

Personal statement:

Jonathan Bailey-Teyletche; Application for position of board member for EFFO 2021

I have been involved with Osteopathy in Europe since 2008 and I am currently a board member, Vice President of the European Federation and Forum for Osteopathy (EFFO) as well Past President of the European Federation of Osteopaths (EFO).

When I first became EFO president in 2010, I outlined five key areas that I, with my fellow board members, wished to achieve during my Presidency.

These were:

- 1) Redeveloping the working framework of the board to make our work as transparent as possible and answerable to our membership.
- 2) Working with FORE towards a possible merger.
- 3) Achieving a European standard of osteopathic education and standards through CEN.
- 4) Developing and encouraging worldwide osteopathic cooperation and research through OIA membership and other partner such as NCOR.
- 5) Promoting osteopathy on a political medical and public level urging European osteopaths to speak with one voice.

Since launching these initiatives, the EFO went from strength to strength as each of these targets were not only met but surpassed.

2018 saw yet another step in unifying European osteopaths as the EFO and FORE finally merged to form a new organisation, the EFFO.

This new European Osteopathic Association has provided a platform for its new board to truly represent its members with one voice across not only Europe but the rest of the world.

The last 12 months, following the continued effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, has seen the osteopathic profession thrust to the forefront of healthcare in many countries.

This has placed much stress and also hardship on many of our members and the EFFO board, under the stewardship of its President Hanna Tómasdóttir, has risen to the task of elevating its support of these members across many different streams.

As part of this team, should the membership feel that my skill set is still of value to the EFFO in representing their interests, I would be honoured to continue to serve as part of the board as their representative, to the best of my ability, in what I feel will be my final term.

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