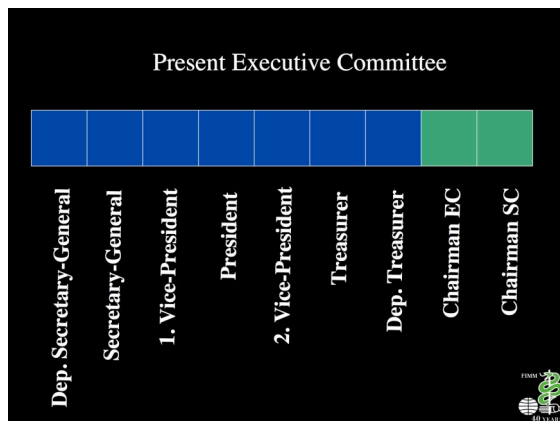
5) Version 8/8 against 7/7: pro: 7 against: 11, abs: 0.

Version 7/7 wins.

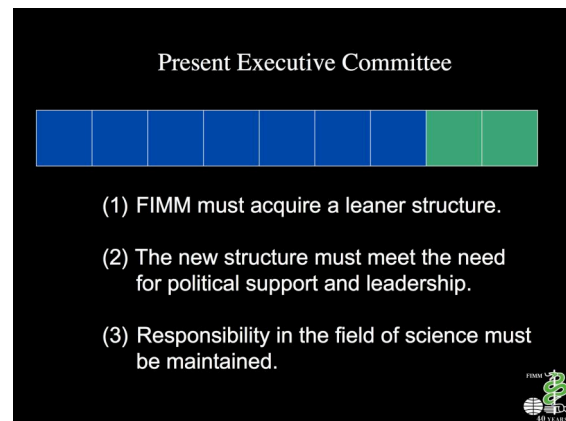
Strategy plan for Education: See FIMM NEWS Vol. 15, No. 1. Dr. G. G. RASMUSSEN: Power point presentation. Some comments.

Strategy plan for FIMM Global Health Policy: See FIMM NEWS Vol. 15, No. 1. Prof. M. KUCHERA: Power point presentation. Discussion.

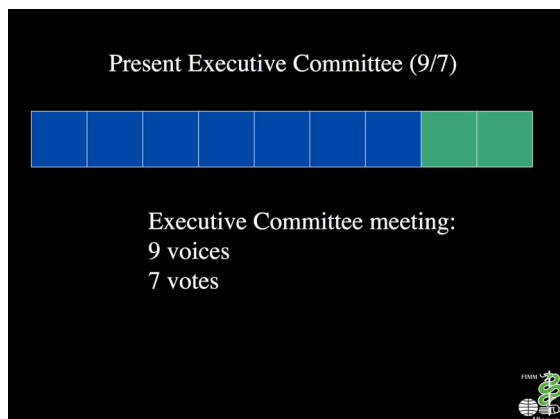
The assembly passes the agenda item 7 unanimously.



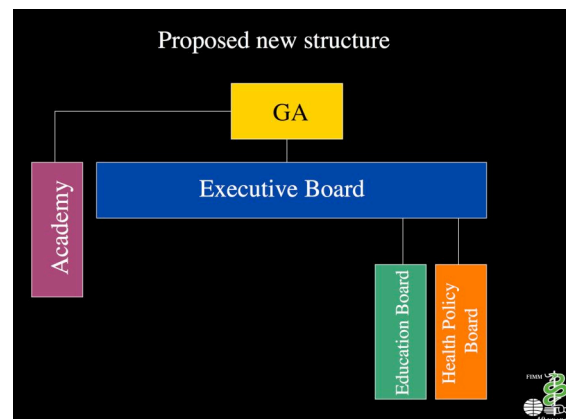
Picture 1: Present solution.



