



WFC QUARTERLY WORLD REPORT

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President's Message

At this time of the year it can be interesting to look back on some of the important events of the past twelve months and forward to the next year.

April 2013 saw the 12th WFC Congress in Durban, South Africa. Two milestones were passed there. Firstly, the formation of the African Chiropractic Federation meant that there are now regional organizations of chiropractic national associations in all WFC regions around the world. As the world of chiropractic grows and matures, the regional organizations are developing and broadening their activities and significance. Secondly, the 25th anniversary of the founding of the WFC was marked by the release of the book 'The Global Advance of Chiropractic. The World Federation of Chiropractic 1988-2013', which records in detail the history of this organization and its people.

During the year the chiropractic profession was represented at many meetings in many places around the world. As the WFC is a non-governmental organization (NGO) in relations with the World Health Organization, we send a delegation to the annual World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland, each May. This year's WFC delegation was composed of ten persons from six different WFC member countries.

WHO Director-General Dr Margaret Chan's Assembly address emphasized the importance of policies based on the 'life-course approach' to the prevention of the common non-communicable epidemics and the necessity for cost-effective and financially sustainable primary health care. For most, good health can be obtained at low cost, if the right policies are in place.

The WHO Assembly provides another environment for attempting to advance chiropractic, and we must make the most of all such opportunities.

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The Betrayal of Chiropractic in Taiwan

The WFC has a clear policy against chiropractors from one country teaching joint adjustment or manipulation to non-chiropractors in another country.

Why? Consider these facts and this latest betrayal of your chiropractic colleagues in Taiwan.

The practice of chiropractic remains technically illegal in many countries and actively opposed by medical trade organizations. Taiwan, with South Korea, is one of the two countries where duly qualified doctors of chiropractic are actively harassed and prosecuted by the authorities.

The Taiwan Chiropractic Doctors' Society (TCDS), representing 25 chiropractors and the WFC member association in Taiwan, reports recent prosecutions and fines. For example Dr Rai Lin, a young Palmer West graduate practicing in Taichung, was fined \$50,000 Taiwan (approx. US\$1,700) in November simply for calling himself a doctor of chiropractic on his Facebook page.

In September TCDS Past-President Dr Albert Lee was fined a similar amount because his website was considered a medical advertisement by the health authorities. "I was banned from using words such as chiropractic, chiropractic doctor, pain, joint, spine, any treatment methods and modalities and any health-related terms at my website," says Dr Lee. "Basically, the view of the Taiwan health authorities is that it is illegal for chiropractic doctors to talk about chiropractic or call themselves a chiropractic doctor on the internet."

Enter Dr Phillip Lee Rock of Wilmington, California. On December 14-15, after failing to respond to correspondence and calls from the WFC and others on behalf of our Taiwan colleagues, Dr

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President's Message Continued...

Our profession was also represented at the recent World Health Organisation High-Level Meeting on the Implementation of the WHO Traditional Medicine and Complementary Medicine Strategy: 2014-2023 held in the Macau Special Administrative Region, China, in October.

Although the terms 'Traditional Medicine'(TM) and 'Complementary Medicine' (CM) may pose challenges of identity for chiropractors, WHO has positioned WFC as an NGO in that section of its operations.

Following addresses by Mr. Chui San On, the Chief Executive of Macau SAR, and Dr Chan, the new Strategy was officially launched and copies presented to representatives of national governments and NGOs, including the WFC. Keynote speeches were made by the Chinese Vice-Minister for Health and Family Planning, the Indian Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, and the South African Deputy Minister of Health.

The meeting also heard presentations from delegates representing attending member nations, on their experiences in the developing of national policies on TM and CM. These included Cameroon, Ghana, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, Uzbekistan, India, Thailand, China, Hong Kong SAR, Macau SAR, Korea, and Malaysia.

It also heard presentations from the NGOs, including the WFC. Our presentation attempted to differentiate chiropractic from the other approaches present while emphasizing common philosophical concepts that we share with TM and CM, which can offer great value to our societies. These concepts included wholism (dealing with the whole person and his or her life); naturalism (relying as much as possible on the healing power of nature); conservative approaches (seeking to intrude as little as possible particularly in the interests of safety); vitalism (the importance of the life force in

healing and in the maintenance of health) and humanism - 'Don't forget the people', as Dr Chan stated.

We look forward to a productive 2014 serving the interests of our member associations and wish you and yours joy during your festive events and seasons.

Dennis Richards DC, FACC, FICC.



With Professor Umberto Solimene of Milan, Secretary-General, World Federation of Hydrotherapy and Climatology.

The Betrayal of Chiropractic in Taiwan Continued...

Rock presented an American Clinical Chiropractic Conference at the National Taipei University of Nursing and Health Science in Taipei, the capital of Taiwan.

