

Speakers and Presenters

Ana Paula Antunes Ferreira

Osteopath RBrO 007, diploma in Osteopathy in 2002 by IBO – Instituto Brasileiro de Osteopatia W.G. Sutherland RJ Brazil, pos-graduated in Neurophysiology IBMR RJ, work experience in private clinic and as a teacher in osteopathic training at IBO – Instituto Brasileiro dos Osteopatas.

Andrée Aubin

Graduate of Physiotherapy from the University of Montreal in 1986
Graduate of Osteopathy from the Centre ostéopathique du Québec in 1992.
Teacher of Osteopathy-COQ since 1992 – Presently head teacher in the cranial field, also in paediatrics and advances courses
Held various pedagogical functions at the Centre ostéopathique du Québec, and is currently General Manager since 2003.
Enrolled in a graduate degree at the University of Montreal in “psychopedagogy”.

Simon Browning

Graduated from the British School of Osteopathy in 1978
lecturer at different Osteopathic Schools in UK from 2000-2005
Full time member of British School of Osteopathy faculty since 2005
Lecturer in technique and palpation
Lecturer in anatomy
Previously lecturer in osteopathic evaluation and diagnosis
Head of technique faculty 2009-2011
Currently studying towards a professional doctorate in education at Bath University

Claire Chevallier

Osteopath DO
BSc in Osteopathy, Upper Second Class Honours, European School of Osteopathy of Maidstone 2005, University of Wales
Post graduate course: developing palpation (osteopathy in the cranial field); pediatric and obstetrical osteopathic care; neuro-sensitive facilitation in children; volunteer as an osteopath for children with special needs
Clinic Tutoring and Teaching gesture and palpation at Cido since 2007

Johan J De Cock

Dr Johan J De Cock, PhD, MSc, DO was born in 1954 in Dendermonde, Belgium. After studying physiotherapy, manual therapy, biomedical sciences, osteopathy, and as herbalist, orthomolecular science aroused his interest. For years, he gave lessons in manual therapy, both at higher non-university and university education. Currently, he is active in preventive healthcare and is a member

of the editorial board of a Belgian magazine of orthomolecular science and herbal medicine. Furthermore, he is lecturer at the FICO (Flanders International College of Osteopathy, Antwerp), speaker at conferences and seminars, and has limited counseling activities in the health sciences. He published mainly in Dutch. An English book on osteopathy is in preparation.

Howard Dieno

Howard trained as an Osteopath and Naturopath in Britain, and he has been in private practice since 1988. Now located in Victoria, B.C., Canada, Howard has taught and practiced in Europe and New Zealand, and was on the staff at the OCC in London, U.K.

As part of his private practice, Howard is making available to his clients, for their self-guided use, biofeedback equipment and information which is intended to complement and support Howard's use of functional, cranio-sacral and other osteopathic practices aimed at facilitating a client's own process for re-establishing and maintaining harmonic balance.

Howard's life and work are deeply informed by a commitment to present moment investigation of the Essence of who we are. He is actively engaged in his own spiritual practice – through “The Diamond Approach”, study of the Enneagram, and in collaboration with Rod Punnett, investigating group BioFeedback, in what we call The Presence Project.

Bruno Ducoux

Bruno Ducoux DO, 1985 France, has been practicing Osteopathy in private practice and in maternities hospital.

He is teaching worldwide "Emotional Integration in osteopathy", "The way of osteopathy" mainly in water; Osteopathy in the pediatric field.

He has been one of the founders of the french Academy of Osteopathy, redactor of ApoStill, member of the first board of WOHO.

He is the director of the postgraduate pediatric institution Formation recherche en Osteopathie Pédiatrique www.frop.fr

Jorge Esteves

Jorge Esteves qualified from OSO/Oxford Brookes University in 1993, and after a number of years practicing in Portugal, he moved to the UK in 1999 and became intimately involved with the development and implementation of the osteopathic provision at Oxford Brookes University. In 2010, Jorge moved to the British School of Osteopathy where he is the Head of Postgraduate Studies and Student Research. He is also a QAA osteopathy subject reviewer and a General Osteopathic Council assessor of clinical competence. Jorge has recently completed his PhD thesis on 'Diagnostic Palpation in Osteopathic Medicine: A Putative Neurocognitive Model of Expertise'.

Christian Fossum

Christian Fossum, D.O. Principal, Nordic Academy of Osteopathy, Oslo, Norway Assistant Research Professor, A.T. Still Research Institute, A.T. Still University of Health Sciences, Kirksville, United States

Sandra Grace

Dr Sandra Grace is a Senior Lecturer in Osteopathic Medicine at Southern Cross University and a Research Fellow at the Education for Practice Institute, Charles Sturt University. Her roles include enhancing the scholarship and practice of osteopathy through teaching, student supervision, research and publications. She has extensive experience as a practitioner in private practice and as a curriculum developer, teacher and clinical supervisor across university, TAFE and private education sectors.

