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Dear National Delegates,

Our general assembly and the international conference in Paris, France, 2018, is just around the corner. We will meet for the annual get together on Wednesday 10th October in the evening. The French society is hosting us and the venue is a surprise! Please follow instructions concerning this.

Below we have a summary of the important issues

1. FIMM residence

As presented and agreed by the GA at previous meetings, it is not practical for **FIMM** to continue to reside in Belgium. Following investigating several options, the executive board has decided the best option for **FIMM's** residence will be in Switzerland and we are working on the legal implications of this move with the Belgium authorities and **SAMM**, the Swiss society who have kindly offered to host us. In short: To maintain continuity, FIMM will have to vote at the GA on liquidation of its' activities in Belgium and to dissolve its seat there. In the same motion, delegates would vote to "rejuvenate" FIMM as a federation seated in Switzerland. This is practical for many reasons including running FIMM in the English language, much cheaper banking fees, minimal or no yearly payment to the Swiss authorities, having a reliable address for the years to come. Our treasurer has taken upon himself to lead the financial matters with the Belgium authorities in order to "square up" all and any debts. Thus, we will vote on dissolving **FIMM Belgium**, and simultaneously establish **FIMM Switzerland** at the GA.

Please speak with your National societies in order to get their approval for this step forward.

2. The **Annual General Assembly:**

will take place in Paris on Thursday 11th October. 2018. The GA will take place at the ETOILE BUSINESS CENTER, 21-25 Rue Balzac, 75008 Paris.

The time table for the activities around GA includes

- a) the traditional Get-together the night before the GA i.e. Wednesday evening 10th October. Details concerning the venue will be sent on to you soon. We will be hosted by SOFMMOO.
- b) The FIMM dinner after the GA on Thursday 11th October. Details concerning the dinner venue will be sent on soon. The cost per person will be **82 Euro**. Please send an indication of how your participation with/without partners as soon as possible.

3. The **FIMM -SOFMMOO international scientific conference:**

will take place on Friday 12th October at the [Etoile Business Center](#) in Paris.

Information concerning this conference- open to all our national members appears on the [SOFMMOO web site](#). (*The SOFMMOO program will be conducted in French but with simultaneous translation.*)

Note that FIMM has a large presence in the activities on this weekend

- Friday 12th October: this program will be in English the whole day with International faculty
- Saturday-Sunday 13th-14th October: These are SOFMMOO programmed days but there will be 4 FIMM workshops in addition, in English on these days

Please register as soon as possible.

4. **FIMM** finances

Our treasurer, Aharon Finestone, has sent out invoices to each **FIMM** member. If you haven't received the invoice or there is a problem with the calculation of the annual fee or back payments, please contact him directly: asff@inter.net.il.

5. **FIMM** mid year Board meetings- Seoul April 2019

The Korean society for Chuna manual medicine will host their annual conference in April 2019 and they have graciously requested that FIMM endorse this activity. We hope that the conference will encourage regional development of musculoskeletal medicine in that area.

6. **FIMM** annual GA 2019

The stage is set for the FIMM GA delegates to vote on the venue for our 2019 GA. We have been in touch with our dear friends, Javier and Victoria from Spain and it appears that the venue for next year will be Madrid. We will have a date soon as we are searching for the optimal time for this meeting in terms of prices.

So, with all these interesting activities coming up for all of us and for our national members, I would like to request that

1. That you register as early as possible for the GA and extra activities.
2. Please send out this information to the members of your societies as soon as possible, so that they may register for the FIMM_SOFMMOO events.

We hope to hear from you soon

Best wishes and regards

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

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