The website notice for this conference contained the following:

- The claim by Dr Rock, a Los Angeles College of Chiropractic graduate, that he is President of the International Chiropractic Research Center.
- "Chiropractic is a standalone study that combines spinal anatomy, biomechanics, and x-ray imaging, with regulated scientific manipulation" and "chiropractic adjustment has become a popular way of natural healing."

- Dr Rock will provide "onsite demonstration of most advanced clinical chiropractic manipulation methods" and "attendees will learn the latest chiropractic manipulation methods".
- "Upon completion of the course attendees will receive a certification of completion from the International Chiropractic Research Center."
- "Let's work together to promote chiropractic manipulation in Taiwan."

(The website notice is in Chinese – grateful thanks to Dynamic Chiropractic for assistance in translation.)

As the WFC has said in a letter to Dr Rock on December 6:

“Try to imagine how betrayed these Taiwan chiropractors feel, how you would feel, if facing prosecution for practicing medicine without a license, and having no laws to prevent anyone calling themselves a chiropractor, you watch someone from a safe other country come in to teach the very people who are promoting prosecutions against you.”

Interviewed by the WFC Dr Jackie Huang, TCDS President, says that enquiries made by the TCDS confirm that legal action against members is based on the opposition of medical trade groups, not patient complaints, and that harassment increases and is linked to efforts made to stop overseas lecturers such as Dr Rock coming to Taiwan.

Member Forum on WFC Policy

The WFC policy in question may be found at www.wfc.org under About Chiropractic/Mission and Policies and is Appendix A at the end of this Quarterly World Report.

The policy has been criticized by some in the profession as being too wide and inappropriate – for example in restricting

chiropractors from sharing clinical skills and training with other health professionals authorized to practice spinal manipulation within their scope of practice.

In response to this the WFC will be holding a half-day forum reviewing this policy at the time of its next annual council meeting being held in San Juan, Puerto Rico from April 30 – May 3, 2014. Representatives of member associations are encouraged to attend. The forum is to be held on the afternoon of Friday, May 2. On May 3-4 there is the WFC/AQPR/FLAQ seminar advertised elsewhere in this QWR (see page 8). Join us for that too.



Dr Hung-Chan (Jackie) Huang.

In conclusion, the WFC has always had a policy against teaching chiropractic to non-chiropractors. A main reason that many national associations supported the WFC when it was formed in 1987/88 was to gain whatever protection was possible through such a policy. This ongoing story from Taiwan shows why. Dr Rock has not heard the end of this by any means.