Friederike Kaiser

1976-1982 Study of theater, German literature and sociology. Magister art., Berlin
1989-1992 Physiotherapy-School Berlin
1991-2001 International Academy of Osteopathy
2002-2006 Osteopathie Schule Deutschland
2007-2009 Master of Science Osteopathy Donau Universität Krems (Austria)
Various articles in German Osteopathic Journals (DO, OM)
Field of Research: Osteopathic Philosophy, Osteopathic Science
Tutor and Juror for Osteopathic Final Studies
Practice in Osteopathy since 1995

Ben Katz

Ben Katz graduated from the BSO in 2004. He holds an MSc in Paediatric Osteopathy from the Osteopathic Centre for Children and a Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice. He is a member of the Institute of Classical Osteopathy and a fellow of the Higher Education Academy. He has been teaching palpation at the BSO since 2008 and has a special interest in the phenomenology of perception and its application to osteopathic practice.

Ernest Keeling

Ernest Keeling graduated from the BSO in 1964 and has taught there on the undergraduate programme since 1965. He was a founder member of the Sutherland Cranial College and helped set up the organisation's faculty development programme. He has worked as a Consultant at the Osteopathic Centre for Children and has a special interest in the development of voluntary movement from early reflex movement patterns. He has taught palpation at the BSO since 1984.

Michael L. Kuchera

Michael L. Kuchera, DO, FAAO graduated from the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCOM) in 1980. After postdoctoral training at Richmond Heights General Hospital and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation (neuroelectrodiagnostics fellowship), Dr. Kuchera was employed at KCOM for 21 years holding various positions including Department Chairperson of the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM), Vice President of International Osteopathic Medical Education & Research, and Vice President for Academic Affairs & Dean. Currently he is a tenured professor in the OMM Department at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) where he directs the Human Performance & Biomechanics

Research Lab, OMM research, and the neuromusculoskeletal sciences masters level track. At PCOM, he is also clinical director of the Center for Chronic Disorders of Aging [an Osteopathic Heritage Foundation Center].

Dr. Kuchera is a past-president of the American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO); a founding member and former chairperson of the Council (now Bureau) for International Osteopathic Medical Education & Affairs; and multi-decade member of the AOA Council on Research (chairing the Grants Review Committee). Currently retaining membership on all of these groups, Dr. Mike is also the chairperson of the AAO International Affairs Committee and Secretary-General of the Fédération Internationale de Médecine Manuelle.

Dr. Mike has co-authored four standard osteopathic textbooks; published scores of osteopathic abstracts and journal articles; and written multiple chapters in the first 3 editions of the Foundations of Osteopathic Medicine. With several grant awards, he is actively researching the role of nitric oxide in osteopathic techniques such as lymphatic pedal pump; measurable changes in hysteresis after the use of OMT to correct somatic dysfunction; interexaminer reliability of various osteopathic palpatory tests; and the effects of OMT in clinical conditions such as hypertension, fibromyalgia syndrome and multiple sclerosis.

Larisa Lasovetskaya

The Principal of the Russian Academy of Osteopathic Medicine. Main medical specialty: pediatrics. In 2000 among the first group of Russian part-time students she graduated from the European School of Osteopathy (UK). Since 2001 she is its official representative in Russia. Took part in many conferences on osteopathy in Russia and abroad, conducted workshops at international osteopathic conferences. WOHO member (Executive Committee member since 2007); member of the American Academy of Osteopathy, member of the United National Register of Osteopaths (Russia). The sphere of her scientific interests includes biomechanical aspects of breathing and swallowing in children, osteopathic escort of pregnant women, etc.

Velda Lulic

BSc in Physiotherapy from McGill University in Montreal in 1980.
Head physiotherapist at Uster Spital, Switzerland, from 1984-1988.
Teaching assistant for dissection at McGill University 1988-1990
Diploma of osteopathy from the CEO, Montreal, 1995
Teaching for the CEO in Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, Halifax, DOK (Germany), SICO (Switzerland) 1996-to the present
Founder and chief instructor at the Akademija Osteopatije (Croatia) from 2001 -to the present
Board of directors ADOQ (Association des Osteopathes du Quebec)

Robert Morelli

Robert Morelli DO(MP) has a Bachelor of Science and minor in Arts from Fairfield University, Connecticut. He is an assistant professor and External Clinic Supervisor at the Canadian College of Osteopathy and has two thriving practices in Ontario, Canada.

