It is truly an honor and privilege to have been elected President for a 2-year term at this month’s Council Meeting in Budapest. This is especially so given the outstanding Presidents who have served before me, most recently Dr. Stathis Papadopoulos of Cyprus who will be recognized appropriately at the Rio Congress next year.

One of my first actions as President was to recommend the formation of a Presidents’ Advisory Council, with all former WFC Presidents as members, so the WFC may have the continuing benefit of their experience and advise. That Council was established by unanimous vote.

In Budapest the Council, as part of an ongoing visioning exercise commenced 2 years ago, agreed on core values and core purposes of the WFC, together with a vision of where the WFC should be in 20 years. These agreed statements will now go to the membership for comment, but I want to share them with you in my first President’s Message.

**WFC Core Values.**
- The profound significance and value of chiropractic in health care.
- The importance of high standards of professionalism, particularly in the areas of research, education and practice.
- Inclusiveness and collaborative relationships within and outside of the chiropractic profession.
- The power of unity within the profession and of speaking with one voice.

**WFC Core Purposes.**
- To protect and promote chiropractic and the chiropractic profession, including its identity at the international level.
- To offer impartial forums for debate and exchange of information.
- To promote unity via consensus within the profession.
- To serve and represent its members, in part as an informed resource center for the profession.
- To influence and improve health care worldwide.

**WFC Vision Statement – Where we want to be in 20 years.**
The WFC is an effective and respected representative of the chiropractic profession internationally. It is recognized by its members and others as having played a decisive role in achieving and maintaining the following around the world:

- Consistently high standards of chiropractic education and legislation.
- Cultural authority for chiropractors as respected primary contact practitioners who are integrated into health care systems.
as evidenced by equitable public access to the services of the profession and a large and respected body of publicly funded research.

- Chiropractors are recognized for having changed the worldview of health to a more rational approach and their opinions are sought and respected. The profession is the leading discipline in manual care and is esteemed for its contribution to healthcare.

In addition the World Federation of Chiropractic possesses the resources to continue to fulfill its vision.

These are values and goals that I will be pleased to support and promote in my presidency. They represent a vision that should not change whatever the specific challenges may be at any one time.

Our meeting in Budapest was hosted by the Hungarian Chiropractors’ Association, led by President, Dr. Zsolt Kalbori of Budapest, a Palmer graduate. Our thanks to him and the 3 other members of his small pioneering association – Dr. Monika Redly (CMCC), Dr. Robert Mireuta (Life West) and Dr. Zoltan Grauzer (Northwestern). They and others from the region attended an excellent seminar sponsored by 2 of the WFC’s strongest ongoing supporters – Foot Levelers and the International Board of Chiropractic Examiners (IBCE). Our grateful thanks to them. David Chapman-Smith reports on the seminar and the Council Meeting elsewhere in this QWR.

Of the many exciting developments in the chiropractic world over the past few months probably none is more exciting than legislation at last to regulate the chiropractic profession in Israel. For many years the Israeli Chiropractic Society (ICS) was offered legislation on a reduced scope of practice without diagnosis. The ICS held out for a full scope of practice and has now been successful. Congratulations to ICS President, Dr. Pini Noyman, ICS Past-President Dr. Shahar Kenin and the members. See more on this and other developments under World Notes.

Finally, all eyes now turn to 2 important forthcoming meetings – the WFC/ACC/CECE Education Conference on Clinical Training in Madrid in October and the WFC’s 11th Biennial Congress in Rio de Janeiro next April. In Madrid a powerful group of speakers from chiropractic education worldwide will look at major changes underway in chiropractic clinical education – this will be of interest to many association leaders as well as educational leaders.

In Rio we have a truly exceptional academic and social program together with an opportunity to come together to help our colleagues in Brazil as they fight for the legal recognition of chiropractic as an independent profession. Make plans now. The dates are April 6-9, 2011 and I look forward to seeing you there.

Mike Flynn, DC
WFC President

My congratulations to Dr. Mike Flynn of Houna, Louisiana on his election as WFC President just ten days ago. I look forward to continuing working with him and other council members in my new position as Past-President.

I am from Cyprus and represent a region – the Eastern Mediterranean – with few chiropractors, no chiropractic school and as a result little chiropractic presence or growth. As a result a main focus for me during the past two years as WFC President has been the establishment of chiropractic education in universities in regions where the profession must grow now if it is to maintain leadership position in manual healthcare. I thank the Council, staff, and you the membership for your support on this.

First steps have been most promising. This year we have chiropractic programs commencing at the International Medical University in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and the Central University and the University de las Americas in Santiago, Chile. In my own region the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST), a public university with many established health science programs including medical and dental schools, has now confirmed its goal of commencing a chiropractic program for students from throughout the Middle East in September 2011.

At a meeting held at JUST on April 24 – 25, 2010, and attended by chiropractors from ten countries in the region, a new regional organization was formed – the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle Eastern Chiropractic Federation. The EMMCF will join the WFC in supporting the proposed new program. For more on the JUST meeting and the EMMCF see Jordan under World Notes.