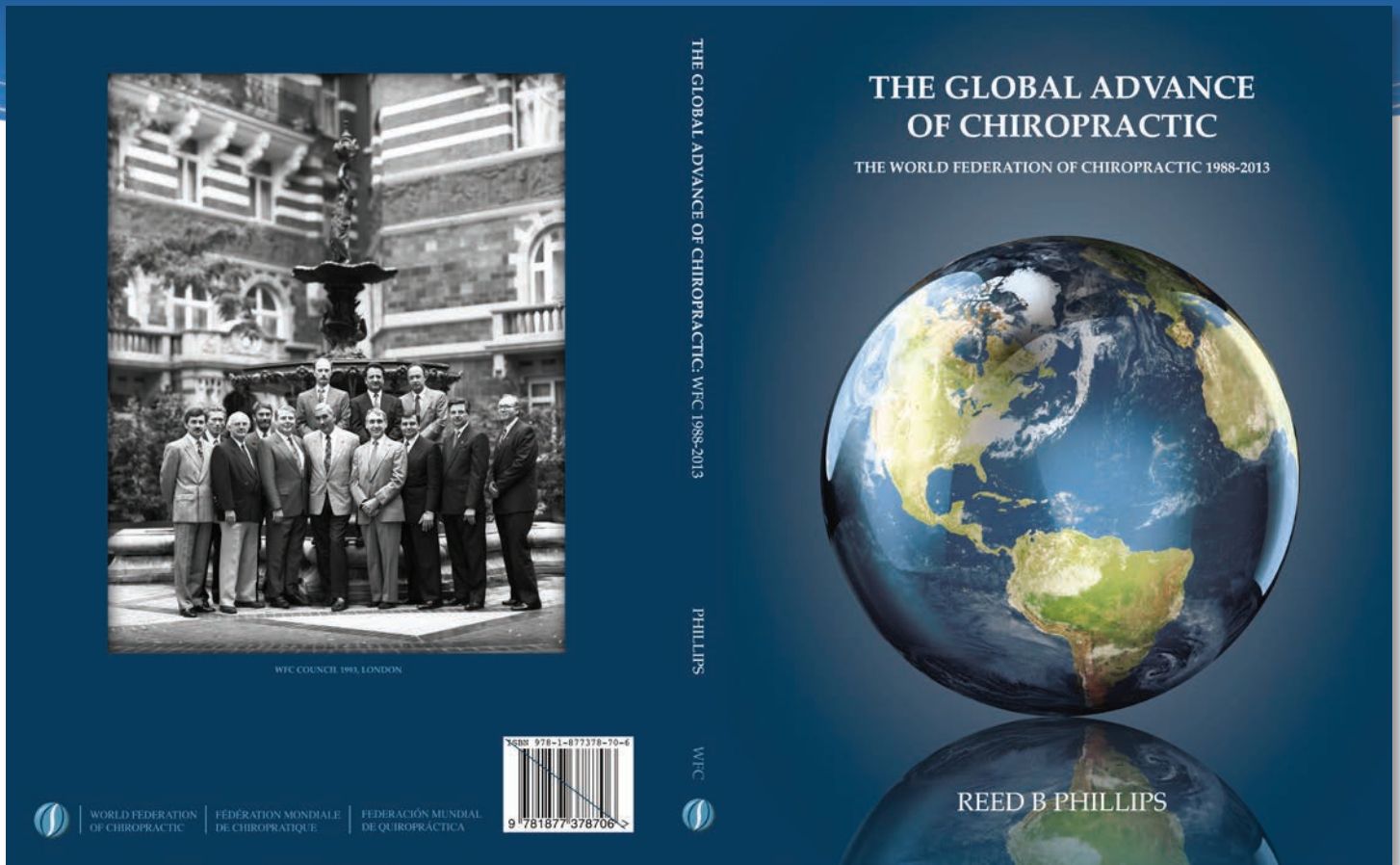
The Silver Anniversary WFC Council



Standing (from left): Ken Vall DC, Europe; Efstathios Papadopoulos DC, Eastern Mediterranean; Rick McMichael DC, North America; Reg Engelbrecht DC, Africa; Gerard Clum DC, North America; Laurie Tassell DC, Pacific; Deborah Kopansky-Giles DC, North America; Terrence Yap DC, Asia.

Seated (from left): J Michael Flynn DC, North America; Carlos Ayres DC, Latin America; Greg Stewart DC, North America; Dennis Richards DC, President, Pacific; Espen Johannessen DC, Europe; David Chapman-Smith, Secretary-General.

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The official history of the World of Federation of Chiropractic, charting the new acceptance and international growth of the profession during the last generation.

This 260-page hard cover illustrated history with over 600 photographs is a must-read for anyone passionate about the chiropractic profession. It includes:

- The attempts to establish a world federation in the 1960s.
- The developments leading to the formation of the WFC in 1998.
- The amazing international growth of chiropractic and the WFC in the 1990s and 2000s.
- Explanation of the important relationships with other international organizations including the World Health Organization – and why this is important.
- Current status, future directions and much more.

Read sample Chapters 1 & 2 – at www.wfc.org.

Author: Reed Phillips DC, PhD


Editors: Gerard Clum DC and David Chapman-Smith LLB

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Future Events



Asia Pacific Chiropractic Doctors' Federation - 2014 Assembly

Place: Manila, Philippines

Date: January 10-12, 2014

Information: APCDF President

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Dr. Michel Tetrault at michel_tetrault@hotmail.com.



European Chiropractors' Union - 2014 Convention

Celebrating Diversity: Information, Innovation and Inspiration

Place: Dublin, Ireland

Dates: May 29th - 31st, 2014

Information: www.ecunion.eu



African Chiropractic Federation Assembly and Seminar

Place: Chiropractors' Association of Kenya

Place: Nairobi, Kenya

Dates: April 4-6, 2014

Cervical Spine Seminar: Dr Francis Murphy, sponsored by Parker University

Information: Carol Mwendwa drmwendwa@gmail.com



WFC Seminar, Forum and Council Meeting

Hosts: Puerto Rican Chiropractors' Association

Place: San Juan, Puerto Rico

Dates: April 30 - May 4, 2014

Seminar: May 3-4. See notice on page 8.

Member Forum: May 2. Policy on DCs teaching non DCs

Information: Christina Davis, at cdavis@wfc.org



WFC's 13th Congress and 2015 ECU Convention

Hosts: Hellenic Chiropractors' Association

Place: Megaron International Conference Centre, Athens, Greece

Information: www.wfc.org/congress2015 from December 2013



WFC/ACC Education Conference

Education for a Changing Healthcare Environment

Place: Sheraton Miami Airport Hotel, Miami, Florida.

