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1990-1994 University for Applied Sciences in Physiotherapy, Heerlen, Netherlands

1995-2001 Studies at Flanders International College for Osteopathy, FICO, Belgium

2002 elected as advisory Board Member for the German Association for Osteopaths, VOD

2005 DO Thesis awarded by Flanders International College for Osteopathy FICO, Belgium

Since 2005 Board Member of the German Association for Osteopaths, VOD

Since 2010 Member of the Academy of Osteopathy, Germany

2010 elected Board Member of the European Federation of Osteopathy, EFO

2018 elected Board Member of the European Federation and Forum for Osteopathy EFFO

Having chaired the national CEN mirror committee in Germany we were able to finish the standardization project on Standards for Osteopathic Healthcare Provision in Europe in 2015. As the CEN Standard has been re-confirmed after 5 years period, we have to intensify our advocacy to further implement the Standard on the national levels.

I was happy to accompany the merger of both EFO and FORE in 2018, leading to the new EFFO. We were able to professionalize board processes as well as creating a new website with a member's area. This way, we intensified the interaction between the membership and the board. Especially in 2020 we offered numerous online meetings, network meetings, working group meetings as well as the first online AGM.

Together with Dimitri Boulenger we provided support for NCOR and the membership in the EFFO PROM questionnaires project. This project has demonstrated the very positive feedback from clients to osteopathic treatments.

Currently NCOR is working on a research paper presenting all input from the questionnaires. This paper will be available for EFFO members.

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