

THE HISTORY OF THE F.I.M.M.

On the 25th September 1965, in London, ten countries of Western Europe came together for a congress of Manual Medicine to define the basis for FIMM's future.

Belgium was chosen to register the future statutes.

Since this date, FIMM is administered under Belgian law.

French and German were chosen as the official languages. Soon after English became the working language.

The FIMM was established in 1968.

The statute were registered in Bruges (Belgium) on the initiative of Dr Agnel DEPPORTER (B), Roger WAGHEMACKER (F) and Robert MAIGNE (F).

It was decided to organize an International Congress every three years. Each congress is to be held in the organiser's member country.

Each Nation would be represented by one society, and detain one voice for the votes in any General Assembly.

Robert MAIGNE (F) was initially the vice President, then President until 1971, when he organized in Monaco, the 3rd Congress of the FIMM.

Between 1972 and 1976, R. MAIGNE presided the Scientific Committee of the FIMM

1974 : the 4th FIMM's congress.

1977 : the 5th FIMM's congress in Copenhagen (DK)

1980 : the 6th FIMM's congress in Rio (Brasil)

1983 : the 7th FIMM's congress in Zurich (CH) with Erich SCHWARTZ as President.

The same year in Fischingen (D) the Education Committee worked during one week (in a cloister) to define a common language. The French delegates are Alain GOURJON and Patrick JUVIN.

1984 : the session of the national delegates for the Education in Baden Baden (D).

1986 : the 8th FIMM's congress in Madrid (Spain)

1989 : the 9th FIMM's congress in London (UK)

1992 : General Assembly of the FIMM in Brussel (B), with Pr J.DENAYER (Belgium), but no Congress.

1993 : General Assembly in Paris (F)

1995 : the 10th FIMM's congress in Vienna (A), with Pr H. TILSCHER as President.

1996 : General Assembly in Dresden(D). For the first time, the term «musculo skeletal » Medicine appeared to define better each practitioner devoting themselves to the pathology of the locomotor system.

1997 : General Assembly, where it was decided to create the Education Committee (presided by Dr G. RASMUSSEN (DK)), and to maintain the Scientific Committee (presided by Pr J. PATJIN (NL) which were created more 25 years ago.

1998 : 11th FIMM's congress in Brisbane (Australia)

2000 : General Assembly in Copenhagen (DK). FIMM now accounted for 25 member countries, and spread out of Europe into the (USA, Canada, Australia, and New Zeland). The General Assembly of Copenhagen admitted Greece, Portugal and Poland. The insufficiency of production of serious fundamental studies explained the difficulties for the FIMM to be admitted for the various national administrations.

The creation of a website was being considered.

2001 : 12th FIMM's congress in Chicago (USA). A particular discussion of Manual Medicine and Posture was delivered. But also of clinical evaluation inter observation. All these problems are of an eager actuality.

2002 : FIMM's General Assembly in Kuopio (Finland).

2004 : 13th FIMM's congress in Bratislava (Slovenia).

On this occasion, Bernard TERRIER reminded everyone of the great steps taken concerning the structuration of the various commissions of the FIMM, and particularly the creation in 1997 of the Education committee (chaired by Dr G. RASMUSSEN (DK)) and the confirmation of the Scientific Committee which existed for already more than 30 years (chaired by Pr J.PATIJN(NL)).

B.Terrier said something fundamental: « I don't like the concept of standardisation : taking into consideration the various schools and the essential characteristics of the neuro-musculo-skeletal medicine, a standardisation would be impossible, and even more so undesirable. The diversities and differences between the various branches of these medicines (in term of diagnosis and therapy) testify of the eclecticism and unique character of these disciplines. Consequently the FIMM is a « vast chapel ».

2007 : 14th FIMM's congress in Moscow (Russia).

2010 : 15th FIMM's congress in Postdam (D)

2012 : 47Th General Assembly of the FIMM in Istanbul (Turkey)

2013 : 48th General Assembly of the FIMM in Jerusalem (Israel) and
16th FIMM's congress

2014 : 49th General Assembly of the FIMM in Bratislava (SR)

2015 : 50th General Assembly of the FIMM in Copenhagen (DK)

2016 : 51th General Assembly of the FIMM in Varna (Bulgaria) and
17th FIMM's congress