

THE BENEFITS OF BECOMING A BFVEA MEMBER

These benefits are applicable mainly to UK Members. International Members please see information at the bottom of this page.

- On a professional level, BFVEA membership is the easiest way to inform the general public that you not only behave totally professionally in your work, but you have proof of doing so by being listed on our register. Clients can be assured you are properly trained, insured, bound by a Code of Ethics, Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures and regularly update your knowledge through CPD.
- You will join an international group that ranges from top essence practitioners to the newly qualified. Our activities, regular publications and secure Members' section on the website will ensure that you need never feel alone in the essence world
- Through our Insurers, we have negotiated a special insurance rate – not only for practice, teaching and attending fairs, etc. but also for small scale essence production.
- A further benefit of BFVEA Membership is that you can become an accredited tutor and run your own course once it has been accredited by the BFVEA (a teaching qualification is required). The guidelines for minimum content for essence practitioner training courses are set by COREP (www.corep.net).
- Another advantage of belonging to the BFVEA is that it provides opportunity for students and members to take part in research. Doing so is instrumental in proving the efficacy of essences and heightening their image, which ultimately benefits all essence practitioners. Recently our MYMOP data findings so far were professionally analysed and written up in a report for publication. This can be found in the research section, see <https://www.bfvea.com/research/>
- Being part of COREP you will be supporting a group that is safeguarding Essence Therapy by constantly fighting to keep essences on the shelves, allowing you to continue practising.
- It is important to accept that Membership of a professional body such as the BFVEA is one way you can help raise standards generally for your chosen therapy. The greater the number of Members we have in the Association the higher our profile and influence. This is always of great importance. However, in the light of the challenges and issues being faced in running and funding the NHS, the Government is currently taking a serious look at 'Integrated Medicine'ⁱⁱ. In the past, decisions about an individual therapy have been made according to whether good structures of regulation to protect the public are in place; whether an evidence base had been accumulated and research is being carried out; whether there are adequate information sources on the therapy; whether the practitioner training is adequate and what the prospects might be for NHS provision of such treatmentsⁱⁱ. COREP has already submitted a detailed report on all these issues on your behalf. We emphasised that we believe our Members could play an invaluable role in supporting the NHS in the delivery of health, well-being and active self-management; that the public should have the opportunity to choose essence therapy as

part of NHS prevention provision and be able to receive advice and treatment from registered essence therapists; and that essence therapy should be an option within personal budgets and as part of care co-ordination. Being a BFVEA member ensures you are in the best possible place when these changes have been decided on.

- BFVEA members are able to gain placement on the General Regulatory Council for Complementary Therapists (www.grcct.org) GRCCT National Register and be awarded a National Registration Number. Since GRCCT is a Government Regulatory Body the public, employers, commissioners, other CAM therapists and colleagues working in allopathic medicine are most likely to use or employ people who are on such a register since they know they have been independently assessed and approved. Recently GRCCT has additionally applied to the Government to take over the role, currently held by the Advertising Standards Authority, for policing advertising in the CAM field.

International Members

- Please contact our International Chair international@bfvea.com, for support and information.
- Balens Insurance company (www.balens.co.uk/abroad.aspx) provide insurance in some countries other than the UK, otherwise International Members are advised to find a reputable insurer in their country.

ⁱ. *Integrated Health Care: Challenges and Opportunities in a Post Brexit* House of Lords Select Committee enquiry, April 2017, report pending.

ⁱⁱ. Select Committee on Science and Technology (21st November, 2000) *Sixth Report: Complementary and Alternative Medicine*; Summary, para 1.
www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld199900/ldselect/ldscstech/123/12302.htm