Date: October 29 - November 1, 2014

Information: www.wfc.org/educationconference2014



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WFC/ACC Education Conference 2014

Chiropractic Education for a Changing Healthcare Environment



October 29 – November 1, 2014

Sheraton Miami Airport Hotel, Miami, Florida

Opening Keynote Speakers:



Robert Jesse MD PhD

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A World Celebration of Chiropractic in Puerto Rico

Saturday and Sunday May 3-4, 2014

Verdanza Hotel, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Academic Program

Saturday, May 3

Session 1

8:30 – 10:30 am

Keynote Lecture: Healthy and Active Lifestyles as the Foundation for Health: A New Vision from Aruba. Hon Richard Visser DC, PhD, Minister of Public Health and Sports, Aruba – 30 mins

Workshop Summaries: 15 mins each

Dr John Downes – Full Spine Adjusting – *Life University*

Dr Francis Murphy – OTZ – *Parker University*

Dr Raul Cadagan – Trigenics – *Trigenics* – workshop in Spanish

Dr Jonathan Mulholland – Low-Back From the Ground Up – *Foot Levelers*

The Power of Chiropractic: Part I – Dr Mike Flynn - 20 mins

Session 2

11:00 – 12:30 pm

The Global Advance of Chiropractic – New Growth and Successes

Opening statements from FLAQ and WFC, Country Presentations and Audience Discussion

The Power of Chiropractic: Part II – Dr Gerard Clum – 30 mins

Session 3&4

2:00 – 6:15 pm

4 Hour Workshops

Full Spine Adjusting – Dr John Downes – *Life University*

OTZ – Dr Francis Murphy – *Parker University*

Trigenics – Dr Raul Cadagan -*Trigenics* – workshop in Spanish

Low-Back From the Ground Up – Dr Jonathan Mulholland – *Foot Levelers*

Saturday, May 4

Session 5&6

8:30 – 1:00 pm

4 Hour Workshops repeated

The Power of Chiropractic: Part III

Dr Mike Flynn and Dr Gerard Clum – 15 mins

Registration: www.wfc.org from January 15, 2014





WFC News

David Chapman-Smith, WFC Secretary-General

Secretary-General Search and Succession

As previously advised the WFC is currently advertising for applicants for the position of Secretary-General from May 2015. For all information go to About WFC/ Careers/Secretary-General at www.wfc.org. Applications close in a few weeks' time – on January 31, 2014.

New Member - Malta

Given that the WFC already has wide membership and support from national associations it is not often that it welcomes a new applicant for membership.

A special welcome therefore to the Malta Chiropractic Association which represents the four doctors of chiropractic practicing in Malta and filed its application for membership last month. The MCA is led by Italian-born Dr Nicolo Orlando. See World Notes for more detail on Malta and its small but active group of chiropractors.

Finance and Administration

At the end-of-year WFC Council teleconference meeting held on December 4, Dr Carlos Ayres, WFC Secretary-Treasurer, reported a sound financial year, including a surplus of approximately \$70,000 from the Durban Congress shared equally by the WFC and its host association the Chiropractic Association of South Africa (CASA).

After several years of modest surpluses there is a projected deficit of \$50,000 this year on account of the History Book Project (all expenses paid but much revenue from sales yet to come in) and a one-time unfunded liability supporting the commencement of the WHO-WFC Fellowship Program. Otherwise revenue and expenses were in accordance with budget and there will be a return to a balanced budget in 2014.

The relationship between the Fédération, Internationale de Chiropratique du Sport (FICS) and the WFC continues to grow for the benefit of both organizations and the profession. FICS and the WFC have just signed a further 3-year agreement under which the WFC will continue to provide staff support to FICS for the period 2014-2016.

I want to acknowledge and thank the associations from the following countries who have paid 2014 dues already and on time – **Austria, Belgium, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Korea, Malta, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, and United Arab Emirates.**

WFC Leaders Honored

These WFC leaders have received new honors recently - much deserved and warm congratulations.



Dr Ken Vall, one of the two European representatives on the WFC Council and recently retired as Principal of the Anglo-European Chiropractic College (AECC), has been awarded an Honorary Doctor in Education by Bournemouth University. This was for his leadership nationally and internationally in education

and represents a significant honor not only for him but also for the profession.

On receiving his degree at the latest graduation ceremony at the School of Health and Social Care, Bournemouth University, Dr Vall noted that this was the greatest accolade that had been bestowed upon him during this career, and stressed that education was the most powerful weapon in achieving social justice. All young people should be given educational opportunity to achieve their full potential.



In November **Dr Pierre Côté**, a member of the WFC Research Council, was awarded a prestigious publicly funded Canada Research Chair in Disability, Prevention and Rehabilitation. This CRC, valued at \$500,000 over five years, is only the second awarded to a chiropractic scientist. The first was awarded

to Dr Greg Kawchuk who currently serves as Chair of the WFC Research Council.

Dr Côté, a 1989 CMCC graduate who received a PhD in Epidemiology from the University of Toronto in 2002, is currently Director of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology – CMCC Centre for the Study of Disability, Prevention and Rehabilitation, and prior to joining the CMCC faculty was an Associate Professor of Epidemiology at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto.

This month **Dr Deborah Kopansky-Giles**, one of two Canadians representing North America on the WFC Council, had the distinction of receiving the Chiropractor of the Year Award from the Ontario Chiropractic Association (OCA), with approximately 3,000 members, for the second time.

