FELLOWSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE DEVELOPMENT
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Abstract

International Osteopathic Medicine Development (IOMD) is the study of international educational, clinical, administrative, and managerial systems of osteopathic medicine and osteopathy in all stages of international development. The osteopathic profession currently displays a paucity of osteopathic physicians trained in IOMD, despite a burgeoning need for osteopathic physicians and osteopaths abroad to share expertise, and despite the recent surge of interest among US DO students, residents, and physicians in international osteopathic medicine.

This project proposes specific avenues for professional development in the field of IOMD:

- Combined DO/MPH programs in IOMD among the US schools of osteopathic medicine that offer MPH and other dual degrees, with national coordination of projects, initiatives and outcomes.
- Post-doctoral and post-graduate Fellowships in IOMD for osteopathic physicians and other health professionals, with the option of earning an MPH.
- Collaborative projects, partnerships and exchanges in academics, research, and administration between US schools of osteopathic medicine, US national and international osteopathic professional societies, and foreign national and international osteopathic medical schools, schools of osteopathy, and professional societies.

Fellowships in IOMD would help over thirty countries currently undergoing the struggles of national development to learn, consider, and adopt strategies which have worked in other areas, and to avoid those which have not. Development timetables can be thereby shortened considerably, and much time, energy and resources can be saved.