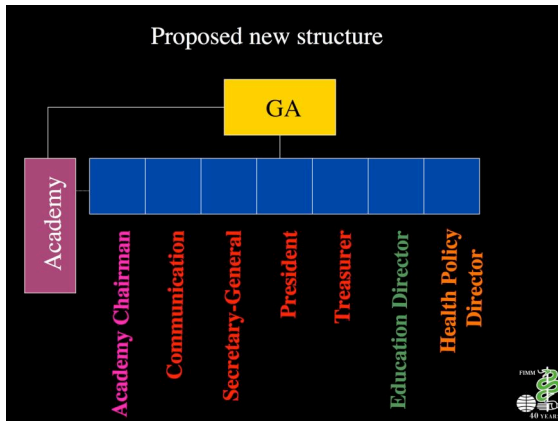
Picture 3: Preconditions.



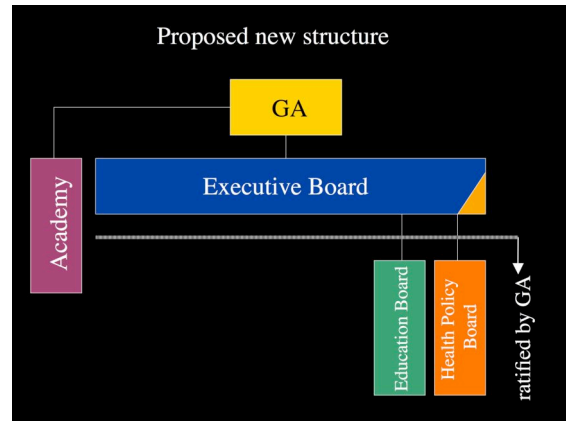
Picture 2: 9 voices, 7 votes.



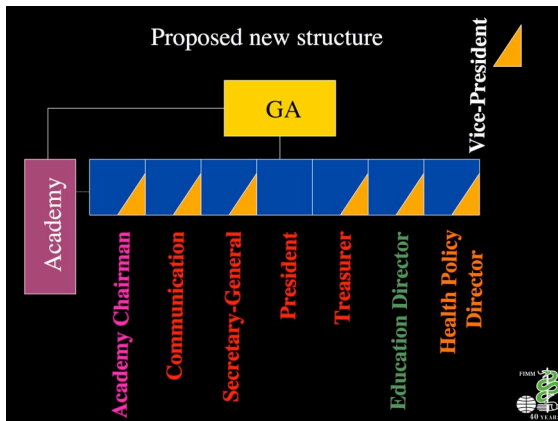
Picture 4: Proposed new structure.



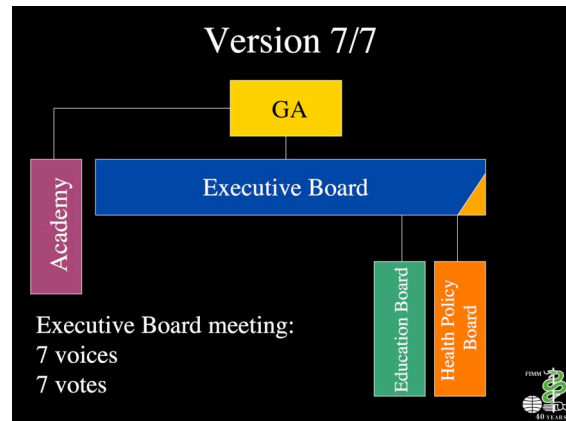
Picture 5: Office bearers.



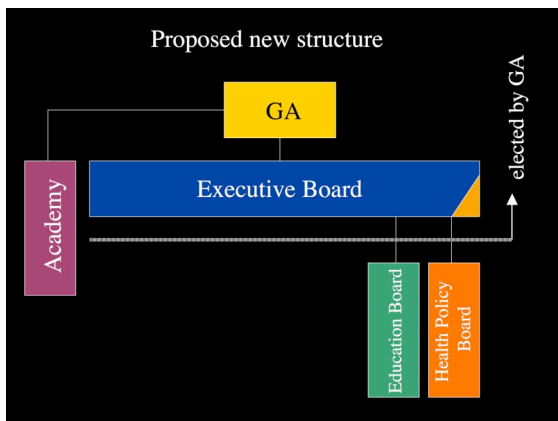
Picture 8: The Education Board and the Health Policy Board are appointed by their Directors and confirmed by the General Assembly.