This was for many achievements during the past ten years since her last award, but especially her ground breaking work in the integration of chiropractic services in primary

Sister Yengo's Children

This is the time of year we think of others less fortunate than ourselves. Are you still planning to make donations?

The WFC, as it has for the past several years, is making a donation of \$1,000 to Sister Yengo's Children, the charitable orphanage operated in the Congo by the much admired Sister Brigitte Yengo DC, MD. Please give your support also.

www.sisteryengoschildren.org

Research Council Activities

Thank you to Dr Greg Kawchuk, Chair and other members of the WFC Research Council for much work in recent months. This has included:

- Preparation of the call for papers and judging protocol for the WFC's 13th Biennial Congress in Athens in May 2015.
- Development of a large LinkedIn network of chiropractic researchers worldwide which will soon be launched publicly and made available to all.
- Commencement of a project to establish a database of key published research of relevance to the chiropractic profession. The WFC Research Council is aware of and working with other chiropractic organizations (e.g. Wikichiro, ECU) that have similar projects.

Special thanks to the Research Council's Executive Secretary Dr Claire Johnson who also serves as Editor of JMPT. Dr Johnson advises that the four award-winning papers from the WFC's Durban Congress are to be published in the January 2014 issue of JMPT.

Future Meetings

This has been an exciting, productive and very busy last three months for the WFC, its staff and me. Much of our energy has been devoted to extensive preparations for five important meetings.

Dubai Spine Care Conference – Raffles Hotel Dubai, UAE, Saturday, March 29, 2014

Dr Scott Haldeman (USA), Dr Alan Breen and Dr Haymo Thiel (UK) and Dr Amy Bowzaylo (Bahrain) will be four of the leading speakers for this conference sponsored by HH Sheik Manea Al Maktoum of the Dubai Royal Family. He and others of his family are chiropractic patients.

This conference, quickly organized by the WFC, the Anglo-European College of Chiropractic, and the Emirates Chiropractors' Association following meetings with the Sheik in late October at

care at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto and in interprofessional education at the University of Toronto's School of Medicine and elsewhere.



Last but not least, Dr Stathis Papadopoulos of Cyprus, a WFC Past President and on the Council representing the Eastern Mediterranean Region, was inducted as a Fellow of the International College of Chiropractic (FICC). Fittingly, he received his award in October in Dubai at the annual congress of the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East Chiropractic Federation (EMMECF) which he serves as President.

Presenting the fellowship award on behalf of the ICC, an affiliate of the American Chiropractic Association, WFC Secretary-General David Chapman-Smith noted Dr Papadopoulos' long and outstanding record of service to the profession internationally, particularly in the EMMECF and European Regions.



the time of the EMMECF Regional Seminar, is part of the Sheik's investigation of the case for commencing a chiropractic school in Dubai to serve the Middle East region.

ACF Assembly and Seminar – Nairobi, Kenya, April 4-6, 2014

This is the first annual assembly and seminar of the newly formed African Chiropractic Federation, representing national associations of chiropractors throughout Africa. Partners organizing the meeting are the ACF, the Chiropractors' Association of Kenya, and the WFC.

The Cervical Spine Seminar is to be given by noted American lecturer and clinician **Dr Francis Murphy**, sponsored by Parker University. A keynote lecture titled *The Science, Art and Philosophy of Chiropractic: Where are we?* will be given by **Dr Brian McAulay**, President of Parker University. Information: Carol Mwendwa DC, ACF Coordinator at drmwendwa@gmail.com

2014 WFC Council Meeting, Seminar and Member Forum – Verdanza Hotel, San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 1-4, 2014

The dates, venue, and program are now firm for a seminar titled *A World Celebration of Chiropractic in Puerto Rico* and a WFC Member Forum to be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico. This is in conjunction with the annual WFC Council Meeting being held May 1-3, 2014.

Grateful thanks to our hosts and partners Asociación de Quiroprácticos de Puerto Rico (AQPR) and Federación Latino Americana de Quiropráctica (FLAQ). Particular thanks to AQPR Conference Coordinator Dr Aleisha Serrano and AQPR President Dr Waldomar Hugo.

Many of you will want to be there for this exceptional academic and social program. There is a welcome reception on the Friday evening and Saturday evening dinner and entertainment as only the Latin Americans know how. Highlights of the seminar include:

- An opening keynote address by the **Hon Richard Visser** DC, PhD, Minister of Public Health and Sports, Aruba.
- 4 hour technique seminars (repeated – you get your choice of any two) by:

Dr John Downes – Full Spine Adjusting – Life University

Dr Francis Murphy – OTZ – Parker University

Dr Raul Cadagan – Trigenics – Trigenics – workshop in Spanish

Dr Jonathan Mulholland – Low-Back From the Ground Up – Foot Levelers

- Motivational lectures on The Power of Chiropractic from Dr Gerard Clum and Dr Mike Flynn

Price is outstanding at \$195. Registrations online at www.wfc.org from January 15

WFC Policy Forum – Chiropractors Teaching Non-Chiropractors. This will be held from 2-6 pm on Friday, May 2. See the page 1 story on Taiwan for background on this issue. There will be a full notice to the WFC membership in January.