On one hand these are exciting developments in our underdeveloped regions, bringing new opportunities and resources. On the other hand there is urgent need for further resources and growth. For this purpose the WFC is now looking at the formation of a World Chiropractic Foundation to attract needed and deserved funding from outside the profession. There will be more on this in the months ahead.

I thank you for the continued privilege of serving in the WFC leadership in this exciting era.
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**WFC’s 11th Biennial Congress**  
**Host:** Brazilian Chiropractors’ Association  
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The annual WFC Council Meeting has just been held June 17-19 in Budapest, Hungary and your newly elected officers for a 2-year term are:

- Dr. Mike Flynn, USA – President
- Dr. Dennis Richards, Australia – 1st Vice-President
- Dr. Greg Stewart, Canada – 2nd Vice-President
- Dr. Espen Johannessen, Norway – Secretary-Treasurer

The meeting was held in Budapest, which only has 4 DCs, to bring together the relatively few chiropractors in the Eastern European Region. For this purpose there was a complimentary – and truly excellent – Spine Disc Pathology Seminar given by Dr. Margaret Seron and Dr. John Hyland, very generously sponsored by Foot Levelers and the International Board of Chiropractic Examiners (IBCE).

Here are the highlights of the 3-day Council Meeting.

Regional Reports – Israel and USA. See World Notes for many international developments reported in written regional reports received. Two of major significance were new chiropractic legislation in Israel and a successful campaign in the US to protect the physician designation. The Blue Cross/Blue Shield association had arbitrarily removed that designation in January, with serious implications for diagnostic rights and funding for chiropractic services in the US and therefore many other countries also. An ACA campaign with threat of litigation has restored the designation.

2011 Congress – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The final program and budget for the WFC’s 11th Biennial Congress was approved. All information and registration forms in English and Portuguese are at www.wfc.org/congress2011 and www.quiropraxia.org.br/congresso2011.

In the past 2 weeks there have been over 50 registrations, with everyone also registering for the bargain-prices but limited space pre-congress seminars. If you are joining us for this exciting Congress make your plans now.

2013 Congress – Durban, South Africa. It was decided that the WFC’s 12th Biennial Congress will be held in Durban, South Africa hosted by the Chiropractors’ Association of South Africa.

2015 Congress – Athens, Greece. The WFC’s 13th Biennial Congress will be held in Athens, Greece in partnership with the European Chiropractors’ Union (ECU) and hosted by the Hellenic Chiropractors’ Association.

2012 Council Meeting – Taiwan. Subject to approval from the Taiwan Chiropractic Doctors’ Society, (TCDS) the 2012 meeting will be held in Taiwan, to support TCDS members in their continuing fight for legal status. Taiwan and South Korea are the only two countries where chiropractors still face the daily threat of prosecution.

World Health Organization. There was consideration of a number of proposals presented by Dr. Flynn, Dr. Molly Robinson of WHO and me arising from our meetings with officials at the WHO Assembly in Geneva in May. These proposals included a second chiropractor on staff at WHO, and a November or December 2011 follow-up meeting to the WHO Symposium on Manual Health Care held in November 2008 in Beijing, China and administered by the WFC.
A possible venue is the International Medical University in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. There was approval in principle – more in due course.

**Vision Statements.** Over the past 2 years the WFC Council has been engaged in a visioning process, led by a committee chaired by Dr. Dennis Richards and involving input from member associations and Past-Presidents. Final text of core values, core purposes and a vision statement were approved. These will be circulated to the membership for comment in the weeks ahead.

**Finance.** The report from Dr. Greg Stewart, Secretary-Treasurer, which included audited statements for 2009 and figures for the current year to May 31, was reviewed and approved. After surpluses in 2006 to 2008 there was a small deficit in 2009, mainly caused by a foreign exchange loss on the depreciating US dollar and a $20,000 default under an endorsement contract with a vendor hit by the recession.

However there were strong features in 2009. The Montreal Congress delivered the predicted shared surplus for the WFC and the Canadian Chiropractic Association. A contribution of $25,000 to first year funding for Dr. Robinson’s secondment to WHO has led to her permanent employment (other major contributors being NCMIC, the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners and Standard Process), and a donation of $15,000 to the legislative and legal campaign in Brazil helped fund legal expenses for important court victories in that country. The 2010 budget predicts a return to surplus and the WFC has current assets of over $300,000.

**Global Expansion Project.** This project, led by Dr. Papadopoulos, aims to establish 20 chiropractic schools in universities in underserviced areas within the next 10 years. Regions of concern include Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. There is already significant progress. The Council discussed formation of a World Chiropractic Foundation to help attract necessary resources and a full proposal is to be developed in time for the next meeting.