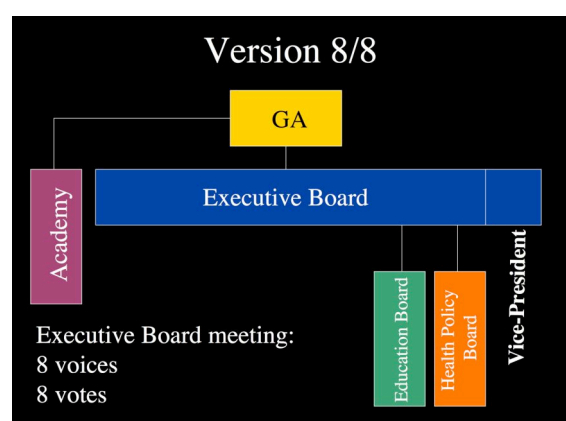
Picture 6: The Vice President is appointed among the office bearers.



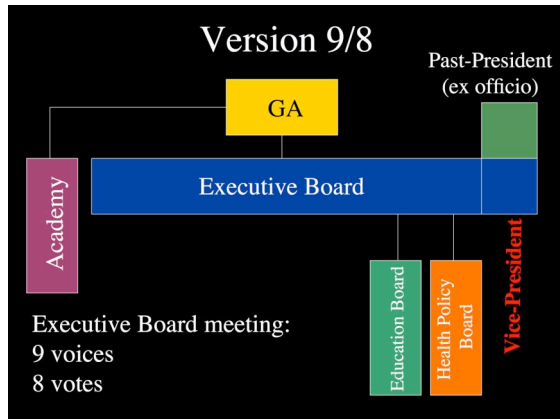
Picture 9: Version 7/7; 7 voices, 7 votes.



Picture 7: The Executive Board is elected by the General Assembly.



Picture 10: Version 8/8; 8 voices, 8 votes.



Picture 11: Version 9/8: 9 voices, 8 votes.

8. Report from the FIMM International Academy of Manual/ Musculo-skeletal Medicine

Two reports presented. The first by Dr. M. HUTSON and the second by Prof. J. PATIJN.

1. Academy outline, its role and its organisation. The Academy had its first annual general meeting in Prague in June 2005. The first academy conference will take place in Leipzig on June 10, 2006. Currently, the Academy counts more than 50 members.

2. Shift from Scientific advisory committee to Academy. The story and the advantages. The content does not change, but the format and the membership. Explanation on the current structure and the future directions.

The funding and financial review of the Academy by Dr. V. DVORAK. The finances are under control. The costs were lower than the expected budget.

No remarks.

9. Report from the Chairman of the Education Committee, Dr. G. G. RASMUSSEN

The Education Committee revised the FIMM Core Curriculum for Manual Medicine on its last meeting on March

2-3, 2005 in St. Goar, Germany. See FIMM NEWS Vol. 14, No. 3.

The report summarizes the structure, the way of working and the results of this committee, its relation with Academy and of course the future. It is proposed that the EC be reorganized with 9 members representing different schools of M/MM. The EC chairman asks to have the higher number possible of members in the Academy, representing the different schools.

The President asks a vote on the core curriculum.

Version 2.2 is unanimously ratified.

One remark: this curriculum must be broadened. 2d vote on the report: accepted.

10. Report from the Chairman of the Policy Committee: FIMM Policy 2010.

Just on time before the General Assembly 2005 the Policy Paper has reached its final version no. 2.8 d/e/f.

As it is usual in a trilingual paper, compromises were inevitable. It is not possible that everyone shall be satisfied with all of the details of the paper. The Policy Paper has been discussed first by the Executive Committee on the occasion of its two-day meeting in September 7-8, 2005.

See FIMM NEWS Vol. 14, No. 3.

This will be published and sent to the national societies in one of the 3 languages.

This form is accepted by the General Assembly.