WFC/ACC Education Conference – Sheraton Airport Hotel, Miami, October 29-November 1, 2014



Dr Ken Bain

Titled *Chiropractic Education for a Changing Healthcare Environment* this is fast becoming the most significant biennial education conference ever held by the WFC and the Association of Chiropractic Colleges. The Planning Committee has put together an ambitious program, all speaker invitations have gone out, and everyone is accepting.

See the notice in this QWR (page 7) and the program, call for abstracts and all information at www.wfc.org/educationconference2014. Confirmed speakers include:

- Opening keynote speakers **Robert Jesse MD PhD**, Principal Deputy Under-Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and **Steven Lipstein MHA**, President & CEO, BJC HealthCare, Vice-Chair, PCORI, Advisory Body to President Obama
- The Saturday keynote – the internationally famous educationist **Dr Ken Bain**, author of *What the Best College Teachers Do* (Harvard University Press 2004) and more recently *What the Best College Students Do*.
- Doctors of chiropractic at the leading edge of the changed healthcare environment for the profession in their countries – e.g. Dr Anthony Lisi (USA), Dr Jan Hartvigsen (Denmark), Dr Silvano Mior (Canada) and Dr Bryce Conrad (Australia – see World Notes Australia for more on Dr Conrad).



Dr Anthony Lisi



Dr Jan Hartvigsen

Thank you again to the Planning Committee namely:

- **Ana Paula Facchinato**, Course Coordinator, University of Anhembi Morumbi, Brazil
- **Charmaine Korporaal**, Former Head of Department and Clinic Director, Chiropractic and Somatology, Durban University of Technology, South Africa
- **Michael Mestan**, Executive Vice-President and Provost, New York Chiropractic College, USA
- **Dana Lawrence**, Senior Director, Center for Teaching and Learning, Palmer College, USA
- **Noni Threinen**, Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Southern California University of Health Sciences, USA
- **Ken Vall**, Past Principal, Anglo-European College of Chiropractic and WFC Council, UK

WFC's 13th Biennial Congress and ECU 2015 Convention – Athens, Greece May 13-16, 2015

The Joint Planning Committee with representatives from the WFC, ECU and Hellenic Chiropractic Association met in Europe November 1-3 to prepare the academic and social programs and confirm venues, which are the Megaron International Conference Centre with the nearby Athens Hilton Hotel as headquarters hotel.

The Congress website www.wfc.org (congress2015) will be live by January 15 with much information, including the Call for Papers for the NCMIC Louis Sportelli Original Research Competition.

The 25th Anniversary Year – Thank You

As the WFC Silver Anniversary year ends there are numerous members, volunteers, supporters, staff and others to thank. You are far too many to name – please accept heartfelt thanks and congratulations for making the WFC the success story for the international development of chiropractic that it continues to be.

However particular thanks to:

- **The American Chiropractic Association** and **The Canadian Chiropractic Association**, the two biggest member associations for their support in dues (now significantly more than \$60,000 per annum each) and in many other ways.
- **The Chiropractic Association of South Africa (CASA)** for hosting so well our outstanding Silver Anniversary Durban Congress, and **Dr Reed Phillips** author of The Global Advance of Chiropractic.

- All of the WFC's corporate and individual associate members, listed at the end of this QWR, but especially our platinum corporate members:

Activator Methods International – USA

www.activator.com

Chiropractic Diplomatic Corp – Philippines

www.chiropracticdiplomatic.com

Dynamic Chiropractic – USA

www.MPAmedia.com

Enzyme Formulations, Inc. – USA

www.loomisenzymes.com

Foot Levelers – USA

www.footlevelers.com

International Board of Chiropractic Examiners – USA

www.ibce.org

Logan College of Chiropractic – USA

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Neuromechanical Innovations – USA

www.neuromechanical.com

Palmer College of Chiropractic – USA

www.palmer.edu

Standard Process Inc – USA

www.standardprocess.com

- The WFC Executive officers **Dr Dennis Richards**, President, **Dr Greg Stewart**, First Vice-President, **Dr Espen Johannessen**, Second Vice-President, **Dr Carlos Ayres**, Secretary-Treasurer and **Dr Mike Flynn**, Past-President, who have devoted and volunteered so much time to leadership of the WFC without reward.
- A loyal talented and extremely hard-working staff – **Christina Davis** Executive Secretary, **Khalid Salim**, Manager, Administration and **Sarah Villarba**, Administrative Assistant.

