

IMA Educational Lecture – The Best Massage Therapists



The WMC 2026 has 290 Participants from 59 countries



The International Massage Association Purpose is:

To raise the level of:

1. The Massage Therapists
2. The Massage Teachers
3. The School owners
4. The Associations
5. The Equipment suppliers
6. The Awareness of Massage methods

International Teacher School





Massage Therapist of the Future – by Jeppe Tengbjerg



IMA will show in which direction to look – But not what to see!



Mission: To bring value via Masterclasses, Articles, Podcasts ect.



How and what to Improve – and where to look?



I believe that:

”Massage Craft/Art is where intuitive massage is given on a foundation of knowledge within Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology”



Task 1: What is a good massage?

Overall Reasons for massage treatments…

1) Treatment of injuries and tensions.

2) Prevention of injuries and tension.

3) Mental relaxation

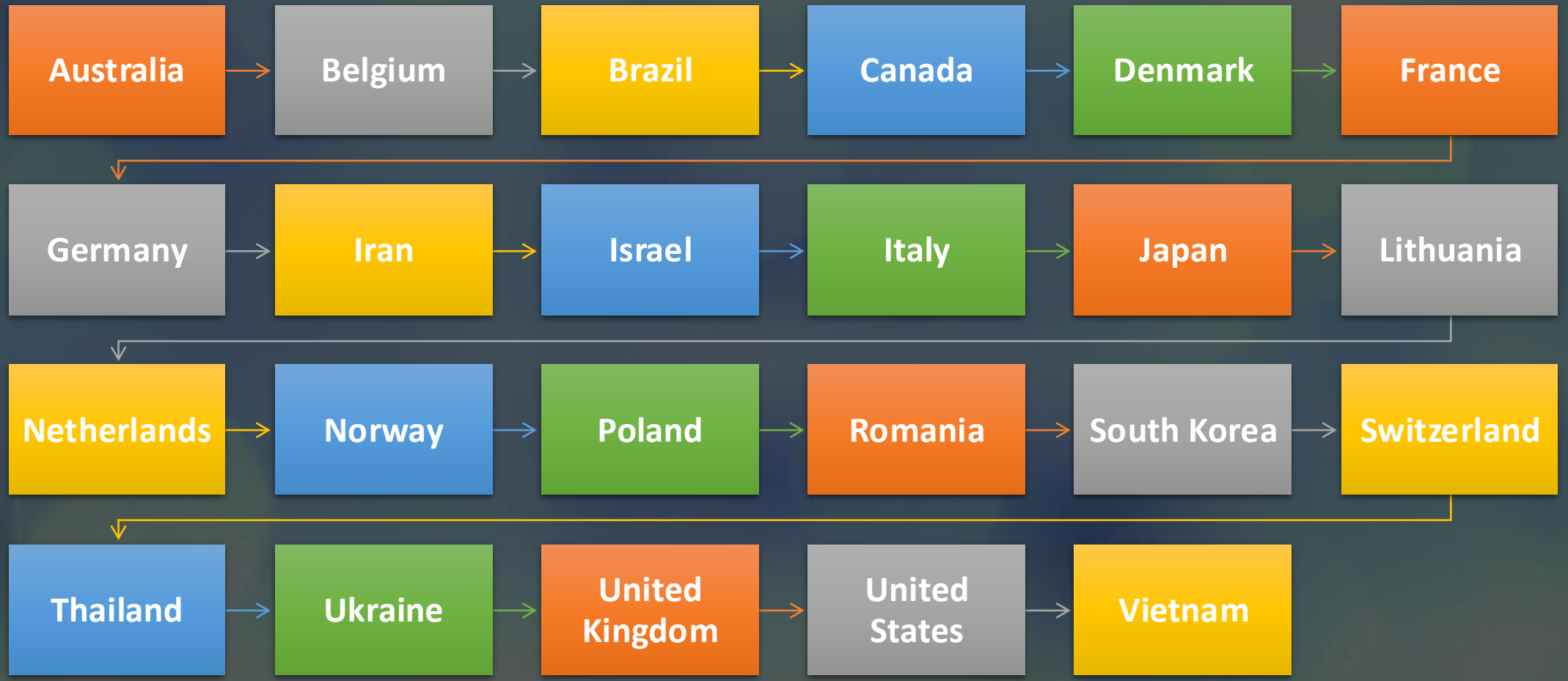
4) Pampering yourself (Wellness)





Is Thailand the World's Best Massage Nation? – and If so Why?