**Presidents’ Advisory Committee.** A Presidents’ Advisory Committee, an advisory body comprising Past-Presidents of the WFC, will be formed so the WFC will benefit from their experience and advice. This will meet in person at the time of each WFC Congress with members given a complimentary registration for their past and continuing service.

**New WFC Awards for Non-Chiropractors.** WFC Honour Awards, given at each Congress and open to chiropractors and non-chiropractors, are for those who have given exceptional service in the international advancement of the profession. It was decided that a second level of award, an award of international recognition for non-chiropractors, should be established to offer certificates of acknowledgement and gratitude to non-chiropractors who have given excellent service to the profession.

Nominations must come from the President of the relevant national association, supported by a 1-2 page summary of
why the award is deserved, and should go to both the WFC secretariat and the regional representative on the WFC Council. There will be further notice of these awards – but nominations may be made at any time from now.

**Bone and Joint Decades.** The BJD 2000-2010 has recently been continued as the BJDs 2000-2020. Dr. Deborah Kopansky-Giles, the WFC Council liaison to the BJDs, was congratulated upon her recent appointment to the BJDs’ International Coordinating Committee, a highly significant achievement for her and the profession. It was agreed that the WFC would nominate the Canadian Chiropractic Association for a Research Funding Relations Award, one of the 2010 international awards offered by the BJD and to be announced at its Annual Meeting in Sweden in October.

**WFC’s Silver Anniversary History Book.** There was review of this project which has Dr. Reed Phillips writing a history of the first 25 years of the WFC to be ready for publication in late 2012. There was generous funding for this project from NCMIC, the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners and Standard Process.

**WFC/FCLB International Meeting on Regulation.**

In today’s world, with chiropractors frequently changing countries or travelling temporarily with sports teams or cultural events or for disaster relief, regulatory issues are international. To address this the WFC and the US Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB) held a successful first meeting of regulatory bodies in Montreal in April 2009. Participants asked for a second meeting.

That second meeting was held in London May 15 at the time of the ECU convention. Titled Mobility Issues and Regulation of the Chiropractic Profession, and attracting over 40 representatives of regulatory bodies and associations, it addressed:

**Permanent Relocation – Problems and Barriers to Change.** There were speakers from Australia, Canada, Sweden, the UK and the USA. Dr. Phillip Donato, Chair, Chiropractic Board of Australia described a new format of national regulation of professions in Australia from July 1 – rather than regulation by individual states as in the past.

Dr. Peter Dixon, Chair, UK General Chiropractic Council described a relatively flexible relocation policy in the UK – foreign trained chiropractors seeking registration in the UK must have graduated either from a program accredited by a member of CCEI (e.g. CCE in the US or the European Council on Chiropractic Education) or a school recognized by government and chiropractic authorities in the country in question. Dr. Joe Brimhall, President, CCEI described a more restrictive situation in the US which will be hard to change – many state laws require graduation from a school accredited by CCE in the US and no other accrediting agency.
The WFC delegation to WHO’s 63rd Annual Assembly held in Geneva May 16-21 included leaders from the WFC (Dr. Mike Flynn, 1st Vice-President, Dr. Rand Baird, Chair, Public Health Committee, David Chapman-Smith, Secretary-General) and the World Congress of Chiropractic Students (Erin Spindler, Chair, Parker College, Stanton Hom, Vice-Chair, SCUHS, Dan Bronstein, SCUHS, Lance Cohen, Cleveland, Los Angeles and Dr. Betsy Sue Robinson, Texas College). Other delegates were Dr. Joe Brimhall, President, University of Western States, David O’Bryon, Executive Director, Association of Chiropractic Colleges and Dr. Ron Kirk from Life University.

There are 3 main reasons for attending WHO’s Assembly – contacts with ministers of health and other national leaders, participation in WHO health initiatives, and contact with WHO officials on the program of work WFC has as an NGO or non-governmental organization in official relations with WHO.

**Contact with Government Officials**

There were many contacts to advance the presence and interests of the profession. For example Dr. Flynn and others from the US met with Catherine Sebelius, Secretary of State and Human Services and Surgeon General Regina Benjamin. At the request of the Luxembourg Chiropractors’ Association Mr. Chapman-Smith met with the Luxembourg delegation discussing proposed chiropractic legislation in that country.

**NGO Alliance for Health Promotion Workshop**

On May 18 Dr. Ron Kirk of Life University, a member of the WFC Public Health Committee, was a featured speaker at an NGO Alliance for Health Promotion Workshop. This workshop, introduced by WHO Health Promotion Cluster Coordinator Gauden Galea, was in support of WHO’s efforts to mainstream health promotion.

WHO is strengthening its proactive health promotion efforts including tobacco cessation, alcohol reduction, activity promotion and nutritional improvement. In his presentation titled Building on Community Assets Dr. Kirk described a pragmatic conceptual basis for empowering local communities in health promotion – honoring local cultural values to increase ownership, sustainability and effectiveness of health promotion efforts.

**Temporary Relocation – Sports and Cultural Events.** Donna Liewer, Executive Director FCLB presented a working model for short-term license or registration.

