

## A brief Report on the Dance Medicine Scene in Germany

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The German Dance Medicine Association, tamed e. V., is still growing and expanding its influence. Membership has grown to be now more than 450 people. This number includes members from other countries, not only Germany, Austria and Switzerland, but also the Netherlands and England are among the places represented in the organization. The whole world can look into German Dance Medicine activities through an internet presence in Facebook as well as in our internet site, [www.tamed.de](http://www.tamed.de). The t@med Newsletter has an even more impressive number of interested parties to report. There are more than 1450 subscribers to this electronic letter.

The idea of having regional offices to help bear the load and carry the message to all areas of the German speaking world is also expanding. Aside from the central office in Darmstadt, and a regional office in Wiesbaden, there is now also a regional office in Vienna, Austria.

Courses in a wide range of subjects covering the field of Dance Medicine are offered in two sites. This series of weekend courses ends with an examination and grants participants a certification in Dance Medicine. The first series of courses is nearing completion in Offenbach, near Frankfurt am Main. A second series is under way in Munich. Preparations for a third series are being worked on.

Aside from such courses, one of the main activities of the German Dance Medicine Association, tamed e.V., is to present conferences. The next **German Congress for Dance Medicine** will be held in **Berlin, June 1 - 3, 2012**. It will be held in the "Hochschuluebergreifendes Center for Dance" where there are what are called Ufer Studios along the banks (Ufer) of the Spree River. The title of this congress will be "**Fasci/a/nation Dance – Mobile Connections**". The focus will be placed not only on fascia and connective tissues in dance, functional chains in the myofascia, but also on structural connections and pedagogical networks among others. All who are interested in presenting lectures, posters or workshops concerning the subject of the Fascia should soon be working on their ideas. The deadline for sending in abstracts will be September 1, 2011. More information, including specifications for abstracts, formats of presentations, and further goals of the congress are available from our business office, with the address [info@tamed.de](mailto:info@tamed.de)

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