World Health Organization Report

WHO – WFC Fellowship Program

The current WHO – WFC Fellow, who arrived in Geneva for 12 months in mid-August 2013, is Dr Anni Preisler of Denmark. Here are extracts from her first report to the WFC filed November 1. They illustrate the range and value of this program to provide the profession with expertise in health policy.

In the first two months I have been with WHO, the work of CTS (Classifications, Terminologies and Standards) has been primarily focused on two main objectives – the revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11 Revision) and preparing for the annual WHO Family of International Classifications (WHO-FIC) Network Annual Meeting. With the generous financial support of the Danish Chiropractors' Association (DCA) and the Nordic Institute of Chiropractic and Clinical Biomechanics (NIKKB), I was able to attend the WHO-FIC meeting, held this year in Beijing, People's Republic of China.

The meeting program was tightly packed, starting before sunup and lasting well into the evening for 8 straight days for the WHO team. Even if intense, it was certainly worth it, as I got a much broader overview of the work of the team across all of the projects, as well as a real-world view of how this work will be implemented in countries.

Through my participation in this meeting, I can now start to understand just how many people are involved in the WHO-FIC Network, as well as all the work that is being put into preparing, renewal and maintenance of all of the WHO classification systems, such as ICF and ICHI, as well as ICD. Another important aspect of the meeting was the opportunity to establish contacts throughout the week. I have no doubt that this will benefit me in my future work with WHO, as well as in what I may do afterwards.

For me the meeting was certainly well-timed, as I had approximately a month and a half before to have a proper introduction to the team and work. At the same time, I'll have enough time left in my fellowship year to implement the new information, knowledge, and understanding that I gained through my attendance there.

For now, the first 2 ½ months have been full of experiences and challenges.... Another challenge beyond the technical work is the complexity of WHO as a politically charged working environment. The Organization, itself, requires a great deal of time, energy, and patience to navigate. With so many different beliefs, cultures, norms and unwritten rules, a normal working day at WHO is a very instructive way to learn how to work in a political and international environment.

In her report Dr Preisler gives grateful thanks to the WFC, WHO, DCA and NIKKB for making this opportunity possible, and Dr Molly Meri Robinson Nicol of WHO for her warm welcome and "highly competent and patient guidance" which enabled her immediate integration into WHO.

WHO is currently interviewing three well qualified American applicants for the next Fellowship from September, 2014 – August, 2015.



Dr Preisler at work at WHO Headquarters, Geneva.

Global Action Plan on Disability

In the last issue of this QWR the WFC reported on its involvement with the WHO Office of Disability and Rehabilitation (DAR) in preparation of a Global Action Plan arising from WHO's 2011 World Report on Disability.

Most grateful thanks to the WFC team working on this – Dr Deborah Kopansky-Giles (Canada), Dr Pierre Côté (Canada), and Dr Kendrah da Silva (South Africa). In furtherance of this work the WFC and the Chiropractic Association of South Africa jointly funded Dr da Silva's attendance at the WHO-FIC Network Meeting in Beijing referred to by Dr Preisler above. Drs Côté and Kopansky-Giles will be members of the WFC delegation to WHO's World Health Assembly in Geneva next May.

TM Strategy 2014-2023

It was under WHO's Traditional Medicine Strategy 2002 – 2005 that the WFC partnered with WHO to produce WHO's first policy document on the chiropractic profession titled WHO Guidelines on Basic Training and Safety in Chiropractic.

Under this TM strategy WHO began to actively promote the integration of traditional and complementary methods of healthcare within national healthcare systems. WHO has done this through establishing policy and then inviting representatives from national ministries of health to Geneva to report on progress.

To continue this process WHO has prepared a new 10-year strategy for the period 2014-2023. This was officially launched at a meeting in Macau SAR, China from October 28-30 at the invitation of WHO, WFC President, Dr Dennis Richards attended as WFC representative and addressed the meeting. See further comment in his President's Message (page 1).

October 16 World Spine Day Report



OCTOBER 16 WORLD SPINE DAY



Jennifer Nash



Deborah Kopansky-Giles

The Bone and Joint Decade 2010-2020 (BJD) is now being transformed into the permanent Global Alliance for Musculoskeletal Health because of its success as an interdisciplinary world initiative advocating for more attention to and priority for MSK disorders. It has four stated goals:

- To reduce the social and financial cost of MSK disorders to society.
- To empower patients to make decisions about their care.
- To improve prevention, diagnosis and treatment for all patients.
- To advance research on prevention and treatment.

The BJD's annual Action Week in October consists of four internationally recognized days to direct attention to MSK disorders and their huge impact in terms of disability and death. These are:

- World Arthritis Day – October 12
- **World Spine Day – October 16**
- World Trauma Day – October 17
- World Osteoporosis Day – October 20

WFC Council member Dr Deborah Kopansky-Giles of Toronto is one of the 18 members of the BJD International Coordinating Committee chaired by UK rheumatologist Professor Anthony Woolf. Through her efforts the BJD has asked the World Federation of Chiropractic to lead and coordinate activities for World Spine Day since last year. On a similar basis World Arthritis Day is organized by the European League Against Rheumatism, World Osteoporosis Day by the International Osteoporosis Foundation.