Nations 2022
(23 Countries with minimum 3 participants)



Best Massage Nations 2022
(average score of each country)

Gold: **Thailand**

Silver: **Iran**

Bronze: **Australia**

Best Massage Nations 2023

Gold: **The United Kingdom (England)**

Silver: **Thailand**

Bronze: **Switzerland**

2024 - 24 Nations

Belgium	Brazil	Canada	Denmark	France	Germany
Hong Kong	Hungary	Italy	Japan	Lithuania	Mongolia
Poland	Portugal	Serbia	Slovakia	Spain	South Korea
Switzerland	Thailand	Turkey	Ukraine	United Kingdom	United States

World’s 3rd Best Massage Nation 2024

Japan

World’s 2nd Best Massage Nation 2024

Hong Kong

World’s Best Massage Nation 2024

Thailand



World Championship in Massage 2025

25 Nations with 3 or more participants



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25 Nations

Argentina	Austria	Canada	China	Denmark	France	Georgia
Germany	Ireland	Italy	Japan	Lithuania	New Zealand	Norway
Poland	Portugal	Romania	Serbia	Slovakia	Sweden	Switzerland
Thailand	Ukraine	United Kingdom	United States			

World’s 5th Best Massage Nation

France

World’s 4th Best Massage Nation

Argentina

World’s 3rd Best Massage Nation

China

World’s 2nd Best Massage Nation

Lithuania

World’s Best Massage Nation

Thailand

World Massage Championship Nation Tournament

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28 countries with 3 or more participants



World Massage Championship Nation Tournament

1. Turkey
2. Norway
3. Czech Republic
4. Thailand
5. Japan



Overall World Nation Ranking

Most medals during the years.
Gold = 3 points, Silver = 2 points, Bronze = 1 point

The years 2017 - 2024

1. USA (57 point)
2. UK (39 points)
3. Thailand (32 Points)



Thai Medals under other FLAGS

- 2017 Rose Roongruang, Germany, Bronze (1 point)
- 2018 Jidapha Wilkinson, UK, Gold (3 points)
- 2019 Suwit ”Steve” Sritrairasri, USA, Silver (2 points)
- 2021 Nuan Jiamsranoi, Netherlands, Gold (3 points)
- 2021 Somsri Loser, Switzerland, Gold (3 point)
- 2021 Sunee Obermaier, Germany, Silver (2 points)
- 2021 Somsri Loser, Switzerland, Bronze (1 point)
- 2022 Pornthip Tal-Zvi, Israel, Gold (3 points)
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- 2022 Wassakanit Lakkham, USA (Bronze (1 point)
- 2023 Ying Williams, Australia, Bronze (1 point)
- 2023 Siriphon Welch, Wales, Silver (2 points)
- 2023 Rapats Offermann, Switzerland (1 point)
- 2023 Siriphon Welch, Wales, Gold (3 points)
- 2023 Sukunya Tui Le Bras, France (1 point)
- 2024 Siriluk Piajumpa, USA Bronze (1 point)
- 2024 Anyamas Chaiyong, USA Gold (3 points)
- 2024 Pinyapatch (Grace) Chanyathunyaroj, USA Gold (3 points)
- 2024 Taddaw Acance, USA Gold (3 points)
- 2024 Anyamas Chaiyong, USA, Bronze (1 point)
- 2024 Siriluk Piajumpa, USA Silver (2 points)
- 2024 Pinyapatch (Grace) Chanyathunyaroj, USA Gold (3 points)

Thai under other FLAGS

- **Overall World Nation Ranking**
  The years 2017 - 2024

1. Thailand (75 Points)
2. USA (38 point)
3. UK (31 points)
4. Israel (21 points)
5. Frankrig (17 points)



What are the Thai so good at?



Pressure – Stretching – Mobilization – Wellness – Atmosphere ect…..



The Future is: Massage, Stretching & mobilization



Wellness

Add a New Experience



The Best Massage Therapists gives the Clients what They ask for – But they also give the clients what They need!





Always remember the purpose of the Massage!

Adapt the Speed and the pressure!

Remember!


Teachers
open doors,
but you
must enter
by yourself.
- Chinese Proverb
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