Angelika Mückler

Angelika Mückler, DO MSc, living in Vienna, diploma for physiotherapy 1984, taught physiotherapy, co-founder of a multi-professional primary health care center, osteopathic family praxis since 1999, supervision and teaching for OZK Vienna, leads clinic cooperation project: perinatal osteopathic outpatient clinic, treating newborns and teaching students within the birth unit.

Paul Psutka

Coming to osteopathic studies in mid-life, Paul Psutka received his osteopathic degree from the Canadian College of Osteopathy in 2006. Having prepared a comprehensive qualitative research paper on the topic of osteopathic palpation perception, he is an acknowledged credible expert on this topic. His private clinic in rural Ontario, Canada occupies most of his professional career. He has taught many private seminars addressing both palpation perception and treatment methods. Prior to entering osteopathic college, he studied CranioSacral therapy to an advanced level, thereby honing his perceptual abilities even before beginning his formal osteopathic training. Paul lives with his wife and children in Winterbourne, Ontario, where, for the last 4 years he has been building an energy-efficient straw-bale house that will act as both his residence and clinic.

Jane Stark

Jane Stark, DOMP is an Osteopathic Manual Practitioner (DOMP), born, educated, and practicing in Canada. She has been on the faculty of the Canadian College of Osteopathy for the last seven years and has also served as an Executive Committee member for the World Osteopathic Health Organization. While she considers herself to be a well-rounded osteopathic practitioner, she has two diverse special interests: a) biographical osteopathic history—Still, Littlejohn, Sutherland b) the significance of fascia, past and present, as it relates to clinical practice. Jane has lectured internationally (Italy, England, Belgium, France, Austria, Germany, Japan, & Kirksville) and is published in English, German, and French on both topics.

Julie Streckfuss

Julie Streckfuss BAppSc(Osteopathy), GradCertHE(L&T) is a lecturer in osteopathic studies and advanced anatomy at Southern Cross University in New South Wales, Australia. She graduated from RMIT and has practised as an osteopath for twenty years in Melbourne and Byron Bay. She has been involved in the development of the new osteopathic program at SCU, and in developing processes for assessment of overseas-qualified osteopaths seeking registration in Australia. Julie has research interests in osteopathic education, and has completed a Graduate Certificate in Higher Education. She has been involved in osteopathic education for 16 years and is a current board member of the Sutherland Cranial Teaching Foundation of Australia and New Zealand.

Gudrun Wagner

Gudrun Wagner, MD DO MSc DPO: Educated in medical and osteopathic sciences as well as in art. President of the OZK - Osteopathic center for children, Vienna. Teaches different lectures mainly in pediatric osteopathy. Working as osteopath, pediatric osteopath, GP and artist in Vienna.

Nicholas Woodhead

Nicholas Woodhead DO (BSO), FHEA has been in full-time osteopathic practice in Nottingham (UK) since 1977, and has been actively engaged in teaching osteopathy in the cranial field at the British School of Osteopathy since the 1980s, and more recently at the Wiener Schule für Osteopathy. He has been course leader for a university validated post-graduate diploma programme in osteopathy in the cranial field and was primarily responsible for the development of this programme, which was subsequently re-validated as a MSc under his leadership. He has previously served on the Council of the General Osteopathic Council (UK), including its Education Committee, and currently serves on its Professional Conduct Committee. He also serves as clinical external examiner for the Paediatric Osteopathy MSc programme at Osteopethie Schule Deutschland, Hamburg, and at the Osteopathic Centre for Children, London.

Michael J. Zarski

Michael J. Zarski, JD is the Chief information Officer of the American Osteopathic Association, responsible for the strategic integration of technology in all aspects of the AOA's activities and serves as the staff representative for the AOA in health information technology initiatives. Mike also serves on the Executive Committee of MedBiquitous, an international standards setting body that creates technology standards to advance healthcare education and competence assessment.

Prior to joining the AOA, Mike worked as an attorney for the American Medical Association and the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

He received his Juris Doctor degree from DePaul University in Chicago.

Rafael Zegarra-Parodi

Rafael Zegarra-Parodi is currently involved in osteopathic practice, teaching and research in France. He gained his Diploma in Osteopathy at the BCNO (now BCOM) in 1997. He holds academic degrees in Education (University of Tours, 2008), in Clinical Research Methodology (University of Bordeaux 2, 2009) in Statistics (University of Bordeaux 2, 2010) and in Epidemiology (University of Bordeaux 2, 2011). He is in private practice in Paris with his wife Pauline. He has lectured in osteopathic structural techniques and in osteopathic diagnosis since 1999 and has been head of the Research department at CEESO since 2004. His main research interests are the neurophysiology of manipulations, their influences on pain perception and the reliability of osteopathic tests. He has published many papers and presented his research in various medical, scientific and osteopathic congresses both nationally and internationally. He is currently involved as a scientific advisor in two osteopathic randomized clinical studies in Paris hospitals.