**Temporary Relocation – Disaster Relief.** Dr. Jennifer Lovern, who has developed an ongoing relationship with the International Red Cross after her leadership of the chiropractic relief effort following the earthquake in L’Aquila, Italy in April 2009, introduced Chiropractic Action Team, an NGO working with the International Red Cross to build a delivery system to ensure chiropractic care is available, particularly for emergency workers and volunteers, in disaster situations in the future. A pilot project is being launched in Milan.

**Teaching non-chiropractors in other countries to adjust.** The problems caused by such activity, which is against WFC policy and prejudices DCs working in countries where the profession is not recognized or regulated, were addressed by Dr. Janet Ruth Sosna of Singapore, Dr. Michael Hafer of Germany and Dr. Marcelo Botelho of Brazil.

**Next Meeting.** A next meeting will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on Wednesday April 6, 2011 at the time of the WFC Congress and is being organized by the regulatory bodies themselves. The Planning Team comprises Dr. Phillip Donato, Australia, Peter Waite, Canada, Margaret Coats, UK, Dr. Ed Weathersby (IBCE) and Donna Liewer (FCLB) USA, with Dr. Mike Flynn now WFC President representing the WFC.
Congratulations are due to Canadian chiropractic and medical researcher Dr. Paul Bishop and co-authors Geoffrey Quon, DC, Charles Fisher, MD and Marcel Dvorak, MD for winning the 2010 Outstanding Paper Award for Medical and Interventional Science from the North American Spine Society (NASS).

This is for a paper titled The Hospital-Based Interventions Research Outcomes (CHIRO) Study: A randomized Controlled Trial on the Effectiveness of Clinical Practice Guidelines in the Medical and Chiropractic Management of Patients with Acute Mechanical Lower Back Pain. This study compared two protocols for the management of patients with acute low-back pain – usual family physician-directed care and care according to current clinical practice guidelines (reassurance and avoidance of passive treatments; acetaminophen; four weeks of lumbar chiropractic spinal manipulative therapy).

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WHO REPORT CONTINUED...

Meetings with WHO Officials.

Several of these were arranged and attended by Dr. Molly Robinson, the former WCCS leader and doctor of chiropractic now on staff at WHO. They included a meeting with Dr. Bedhiran Ustun, Coordinator, Classification Terminology and Standards concerning the chiropractic profession’s role in the ICD-11 process, a potential second WHO meeting on manual healthcare administered by the WFC as a follow-up to the Beijing meeting in November 2008, and secondment of the second doctor of chiropractic to WHO in Geneva.

Other meetings were with Dr. Xiaorui Zhang and Dr. Zhang Qi of the Traditional Medicine Cluster and Mr. E. Louati, WHO’s Arabic translator, concerning translation into Arabic of WHO’s Guidelines on Basic Training and Safety in Chiropractic.

Conclusion

The role of the WFC and the chiropractic profession with WHO continues to expand in various ways providing direct and indirect benefit to the profession. As in other recent years the WFC’s anti-tobacco posters in English, French and Spanish were made available to the Assembly and were very popular.

OTHER WFC delegates at the workshop were WCCS leaders Erin Spindler and Stanton Hom, and David Chapman-Smith. Chiropractic is reaching new and influential audiences.

WHO Report Continued...

(from left) Drs. Molly Robinson, Rand Baird, Mike Flynn, Regina Benjamin, Lance Cohen, Richard Nicol, Dan Bronstein, Stan Hom

World Notes

Canada

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Dr. Bishop will receive this award, which carries a prize of $10,000 and is described by Dr. Scott Haldeman as “one of the most competitive and prestigious awards given out by NASS”, at the NASS Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida October 5-9, 2010. The full paper is to be published in The Spine Journal later this year and will be available at that time.

The Canadian Chiropractic Association (CCA) reports continued development of its own clinical practice guidelines – which are available for review and used by chiropractors everywhere. For published guidelines on whiplash associated disorders in adults, and on adult neck pain not due to whiplash, go to www.chiropracticcanada.ca.

There has been continued expansion of the Chiropractic Research Chair Program which is placing DC, PhDs in major universities in all provinces in Canada. This program has been such a success that the WFC is nominating the CCA for an international research capacity reward being offered by the Bone and Joint Decade.
Denmark

Below is first notice of the new Danish Chiropractic Research Stipend. This offers funding of up to DKK1 million (approximately US$175,000) per project for chiropractors residing outside Denmark who wish to conduct research as a PhD student or at a post-doctorate level. The overall grant framework is DKK2 million per year.

The joint sources of the funds are the Danish government and chiropractic profession. In Denmark there is public funding for chiropractic services. Since 1991 there has been agreement between the Danish Chiropractors Association (DCA) and the government that a small portion of each treatment fee will go into a research fund jointly administered by the DCA and the government. This fund, which has been instrumental in developing chiropractic research capacity in Denmark, now produces approximately US$3 million per annum. Part of those funds are now being made available internationally.

