

WOHO RESEARCH SURVEY 2008 PRELIMINARY REPORT

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CONTEXT

- Lack of publications in osteopathy / osteopathic medicine (WHO Guidelines)
- Many individuals and organizations involved in research around the world
- WHO: « To promote, develop, protect and establish throughout the world, the study, knowledge, philosophy and practice of osteopathy, its application and research for the benefit of the peoples of all nations »

CONTEXT

- WOHO Research Committee
- Create a professional network in osteopathy / osteopathic medicine research
- AGM 2007 in Vienna
- A survey project was decided

DESIGN

- R. Zegarra-Parodi's MEd thesis dissertation
- Online survey
- Contacts
 - Professionals
 - Organizations

RESULTS FROM JULY 15 TO SEPTEMBER 5

Gender

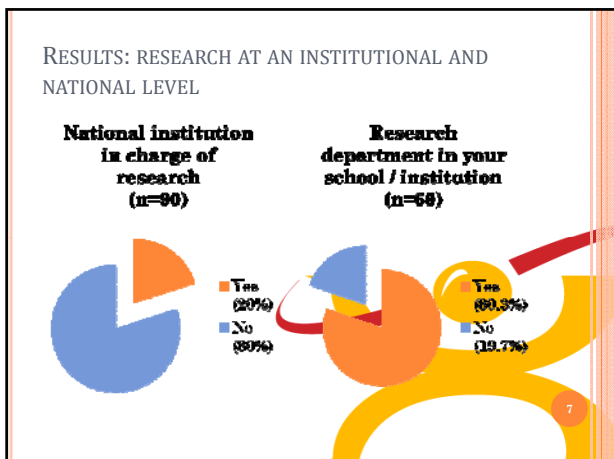
Gender	Percentage
Male	67.59%
Female	32.41%


Status


Status	Percentage
Student	12.5%
Professional	85%
Teacher	58%

RESPONSES FROM 12 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

Country	Number of Responses
France	35
United Kingdom	12
Australia	5
Germany	3
USA	3
Spain	2
Belgium	1
Canada	1
Norway	1
Russia	1
Sweden	1
Switzerland	1



- RESULTS: RESEARCH FACILITIES
- Dedicated staff!
 - Library
 - SPSS site licence
 - Physical measurement equipment
 - Flexiforce
 - Algometer
 - Inclinator
 - Medimouse (Spinal Mouse)
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- RESULTS: PROFESSIONALS INVOLVED IN OSTEOPATHY / OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE
- 33 different professionals were cited
 - From 12 different countries
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- IN THE FUTURE: THE SURVEY
- More responses needed!
 - Time extended to December 1st 2008
 - Missing and underrepresented countries?
 - Data will be more accurately interpreted
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- IN THE FUTURE: THE COLLECTED DATA
- A publication in a peer-reviewed journal
 - National institutions and professionals contacted
 - Creation of a real and effective network
 - Web links for the osteopathic community
 - Students
 - Professionals
 - Teachers
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