



Non Profit Foundation COME Collaboration Membership

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Introduction

The document describes the different types of membership of the Foundation COME Collaboration and the benefits related to each one (see also table below). Becoming a member can have different effects on the Foundation's activity.

Description

Full membership (annual fee: 150€): a full member is usually a professional osteopath (but can also be another health care practitioner), who has at least 12 months of professional experience in health care practice. Full membership has all the benefits of Foundation membership (see table below). It is intended for professionals, who are interested in all aspects of the Foundation's activities and initiatives (from newsletter update to research fellow, to paper publishing) and want to develop additional skills and competences through the opportunities offered by COME.

Students (annual fee 50€): students can become member of the Foundation. They have to prove the attendance of their education institute by sending to the general secretary an *ad-hoc* certificate signed by the referring university/school/institution. The student member receives a discount on the annual fee for the entire academic period. This young profile can grow within the community of the Foundation according to the time needed to complete the academic training and gain the required experience.

COME supporter/advocate: a COME supporter can be an osteopath or other health professional as well as a non-health professional. He/she supports the initiatives and activities of the Foundation and actively participates in the activities that interest him/her. Supporters can be exempted from an annual fee, but they do have a number of advantages as an active supporter of the Foundation. Through their involvement, COME supporters make the Foundation's

community bigger and stronger. Supporters can stimulate new initiatives to fulfil the Foundation's call to interested stakeholders and appeal to new partners/sponsors.

COME ambassador: a COME ambassador acts as a representative or promoter of a specific activity/project of the Foundation. He/she supports a specific project, its objectives and results by embracing the values of the Foundation. An ambassador does not pay an annual fee, but dedicates his/her time, efforts, knowledge and experience to promote the Foundation's activities and projects. His/her involvement is voluntary and comes with a number of benefits. Ambassadors are committed to spreading the message and mission of the Foundation by promoting the projects of the Foundation through their contacts and entourage s. Ambassadors may promote new initiatives to carry out the Foundation's appeal to interested stakeholders and call for new partners/sponsors.

COME donor: a donor, is a private or public supporter of the Foundation. It may be a private individual, an institution, a bank, a school, etc. Donors are considered part of the Foundation through their financial support to the activities of the Foundation. Donors are informed about all activities and results of the Foundation, so that they can control how their donations are invested.

Table: What COME does for its members.

| Benefits | Full membership (150€) | Students (50€) | COME supporter/advocate | COME ambassador | COME donor |
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| Free-of-charge events* | X | X | X | X | X |
| Project participation | X | X | X | X | X |
| Humanitarian mission participation | X | X | X | X | X |
| Enjoy benefits with our partners (e.g. Biotekna) | X | X | X | X | X |
| TechSoup** | X | X | X | X | X |
| COME voucher | X | X | X | X | X |
| Counseling and professional support for the development of own ideas | X | X | X | X | X |
| Newsletter | X | X | X | X | X |
| Being part of a fervent professional interdisciplinary community | X | X | X | X | X |
| Recognition of membership on social media, | X | X | X | X | X |

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| website and annual report | | | | | |
| Access to Slack COME Channels | X | X | X | X | |
| Event Discount | X | X | | X | |
| Being represented among the most prestigious policymakers' and stakeholders' tables | X | X | X | | |
| BeCOME a clinical/research fellow | X | X | | | |
| Database consultation | X | X | | | |
| High quality training | X | X | | | |
| Internship | X | | | | |
| Fellowship | X | | | | |
| BeCOME a project leader | X | | | | |
| BeCOME a project manager | X | | | | |
| Path of Excellence (a.k.a. Honours Program)*** | X | | | | |
| Being part of the practice-based research network (PBRN) | X | | | | |

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| Scientific paper review process service | X | | | | |
| Fiscal advantages**** | | | | | X |

*depending on the type of event, members may receive a discount or waved fees.

**discounts on computer software and programmes.

*** The path of Excellence (a.k.a. Honors Program) provides motivated and deserving members access to in-depth cultural activities and facilitates their integration more broadly into scientific research. The Honors Program consists of additional training activities led by the Foundation.

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