11. Report from the Treasurer

Dr. V. DVORAK

For different reasons we have an extraordinary and unique expenditure in 2004 with a loss of 40,391.38 CHF. The first reason: only 17 nations paid their fees on time. The 2nd: the number of activities increases the expenditures. The 3rd: we have had a lot of extraordinary and unique expenditures following the Assemblies in Montreux (2003) and Bratislava (2004). All the last Congresses have lost money. It is a cumulating situation with a bad occasional result.

There are some proposals to improve the results, for example, the suppression of the FIMM diner after the General Assembly.

Some comments on this report.

Vote on:

Figures of report, without the measures needed: pro: 16, against: 0, abs. 0.

12. Report from the Auditors

No remarks from the two Auditors.

The General Assembly accepts the measures taken for the future with: pro 16, against 0, abs: 0.

The assembly also accepts the report of the treasurer with: pro: 16, against: 0, abs: 0.

13. Budget 2006

The Treasurer proposed the figures for 2006 hoping an excess of 15'600 CHF or 9'700 € of income on expenditures.

He proposes to maintain the same fee for the members.

The invoice must be sent to the Treasurer maximum one month after the event and at least before December 15. After this date, the count will be closed.

Some comments.

Voting on the budget: pro: 15, against: 0, abs: 1.

Voting on the annual fee (remains the same): pro: 15, against 0, abs. 1.

14. Election of Auditors

Candidates are Dr. N. JENSEN and Prof T. TODOROF. They have been accepted unanimously.

15. Elections of officers and members

15a Intermediate elections of Members of the Executive Committee

Dr. W. VON HEYMANN is accepted unanimously as an assessor of the Executive Committee.

15b Reappointment of the Chairman of the FIMM Academy

Candidate is Dr. M. HUTSON. The FIMM General Assembly 2004 in Bratislava has appointed Dr HUTSON as the first Chairman of the Executive Board of the FIMM Academy. He has now to be reappointed.

Voting for this reappointment: pro: 15, against: 1, abs: 0.

15c Elections of Honorary Members

Proposed are:

DR. LOÏC BURN: A Past President of the British Association of Manipulative Medicine, a former member of the British League against Rheumatism, a former member of the Council of Management of the National Back Pain Association. In 1972 he obtained his Diploma in Physical Medicine and

has been active in writing and teaching in this field. His titles are BA, MRCS, LRCP, DPhysMed. He is a Past President of FIMM, was a member of the FIMM Executive Committee and the FIMM Scientific Advisory Committee. And do not forget that he organized a remarkable worldwide FIMM congress in 1989 – in London.

DR. JOHN K. PATERSON: A Past President of the British Association of Manipulative Medicine. As Dr. LOÏC BURN, he was active in teaching M/M medicine for years. His titles are MB, BS, MRCPG. He was a Member of the FIMM Scientific Advisory Committee and the Chairman of the FIMM Terminology Subcommittee, where he contributed a lot. He helped Dr. LOÏC BURN to organize the LONDON FIMM Congress in 1989. His help was significant.

The two were mostly working together. They have run postgraduate courses in M/M Medicine together between 1983 and 1990. They have published five medical textbooks.

Dr. ALFRED MÖHRLE, Past President of FIMM. Dr. ALFRED MÖHRLE has been a distinguished FIMM officer for more than 15 years. As a member of the FIMM Executive Committee he established in 1992 the trilingual Glossary Subcommittee and followed the project until the first edition of the Glossary in 1998. In 1994 he proposed and outlined the establishment of the FIMM Policy Committee, which was ratified by the FIMM General Assembly in 1995. He was President of FIMM from 1995-1999. Under his leadership FIMM grew to be a true worldwide international organisation having definitely spread to Australasian and North-American continents. Under his presidency the FIMM statutes were revised and adopted. Dr. ALFRED MÖHRLE was later a FIMM

Vice-President and Deputy Treasurer until he resigned in 2004. He has given tremendously much to the organisation and the FIMM community.

They are unanimously accepted by applause.

