

50 Years of History

Deutschland / Germany

Name of organisation: OMT-Deutschland/Germany

Year organisation started: 1994

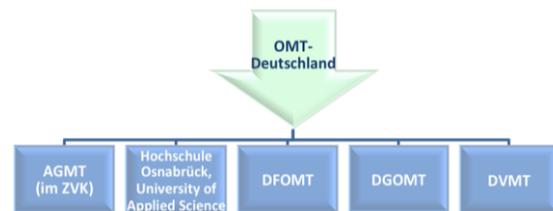
Member of IFOMPT since: 1994

Key influencers of OMPT through the years:

Prof. Freddy Kaltenborn 1923 – 2019 and Olaf Evjenth 1926 – 2020 were the main pioneers in paving the way for the OMT training in Germany and establishment of the DGOMT. Kaltenborn maintained close ties with manual medicine societies in the 1950s and 1960s, and it was not until 1967 that physiotherapists were admitted to the extremity courses and to spinal courses in 1979. Kaltenborn and Dr. med. W. Hinsen campaigned hard and since 1979, OMT courses for physiotherapists following IFOMPT standards have been held in Germany. Olaf Evjenth's legacy was his work and teachings on the functional disorders caused by muscular pathologies and their differential diagnosis and management.

Development over the years:

"DFAMT" was founded in 1994. The aim of the association was to integrate the OMT schools that existed up to that point under an umbrella organization so that German membership of IFOMPT could be granted. In 2014, the name was changed to OMT Germany. The current members of the Umbrella Organization are illustrated.



Through the monitoring processes within the DFOMPT e.V./ OMT-Deutschland e. V., the specialist teachers, and others, have completed further pedagogical training at a university as part of the improvement of the scholarship of teaching and learning.

Major changes or challenges in the last 50 years:

One of the biggest challenges and changes in recent years has been the adaptation of the statutes and curricula to meet the new requirements for OMT training. The monitoring process in the individual groups and their training for quality assurance continually improves. We also welcomed Osnabrück University as a new member. This means that academization and scientific work have been further integrated into the training.

Current status and challenges:

The challenge we face is to combine the training of the various members under the leadership of OMT Germany. The Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences will promote academization. Unfortunately, the low status of physiotherapy in Germany means that there is no compelling need to complete further and in-depth training in manual therapy. We aim to make the training in Germany more widely known.

The future of the organisation:

We are optimistic about the future because we have a committed and dynamic team that wants to advance OMT training in Germany through good cooperation.