Israel

Many years of work by the Israeli Chiropractic Society (ICS) were rewarded on March 16 when the Israeli Knesset passed legislation to recognize and regulate the practice of chiropractic in Israel.

ICS President and Past-President, Dr. Pini Noyman and Dr. Shahar Kenin, report that the new law authorizes diagnosis and treatment as taught in accredited chiropractic educational programs, and that the existence of agreed international accreditation standards now adopted by the World Health Organization was an important factor in acceptance of the new law.

In Israel there are 90 graduates of accredited colleges who now qualify for licensure under the legislation. They serve a population of almost 7 million. Despite the previous absence of legal recognition many work in hospitals, publically funded health maintenance organizations and other clinics, and the military.

However the profession’s public image has been damaged since the early 1990s by many unqualified practitioners who perform spinal manipulative therapy and “chiropractic” as part of their practices. They arrived on the scene when alternative medicine practices and colleges flooded the country in the early 1990s.

“The medical doctors on the Ministry of Health’s committee reviewing the proposed new law were not against us at any time in the process”, says Dr. Kenin, “and restriction from primary contact with patients was not raised in any of the discussions”.

This was a significant turnaround. At various times during the past 20 years the ICS was offered legislation on the basis that the ability to diagnose was not recognized and was not in the scope of practice. As elsewhere in the world this was always rejected by the profession – the wisdom of that can now be seen.

The ICS and its members also united behind and used the definition of chiropractic appearing in the WHO Guidelines on Basic Training and Safety in Chiropractic (2005) namely:

‘A health care profession concerned with the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disorders of the neuromusculoskeletal system and the effects of these disorders on general health. There is an emphasis on manual techniques, including joint adjustment and/or manipulation, with a particular focus on subluxations’.
Japan

The Japanese Association of Chiropractors (JAC) reports that on May 17, for the first time, government policy on regulating chiropractic was debated in a parliamentary session. Representative Mr. Msaio Akamatsu questioned the Minister of Health who acknowledged the effectiveness of chiropractic as regulated in the USA and other countries, and noted that WHO had published Guidelines on Basic Training and Safety in Chiropractic. However the government claimed it required further investigation before making a policy decision.

The JAC continues to work closely with current ruling party representatives and is forming a support organization for them. In addition the JAC has established a Japan Chiropractic Register (JCR) to identify chiropractors that meet international educational standards as set forth in the WHO Guidelines. For this purpose a standardized examination is being developed with the assistance of the International Board of Chiropractic Examiners (IBCE).

Jordan

The World Federation of Chiropractic’s 5th Annual Eastern Mediterranean Region Seminar, held April 24-25, at the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) in Irbid, Jordan was attended by chiropractors from 10 countries in the region – Cyprus, Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates. It featured:

- On April 24, an interdisciplinary spine care conference as part of an ongoing project to commence a first chiropractic school in and for the Middle East at JUST.
- On April 25 a formation of the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle Eastern Chiropractic Federation (EMMECF), a new regional association. Elected officers are Dr. Stathis Papadopoulos (Cyprus), President, Dr. Mustafa Agaoglu (Turkey), Vice-President, Dr. Samer Shebib (Syria), Vice-President, Dr. Abdullah Al-Harbi (Saudi Arabia), Treasurer and Dr. Reza Jafari (Iran), Secretary.

Keynote chiropractic speakers at the seminar included Dr. Jean Moss, President, Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College (on chiropractic education), Dr. Scott Haldeman (on the BJD Neck Pain Task Force and its new model of neck pain and its management) and Dr. John Triano (on management of back pain and the biomechanical effects of spinal manipulation). Keynote speakers from the JUST School of Medicine included surgeons Dr. Mohammad Barbarawi (cervical spine) and Drs. Ziad Odat (lumbar spine) and Khalid El-Salem, Associate Professor of Neurology.

JUST is the second largest public university in Jordan. It focuses entirely on health and sciences and has over 20,000 students. Programs include medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing, veterinary medicine, allied health sciences including PT, OT, optometry, speech pathology. Its impressive campus is spread over 3,000 acres.

Malaysia

The International Medical University Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia features its new school of chiropractic as a front page story in a recent newsletter to students, faculty and alumni. The new IMU school of chiropractic was launched in March with a first intake of 30 students. Dean of Chiropractic is Dr. Michael Haneline.

With the school now established the Chiropractic Association of Malaysia, led by AECC graduate Dr. Vishwadeep Sandhu, anticipates that there will be a first parliamentary reading of draft law to regulate chiropractic in the very near future.

Norway

At the ECU Convention in London Dr. Oystein Ogre, President of the Norwegian Chiropractors’ Association since 2002, was also elected ECU President.

Dr. Ogre (Palmer College 1980) has been in private practice in Fredrikstad, Norway since 1981 where he works in a multidisciplinary setting and has an extensive sports chiropractic practice. For 15 years he was the chiropractor for the Fredrikstad Football Club, a leading team in the Norwegian Premiership League, and he served as President of the Club from 1994-1996.

