





THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF OSTEOPATHY IN ANIMAL PRACTICE

Overview of the Legislative and

Educational Status of Osteopathy in Animal

Practice in Italy

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Europea. GuideLine IN 1997 the EU
Parliament invited its
members to recognize
and integrate osteopathy
and CAMs into the NHS

EU funds were earmarked for this purpose (from the Minutes of 29.05.1997)



In 2002, the WHO included Osteopathy in the CAMs, in the maintenance of

The WHO prompted political actions amongst national communities to regulate and integrate CAMs within the services (AMS62.13)



WHO Survey

In 2008 a WHO survey

revealed the number of

EU members who have

included CAMs in their

NHS from 1990 to 2007:

From 5 in 1990
To 39 in 2003
To 48 in 2007

Benchmarks for Training in

Osteopathy



O Benchmark Osteopathy

In 2010 the WHO released the document Benchmarks for Training in Osteopathy It provided adequate levels&models for training osteopathic practitioners as well as contraindications for safe practice of Osteopathy

in Italy, Osteopathy remains to this day a non-recognized and a non-regulated

Situation Italian

profession (therefore not included in the NHS) Different bills on the matter are still pending approval by the Italian parliament



Steopaths

The present legislative void has left the osteopathic training and practice merely self-regulated by independent associations/ registries, such as R.O.I., that in Jine with European standards, attempt to:

l)establish requirements for access to the profession

2) indicate educational

model for schools

3) Work for the recognition

profession of the



if Professiona

Under EU prompting, a process is under way in Associations of Professionals to guarantee:

Continuing education of their members Protection for users of Professional insurance coverage to their members



lian Regiona Examples The Piedmont Region has been the first in Italy to osteopathic practice in its

Following its example,
other Italian regions such as
Tuscany have been active in
organizing, in concert with
of Regional Authorities,
state laws





The tendency has been to include Osteopathy in the common box of "bio-targeting the maintenance of well-being, excluding any

Health or Well-being?

The National Framework Law (Unconventional Medicine and Practices AC 137 -Rapporteur Paolo Lucchese) projected that the osteopathic Profession could be practiced independently in its primary form after a fiveyear university course



In Italy, 14.5% of the population makes use of the CAMs (Eurispes In the homeopathic and anthroposophic field, there are 30 operating companies, which employ more than 1,200 employees Italy is the third largest market in Europe after Germany and France In 2007, the cost of homeopathic and anthroposophic treatment was approximately 300 million euros Through VAT, IRES and IRAP, the revenue of the State in 2007 was 40 million 97% of 3.000 people interviewed reported high satisfaction from osteopathic treatment

Regulation **Professions** The Chamber of Deputies, in its meeting of April 17, 2012, approved the unified text on the regulation of non-regulated professions, including

The professions

The proposed law includes la articles, with the goal of according to FIL stars.

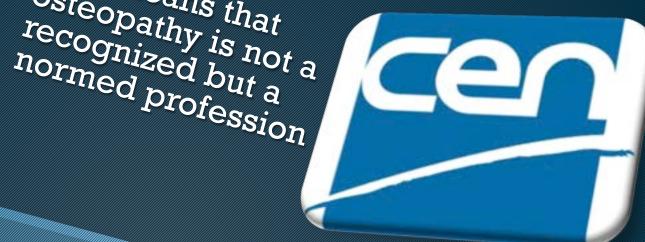
according to EU standards
This marks a step forward
recognition for
Osteopathy





Standards

The Italian situation is thus direction of UNI standard on the profession, in attempt to submit it to the European Committee for Training and become a CEN standard in a few years... therefore valid throughout the European community This means that osteopathy is not a





With regards to Osteopathy applied to the veterinary field a process of regulation and standardization of both the training and the practice of Osteopathy becomes necessary prior to any recognition





guidelines

The National Council of the National Federation of the of Veterinarians (FNOVI), states in art. 35 of its Code of Professional Conduct: The practice of unconventional medicine in the veterinary field is the sole responsibility of the veterinarian. This is...a nondelegable responsibility"

Art. 35 – Medicine non convenzionali – La pratica delle Medicine non convenziona

Questa deve essere svolta nel rispetto dei doveri e della dignità professionali e nell



Veterinary Act

FVE accepts that some veterinary Acts may be delegated to non-veterinarians but takes the view that such persons should be appropriately trained for what they do.

FEV Guidelines

However, the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE), a representative body for 38 European Countries, accepts the delegation of certain tasks/interventions to veterinary paraprofessional who are technically and legally competent, subject to Varying levels of veterinary supervision appropriate to the specific task Such delegation can be encouraged in the interests

of the client..." (FVE/08/



Veterinary Act

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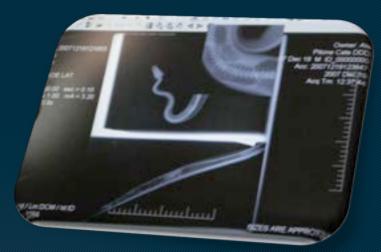
However, certain principles should be established first.

- interventions may be carried out under the authority of and/or in the presence of the veterinarian
- II. interventions may be carried out under the authority of the veterinarian who is able to intervene in an emergency
- III, interventions carried out in the absence of the veterinarian
- IV. independent or autonomous interventions

- Article 16 specifies that they should be defined at least 4 interventions in the possible relationship veterinarians & para-professional:
- 1. Interventions that could be carried out under the authority and or in the presence of the veterinarian;
- 2. Interventions that could be carried out under the authority of the veterinarian, who is able to intervene in cases of emergency;
- 3. Interventions carried out in the absence of a veterinarian
- 4. Independent or autonomous







However, the prerogative osteopathy, as for the other CAMs, remains the need for scientific studies or academic research aimed to Validate its effectiveness

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