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FORUM

OSTEOPATHIC MODELS
between tradition and evidence-based practice

7th - 8th NOVEMBER 2024
SARONNO, ITALY

9th Open Forum for Osteopathic Education Conference

Dear colleagues in osteopathic education,

On behalf of the Osteopathic European Academic Network (OsEAN) we are happy to welcome you to the 9th Open Forum “Osteopathic Models – Between Tradition and Evidence-Based Practice.”.

Osteopathy and its educational approaches are undergoing a critical transition. Some schools adhere to traditional models, while others are working to integrate the substantial body of research from recent decades. This is challenging due to the lack of a unified framework for osteopathy.

The current conversation often emphasizes the bio-psycho-social model, which addresses long-overlooked psycho-social factors but remains abstract, with limited clinical application. This highlights the need for stronger focus on education and patient communication. Additionally, some perspectives within this model seem to downplay the biological effects of manual treatment—a core element of osteopathy.

This year’s Open Forum is dedicated to examining and debating these theoretical models. Our goal is to foster a balanced discussion that respects tradition while embracing evidence-based advancements, helping us move toward a renewed consensus on osteopathy’s future.

We are happy to welcome you at our Open Forum Conference.



Robert Muts, D.O. MSc.

OsEAN President



Osteopathic European Academic Network

The Osteopathic European Academic Network (OsEAN) is an organisation working with a mission for better osteopathic education and the enhancement of its quality. OsEAN’s members share this common mission, exchange values and collaborate with vision for the future.

Our Vision for the future is that patients and the public are confident they will receive high standards of osteopathic care no matter where they seek treatment in Europe.

Our Mission is to contribute significantly to the enhancement of the quality of European osteopathic care, and to act as a major driving force for the development of osteopathy as a recognized and regulated primary healthcare profession with high standards of education, training and practice throughout Europe for the benefit of patients.

All OsEAN schools hold the tenet that osteopathic training should be degree validated programme at an MSc level as a precursor to the attainment of admission to practice-life. Therefore, all schools strive for an academic partnership with a university to obtain that goal.

OsEAN is incorporated as a non-profit organisation based in Vienna, Austria.



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Thursday, 7 November 2024

Morning Session

Introduction & Tradition

- 08:15 Registration
- 09:00 Welcome - Raimund Engel
- 09:20 Models in Osteopathy and in other professions – Paul Vaucher
- 09:50 The Osteopathic Models Research Project – Jerry Draper-Rodi
- 10:20 Q&A Session
- 10:30 Coffee Break**
- 11:00 Still's Osteopathy – Nicholas Handoll
- 11:30 Nature and Evidence Based Science of Dr. Still's Philosophy – Jason Haxton
- 12:00 Q&A Session
- 12:45 Official photo session

13:00 Lunch Break

Afternoon Session

Other Models

- 14:00 The tension between traditional and modern frameworks – navigating the clash of competing models for osteopathy. – Gary Fryer
- 14:40 Osteopathy as Relational Clinical Practice. – Steven Vogel
- 15:10 OsteoBPS – Perception of osteopaths with specific undergraduate biopsychosocial training regarding its usefulness in clinical practice: a mixed-method study. – Alberto Maggiani
- 15:30 Q&A Session
- 15:40 Coffee Break**
- 16:10 Using Corticolimbic Pain Thresholds as a Model for Pain Management. – Daniel Orchard
- 16:40 A single model for osteopathy or several? – Andrée Aubin
- 17:10 Q&A Session

Cocktail Dinner 20:00 - 23:30

- 20:00 Join us for our Cocktail Dinner - Social Event. Enjoy with us Italian food and drinks while discussing the conference and socializing with fellow participants.



Friday, 8 November 2024

Morning Session

Models in the Osteopathic Curriculum

- 09:00 Pedagogical models in Osteopathic education: from dogma to game theory - a practical application. – Catherine Clair
- 09:20 Learning Clinical Reasoning through the Lense of Osteopathic Models. – Marianne Damgaard Jensen
- 09:40 A new approach to osteopathy teaching and health-care. – Jöry Pauwels
- 10:00 Experiential learning as a driver for the development of evidence-based practice skills. – Stéphane Renaudo
- 10:20 Q&A Session
- 10:30 Coffee Break**
- 11:00 Roots and Blooms: Navigating the Landscape of Osteopathic Education through the Lens of Liminality. – Hakim Mhadhbi & Julian Knoff Ims
- 11:20 MOMO: an instructional tool for facilitating osteopathic models operationalization. – Matteo Turinetti
- 11:40 Total Curriculum Content Renovation: The Long Journey to Keep it Pure...and Current. The OsteoGeddon Project. – Giacomo Consorti
- 12:00 Q&A Session
- 12:10 Final Panel Discussion

13:00 Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 14:00 Working Groups - Robert Muts & Jory Pauwels
- 16:00 Conclusion

Poster presentations

- Including Biopsychosocial Education in Osteopathy Training: The Example of The Centre Ostéopathique du Québec. –Melanie Betournay & Nicholas Gosselin
- The treatment of postural disease. - Christoph J. Baeumer
- Thinking about osteopathy in France in 2024. – Cyril Clouzeau
- Attitudes, skills, and use of evidence-based practice among French osteopathy students: A cross-sectional survey led in three educational institutions. – Thomas Cornet
- Framework of teaching osteopathy in V.L. Andrianov Institute of Osteopathic Medicine: between traditions and innovations. – Irina Egorova
- Visceral osteopathy: a cross-sectional study investigating utilisation, beliefs and reflections on evidence in Italian osteopaths. – Marco Farina
- Training in research methodology and the use of evidence-based practice by AIMO graduates: a cross sectional study. – Gilda Moretto
- Investigation of French osteopathic teachers' skills and uses of Evidence-Based-Practice and models: a national cross sectional survey. – Laurianne Pinloche & Thibault Grall

Farewell 16:00

Conference Location

Italian Academy of Osteopathic Medicine (AIMO)
Piazzale Santuario N.7
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Social Event

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