Dr. Ogre has lectured extensively on chiropractic in Norway, stays active in his leisure time with running, cross-country skiing and kayaking and is married with 3 children.
South Africa

In the absence of any external chiropractic accrediting agency for Africa the two South African schools have applied to the European Council on Chiropractic Education (ECCE) for accreditation.

The program at the Durban University of Technology has recently achieved ECCE accreditation and the program at the University of Johannesburg is well advanced in the application process.

At its recent Council Meeting in Budapest the WFC Council decided to hold its 12th Biennial Congress in 2013 in Durban, South Africa, hosted by the Chiropractors’ Association of South Africa (CASA). CASA produced an exciting bid supported by the Durban International Convention Center – exact date and more news in the months ahead.

UK

The ECU Annual Convention was held in London May 13-15 and featured an outstanding academic and social program. Officers elected for a full year term were:

- President – Dr. Oystein Ogre of Norway
- Vice-President – Dr. Barry Lewis of the UK
- Treasurer – Dr. Vasileios Gkolfinopoulos, Greece

Dr. Philippe Druart, President for the past 8 years, was honored for his outstanding service. At the Fédération Internationale de Chiropratique du Sport (FICS) Annual Council Meeting held at the same time, Dr. Tom Greenway of London confirmed that there will be chiropractic services included in the polyclinic for all athletes at the London Summer Olympics in 2012. He represents the British Chiropractic Sports Council and the chiropractic profession on the Physical Rehabilitation Work Group for the London Organizing Committee (LOCOG).

In the last QWR there was a report on the libel action between the British Chiropractors’ Association (BCA) and science journalist Simon Singh. The BCA was awaiting an appeal decision. Singh’s appeal against the original judgement in favour of the BCA has been successful, and the BCA has decided against any further appeal or action.

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◊ Information on the WFC – including its links with WHO and the WHO Guidelines
◊ Details of meetings and events
◊ Projects – Straighten Up program, Identity Consultation and Result, Chiropractor Against Tobacco, etc.
◊ News – and past issues of the WFC Quarterly World Report
◊ Much more

JMPT Publishes Award Winning Papers

The June 2010 issue of the Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics (JMPT) has just published the main award winning research papers from the WFC’s 10th Biennial Congress held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada last year.

For an editorial by Haldeman and Chapman-Smith, published with the papers and listing the titles and authors of all award winners, see Pages 19-20 of this Quarterly World Report.
The WFC Public Health Committee is composed of 9 chiropractic leaders representing the 7 WFC regions of the world. They are:

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Your WFC Public Health Committee represented you at the recent annual World Health Organization (WHO) World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland in May. Dr. Rand Baird and Dr Ron Kirk and Mr. David Chapman-Smith met with many top WHO officials and health ministers and delegations from all over the world. Incoming WFC President Dr Michael Flynn joined us and engaged the USA delegation to WHO in dialogues, including meeting the leaders of the American delegation: US Surgeon General Dr Regina Benjamin, Secretary of Health & Human Services Mrs. Kathleen Sebelius, HRSA Administrator Dr. Mary Wakefield, and Ms. Rebecca Patton, President of the American Nurses Association. All encouraged chiropractors to get involved at the federal level in integrating national health programs.

The 2010 WFC delegation included University of Western States President Dr. Joseph Brimhall, leaders of the World Congress of Chiropractic Students, David O’Bryon representing the Association of Chiropractic Colleges, and WHO staffer Dr Molly Meri Robinson.

World No Tobacco Day was held again on May 31. Did Y-O-U participate?!? Many chiropractic organizations and institutions did participate. The theme for 2010 is “Gender and tobacco with an emphasis on marketing to women.” Sadly, women (and children) are the fastest growing groups of new cigarette smokers, and the tobacco industry has focused on them as marketing targets. Doctors of Chiropractic can and should have an important impact in this area of health and wellness. Our WFC website has some very good, FREE, downloadable materials to help DCs counsel patients on the hazards of tobacco use and of second-hand exposures as well.

Our number one priority remains chiropractic involvement in the Tobacco-Free Initiative. We urge all chiropractors in the world to encourage their patients to refrain from cigarettes and other tobacco use, and to counsel their patients about the hazards of smoking, about smoking cessation methods, and to join in community anti-tobacco campaigns.

Another high priority for us is the WHO Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health (GSDPAH). The WFC has endorsed the “Straighten Up” program and continues to support the practice and the teaching of the Straighten Up program of movement and spinal hygiene exercises. Dr. Ron Kirk continues to lead the effort and made several presentations during the WHO Assembly. Watch for the next issue of the QWR in late September for important updates!

Please submit your suggestions and comments to the committee members listed above.
WFC Salutes all our Individual and Corporate Associate Members as we work as partners together for the good of chiropractic and the citizens of the world.

