

2. An associative feature

In the following of what is said above, there should be a **better transparency** from the full members & from the schools: they should explain in their own presentation on R.i.E.N. website **which criteria or standards they require for becoming a professional reflexologist (for the associations), or which standard of education they aim (for the school members)**. Also the website of R.i.E.N. members should also be translated - at least the pages corresponding to the education & level of professional qualification - into english, **because of their european & international recognition as R.i.E.N. members**. **Thus, R.i.E.N. Board & E.C. could have an exact knowledge of the education throughout Europe** without having to ask regularly the members about that. That should be a basic communication requirement.

3. An education feature

We, as E.W.G., will be able to concentrate later on about the content of the Reflexologist professional education: foot versus other reflexologies, & other complementary disciplines. **The E.W.G. seems in favour of increasing the amount of the time of education**, at least for social & "political" reasons, because our level is considered as too low by "public authorities" (medical "world" mainly). The question is also: what is **really** necessary to teach for training qualified reflexologists? Or do we have to please **first** to the medical authorities?

And qualified what for? Definitely, there are **several levels of professional reflexology**:

- esthetics, associated with massage, in "beauty establishments" & wellness (stress management) in companies for instance
- "ground reflexology" (to treat the health "ground" of the clients), as a "naturopathic" practitioner (reflexology is also used as a naturopathic "tool")
- clinical reflexology (as a complementary medicine) to help diseased people under medical treatments
- reflexotherapist, which combines various reflexologies in association with nutrition, phyto & aromatherapy, acupuncture, etc., which corresponds to the practitioner of non conventional medicine (see criteria of R.E.FOR.MED)

Thus the level of these professional reflexologists is quite different. **One may consider different professional levels & different corresponding professional education levels.**

It has also been suggested to establish the **obligation to follow a post-graduate education over a minimum of 300 hours** (or 225 full teaching hours) of foot reflexology. For instance, a minimum of postgraduate training of 15 hours per year (one week-end education) could elevate the quality of our professionals. The individual members should send to their associations the certification of this postgraduate training for keeping their title of professional reflexologist.

4. A practical feature

- Voting the modification of the 3.3. objective
- If voted positively, to plan the discussion & vote of the compulsory minimum standard for professional reflexologist registration from the full members, according to the proposition of the E.W.G. & in correspondence with the Bled décisions (recall these ones in details)
- Organize the checking of the requirements of the school members, according to the Constitution
- Prepare a form for the presentation of the full member or the school member about the education standards required at their level.

Thank you for your attention!

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