In 1995, at the General Assembly in Vienna, Univ. Prof. H. TILSCHER was elected as honorary member but not nominated because other involvement in FIMM. He today receives his certificate via the hands of Dr. R. KERN.

16. Admission of new members

Proposed candidate is **Kazakhstan**, represented by Dr. N. A. KRASNOYAROVA, President of Association of Manual Therapists of Kazakhstan, The Centre of Manual Therapy, Zheltoksan 111, 480009 Almaty City, Kazakhstan, Tel. 8 3272 755-883, (krasnon@mail.kz).

Unfortunately they failed to attend the meeting. No communication was received as to why.

The Secretary-General will contact them after the meeting by e-mail.

India has announced to take part at the General Assembly as an observer represented by Dr. S. CHANDER SOOD, Orthopaedic Surgeon and Head Department of Physical, Medicine & Rehabilitation, S.B.L.S.Hospital 812/1, Housing Board Colony, Model Town, Jalandhar City, Punjab State, India. (sarveshwar@vsnl.com, <http://personal.vsnl.com/sarveshwar>, www.health-india.com/personal/drsood.htm).

He apologised for non-attendance due to inability to get leave from his Hospital at short notice.

17. Exclusion of members

According to article 5 of the FIMM Statutes exclusions of some members have to be discussed by the General

Assembly.

"... Art. 5: Exclusion from the Association may take place if the member

- substantially disobeys its duties according to Article 4,
- has acted against the aims and interests of the Association or has damaged its authority,
- has failed to pay a membership fee for two consecutive years to the Association.

The General Assembly will decide about exclusion with a majority of two-thirds following a proposal of the Executive Committee. In serious cases, the Executive Committee may immediately suspend the membership until the next General Assembly. The member being aware of exclusion must be invited to the General Assembly to present his defence."

Concerned are: **Greece, Lithuania and Portugal.**

Both members have been addressed several times. Portugal has replied by e-mail dated September 1, 2005:

"Following your letter from July 11 regarding annual fees payments from our Society 2003 - 2004, I must inform you of the following: The Portuguese Society of Manual Medicine Orthopaedics and Manual Therapeutics - Back School, it is a doctors association which objective/ aim consists in giving formation/Background after graduation. It is a Society without any profits/gains, so all the partners associated do not pay anything towards the Society: Our Portuguese and foreigner colleagues, (Spanish, French, Belgium) who came here to give courses do not receive payment because the Society doesn't have financial conditions. I apologize but we are not able to be present at the General Assembly of FIMM 2005 in England. It's with regret, but we don't have money avail-

able. I hope this letter will clarify to you, the reason why the Portuguese Society has not pay annual fees. I will remain at your disposal for any questions you may have. Yours Sincerely,
JORGE MANUEL JARDIM FERNANDES,
President S.P.M.O. e TM-ED
(jjfernandes@hdfaro.min-saude.pt)."

The President points out that the statutes say that: "Exclusion from the Association **may** take place if..."

Some propositions are made by a member to help these small societies to avoid their exclusion but also some are in favour of the exclusion to avoid example for the future. Portugal and Greece never kept in touch with FIMM over the years.

The assembly decides by 15 voices to follow the proposition to send a letter to these Societies to explain the advantages to be in FIMM and postpone the decision to the next General Assembly.

18. Information on the next International FIMM Congress 2007

The General Assembly was informed, that the 15th Triennial International FIMM Congress will take place in Interlaken, Switzerland from November 28 to December 1, 2007 organized by the Swiss Medical Society for Manual Medicine SAMM.

In the meantime FIMM was informed about changes in the organisation of this congress:

The 15th Triennial International FIMM Congress will now take place in Zurich, Switzerland from September 12-15, 2007.

The proposition as for a title of the Congress is:

Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine:
Facts, New Approaches and Evidence.
Accepted.

19. Date and place for the General Assembly 2006

Proposed is on May 17-18, 2006, Moscow, by invitation of the Russian League of Professionals of Manual Medicine).

20. Any other Business

Nil.

20. Closing of the General Assembly by the President

At 19.20 hours.