WFC & WFC Associate Members, growing though the Power of Partnership

The WFC Associate Member Committee is composed of Rand Baird, Chair and members Dr. Michael Flynn, Dr Dennis Richards, and Dr Greg Stewart. Volunteer staff includes Dr. Guy Karcher, Dr. George Le Beau, and Dr Catherine Luib who have assisted the committee at events such as the Florida Chiropractic Association meeting in August and the Parker Seminar in Las Vegas in January each year.

Welcome to our newest corporate associate member for second quarter of 2010:

Chiropractic Program, International Medical University (IMU), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The newest chiropractic degree program in the world is also the WFCs newest corporate associate member at the Bronze level. The International Medical University began its chiropractic program in February 2010 and is the first and still only chiropractic degree program in SE Asia that is in a fully recognized medical university. Its website is: www.imu.edu.my and its premier chiropractic class of 30 students has just completed their first semester of a rigorous program which meets WHO and international standards and is approved by the Malaysian government.

Head of the Chiropractic program Michael Haneline, DC, MPH recently guided the top leadership of the IMU on a tour of the east coast of North America, visiting Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College, New York Chiropractic College and Palmer-FL campus. At CMCC our WFC Secretary-General David Chapman-Smith joined IMU President Tan Sri Dato’ Abu Bakar Suleiman MD, Vice-president Victor Lim MD and Provost Mei Ling Young PhD as guests of CMCC President Jean Moss DC.

Corporate Renewals:

Thank you to the following corporate members who renewed their commitments to the WFC in the second quarter of 2010. These included:

**Platinum — $10,000**
NCMIC

**Diamond — $5,000**
Life University

**Gold — $2,500**
Performance Health (Biofreeze)
Williams Healthcare

**Silver — $1,000**
Dee Cee Labs.
Erchonia Laser Healthcare
Neuromechanical Innovations
University of Western States

**Bronze — $500**
Breakthrough Coaching
College of Chiropractic Sciences – Canada
Elite Chiropractic Table
Straight Arrow Products Inc.

Please visit these WFC supporters at conventions and trade shows, and when making purchases of goods or services for your own facilities please patronize these companies that are supporting your profession at the global level. Remember to look for the WFC Corporate member logo before you buy.

According to new WFC President Dr. Michael Flynn, “Associate Corporate Members in the vendor community provide the resources to fuel the fire we need for the WFC to meet and exceed its goals. They are an important part of the chiropractic family and all of us in the profession should be supporting them just as they are supporting the WFC."

Dr Flynn announced at the WFC Council meeting in Budapest his “associate member vendor campaign.” Every member of the Council has been deputized to successfully recruit at least one new vendor member at the Bronze level or higher by December 2010. Not just Council members but all WFC members should join in and encourage more vendors in their home countries to join the WFC. As committee Chair Dr Rand Baird has said, “I would go so far as to ask you to exclusively purchase products and services only from vendors who are WFC corporate associate members – it’s that important! If a vendor asks you to buy something --- ask him/her to join first!”

For the entire list of all your WFC corporate and individual associate members see the website www.wfc.org. While at the WFC website, be sure to check the Photo Gallery section to see the display of so many of our corporate associate members who were exhibiting at the Parker Las Vegas Seminar in January.
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS LIST
FOR ALL YOUR WFC CORPORATE AND INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATE MEMBERS SEE THE LIST BELOW,
ALSO FOUND AT www.wfc.org

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National Board of Chiropractic Examiners – USA
www.nbce.org
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Douglas Laboratories – USA
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www.gevorest.com
Northwestern Health Sciences University – USA
www.nwhealth.edu
The American Chiropractor – USA
www.theamericanchiropractor.com
Williams Healthcare Systems – USA
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Palmer College of Chiropractic West – USA
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Clear Institute - USA
College of Chiropractic Sciences – Canada
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EDITORIAL

AWARD-WINNING PAPERS AND ABSTRACTS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHIROPRACTIC RESEARCH 2009

Scott Haldeman, DC, MD, PhD, and David Chapman-Smith, LLB (Hons)

ABSTRACT

This issue of the Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics (JMPT) includes the publication of the scientific papers that won the 3 major open awards at the International Conference on Chiropractic Research (ICCR) held at the Hilton Bonaventure Hotel, Montreal, Canada, from April 30 to May 2, 2009. (J Manipulative Physiol Ther 2010;33:325-326)

This conference was jointly sponsored and administered by the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) and the Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research (FCER) and was held as part of the WFC’s 10th Biennial Congress. The WFC has held a similar original research meeting as part of its Congress every 2 years since 1991. In Montreal, 4 main awards for full papers totaling US $20,000 were generously sponsored by NCMIC. Eight awards were given for the best research abstracts, internationally and by world region, which totaled US $4750 and were generously sponsored by the National and International Boards of Chiropractic Examiners (Figs 1-2). See Figure 3 for all award-winning entries.

