

ABOUT OsEAN

The **Osteopathic European Academic Network (OsEAN)** is a group of like-minded osteopathic educational institutions with a common mission and vision for the future.

During the past decade Osteopathy in Europe has been expanding at an enormous speed. While it has been legally recognized in a few countries, the standards for training and practice are still different throughout 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. We work together:

- to foster **collaboration and innovation** among our member schools in various areas including administration, education, research and service.
- to provide a **common European representation of schools** in a time of emerging European standards
- to establish and develop **common research streams**
- to achieve **academic recognition** for osteopathy in all countries
- to develop a **standardised model of osteopathic education** throughout Europe
- to develop active scientific, academic and professional communication links – essential for the development of osteopathy, both as an **independent, clearly identifiable profession**, and in its relationship with other professions in the health care sector
- to establish high academic teaching standards by making sure that osteopathic lecturers are **trained in education**.

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.

OsEAN's objectives are to **promote cooperation in Osteopathic Education** and to develop a common **core curriculum** for part-time and full-time schools throughout Europe. 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. Currently the OsEAN members do have such partnerships with 13 different universities, some more are in the stage of preparation.

Now legally based in Vienna, Austria as a non-profit organization, the idea of OsEAN was conceived in 2000 by Renzo Molinari, DO, the former Principal of the European School of Osteopathy/U.K.

The organisation had been incorporated in 2008, since then it has been growing steadily and now has 28 member schools in Europe and overseas and more schools are awaiting approval to join. If you would also like to become a member of the Osteopathic European Academic Network, you will find more information how you can do this [here](#).