

International Seminar of Orthopaedic Medicine/Manual Therapy®

Founded by Harald Brodin, James Cyriax, Olaf Evjenth, Walter Hinsen, Freddy Kaitenborn and Alan Stoddard
in Gran Canaria, Spain in 1973, embracing **MT ad modum Kaitenborn** (1959) with
Orthopaedic Medicine (J.H. Cyriax), **Osteopathy** (A. Stoddard), **Chiropractic** (A. Cramer) and
OMT Kaitenborn-Evjenth Concept (1968) and later others in the **OM/MT Nordic System**® (1964)



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Høring – forslag til forskrift om å autorisere manuellterapeuter (fysioterapeuter med videreutdanning innen manuellterapi) i henhold til helsepersonelloven

The undersigned are leaders and teachers at the manual therapist educational programs in various countries. We are gathered in Gran Canaria for a meeting in the “International Seminar of Orthopaedic Medicine/Manual Therapy”.

We endorse the proposal from the Norwegian Ministry of Health to authorize manual therapists.

Manual therapists in Norway have a unique education. Their professional role is different from the professional role for manual therapists in the rest of the world.

The official recognition that authorization represents, will be positive for the development of manual therapy internationally. It will set a new standard worldwide.

There are huge differences in the education levels of manual therapists around the world. An authorization will contribute to maintain the high level of knowledge and skills that is necessary to fill the role that the manual therapists have achieved in Norway.

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