For the Montreal ICCR, 144 abstracts in the categories of basic sciences (17), clinical management (68), diagnostic sciences (15), and special interests (44) were submitted from 11 countries: Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, South Africa, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Thirty-two were accepted for platform presentation; 90 were accepted for poster presentation.

Judging of abstracts and subsequently completed papers, which researchers were required to submit in a format suitable for publication in JMPT, was completed by members of the WFC Research Council together with Dr Claire Johnson, Editor-in-Chief, JMPT; Dr Reed Phillips, Director of International Programs and Research Development, FCER; and Dr Anthony Rosner, former Director of Education and Research, FCER.

Figure 3 shows that prize-winning papers came from the United States, Canada, and Brazil and that prize-winning abstracts came from Brazil, Canada, China, New Zealand, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The awards and the meeting confirmed that a considerable amount of impressive research is now being conducted at chiropractic colleges in a number of world regions.

All scientists and clinicians with a research interest relevant to the field of chiropractic are encouraged to submit original research abstracts to the WFC’s 11th Biennial Congress to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in April 2011. Those scientists who wish to compete for the prestigious awards should submit full papers for consideration by the scientific council of the WFC. Go to www.wfc.org/congress2011 for all information and the online submission form.

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Main Paper Awards

First Prize – The Scott Haldeman Award
Motor Neuronal Degeneration Following Knee Joint Immobilization in the Guinea-Pig: An Animal Model of Vertebral Subluxation Complex
Shawn He, MD, MS, Veronica Dishman, PhD – Palmer College of Chiropractic Florida, USA

Second Prize –
The Association Between Low-Back Pain and Osteoarthritis of the Hip and Knee: A Population-based Cohort Study
Maja Stupar, DC, MBSc, Pierre Côté, DC, PhD, Melissa French, MSc, Gillian Hawker, MD, MSc – University of Toronto, Canada

Third Prize –
Physical Exam and Self-Reported Pain outcomes from a Randomized Trial on chronic Cervicogenic Headache
Darcy Vavri, MD, MS, Mitchell Haas, DC, MA, Dave Peterson, DC – Western States Chiropractic College, USA

Private Practice Award –
The Prevalence of Musculoskeletal Disorders among Workers of a Metallurgical Company from the Sierra Gorda
Marcos Adriano Montero dos Santos, DC, Ranieli Guifhan Zaperini, DC – Private Practice – Brazil

Poster Awards

First Prize (US $1,000)
Lifetime History of Work-Related Low Back Injury as a Risk Factor for Onset of an Episode of Troublesome Low Back Pain: A Population-Based Prospective Study
Cesar A. Hancapal, DC, MScSc, Jill A. Hayten, DC, PhD, J. David Cassidy, DC, PhD, DrMedSci, Pierre Côté, DC, PhD - Canada

Second Prize (US $750)
The Association Between Back Disorders and Osteoarthritis of the Hip and Knee: A Population-Based Cohort Study
Maja Stupar, DC, Pierre Côté, DC, PhD, Melissa R. French, MSc, Gillian A. Hawker MD, MSc - Canada

African Region Prize (US$500)
A Randomized Controlled Trial to Assess the Efficacy of Shoulder Manipulation Versus Placebo, in the Treatment of Shoulder Pain due to Rotator Cuff Tendinopathy
Maryam Atkinson, MTechChiropractic, Robert Mathews, MTechChiropractic, James W. Brantingham, DC, PhD, Gary Gobe, DC, MBA, PhD, Tammy Kay Caesa, DC, Debra Bomein, DC, DABCPR, MagSc, Charmaine Korporaal, MTC, CCFCC, CCSP, ICSBD, South Africa

Asian Region Prize (US$900)
Treatment of Pelvic Obliquity by Chiropractic Manipulation with Spinal Adjusting Instrument
Yu Hong, MD, China

European Region Prize (US$500)
CPD and Practice Change: The Chiropractors’ Perspective
Graham Heavey, DC, Dip Bioech, FCC, United Kingdom

Latin American Region Prize (US$500)
Alterations on Dyspeptic Signs and Symptoms in Patients Presenting with Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease Submitted to Chiropractic Treatment
Fábio Dal Bello, DC, Verônica Dal Belo, DC, Luciano Neto Santos, MD, Joana Margarete Rasp, DC, Brazil

North American Region Prize (US$500)
Implementation of National Committee for Quality Assurance Back Pain Recognition Program with Support from an HMO
John M. Ventura, DC, R. Quarto, DC, R. F. Justice, DC, USA

Pacific Region Prize (US$500)
Effects of Cervical Adjustments on Elbow Joint Position, Heidi Hasvik Taylor, DC, PhD, New Zealand

Fig 1. Dr Shawn He presents his award-winning paper.

Fig 2. Dr He receives the Scott Haldeman Award (First Prize) from Dr Scott Haldeman (left) and Dr Louis Spertieli, President, NCMIC.

Fig 3. 2009 WFC/FCER ICCR award-winning papers and abstracts.