With project support from Canadian chiropractor Dr Jennifer Nash the WFC has done so, launching the website www.worldspineday.org last year and building added momentum this year.

In 2013 WSD October 16 reached more people to raise awareness of the impact of spinal conditions worldwide. Two great examples are the Straighten Up activities with school children in Hong Kong and the launch of Straighten Up in Botswana. For the third year the WFC held a World Spine Day contest, reported on below.



World Spine Day in Hong Kong – Chiropractic Children Federation

October 16 World Spine Day Report Continued...

This year the WSD website logged almost twice as many visitors during the month of October as in the previous October demonstrating the growing awareness and interest in coordination of WSD. The WSD Facebook page while still relatively new reached over 11,000 people.

The newly-formed WSD Interim International Organizing Committee (WSD IOC) will be responsible for providing input regarding themes, content, resource materials, and formation of a permanent committee going forward and includes representation from chiropractic, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, acupuncture, and academia in several world regions.

If you have not already done so, please let us know about what you did to promote WSD in your region or community last October 16 and send along with any event photos for use on WSD website and social media to info@worldspineday.org.

WFC's World Spine Day Contest

By Rand Baird, DC, MPH, Chair, Public Health Committee

For the third year the WFC has held a World Spine Day Contest open to associations, colleges, and individuals and with the goal of encouraging activities to raise awareness of the Bone and Joint Decade's World Spine Day on October 16 and of spinal problems and the chiropractic profession itself.

This year there were impressive entries in quality and number. The panel of judges appointed by the WFC Public Health Committee has announced the following results:

First Prize (US\$1,000)

Children Chiropractic Federation, Hong Kong

Second Prize (US\$750)

International Medical University (IMU), Malaysia

Third Prize (US\$500)

Hong Kong Chiropractic College Foundation, Hong Kong

Honorable mention:

Anglo-European College of Chiropractic, UK

Association Française de Chiropratique, France

Body Zone, USA

Canadian Chiropractic Association, Canada

Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College, Canada

Life University, USA

Namibia Chiropractic Association, Africa

Nelspruit Mediclinic, South Africa

University of the Valley of Toluca, Mexico

Children Chiropractic Federation

Led by Dr Frony Tam the Children Chiropractic Federation (CCF) arranged a large multifaceted and impressive celebration of WSD as illustrated in photos with this report.

This saw over 1,000 students performing Straighten-Up exercises. However it also included development of posters, spinal board games and other materials, a demonstration of spinal and postural problems, spinal screening of 150 students, and participation of teachers and educational officials.

Finally, a press conference led to several media reports concerning these activities and World Spine Day. Congratulations to Dr Tam and the CCF.

October 16 World Spine Day Report Continued...

First Prize – Children Chiropractic Federation – Hong Kong



October 16 World Spine Day Report *Continued...*

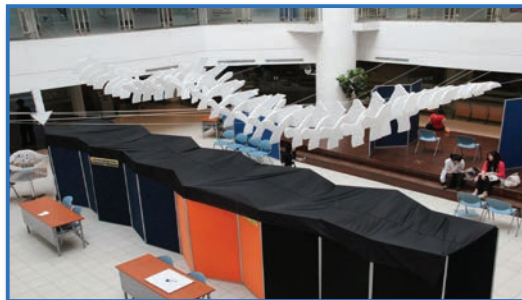
International Medical University (IMU), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Second prize, as last year, again went to another outstanding entry from IMU. The four chiropractic student cohorts comprising approximately 150 students worked enthusiastically on the main project – creating a 10-meter long walk-through Spinal Canal which was set up at the center of the IMU Atrium on World Spine Day.

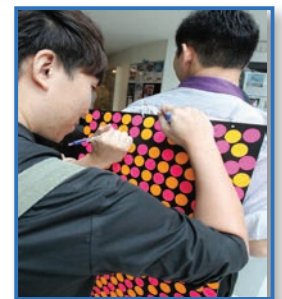
Within the Canal, posters made by chiropractic students contained information on various bone and joint diseases and on spinal health promotion – for example guides to good posture and spinal exercises.

Students also walked around the university on WSD with walking boards. The main theme of Straighten-Up and Move was displayed on the front of the sandwich board, and people signed the back to show support for WSD.

Additionally there were booths set up for games and selling T-shirts – more than 300 Rock your Spine T-shirts were sold. Congratulations to the IMU student body and coordinator Meagan Wong, a Semester 4 student.



The Spinal Canal, in which student tour guides provided education during WSD 2013



Hong Kong Chiropractic College Foundation (HKCCF)

The HKCCF (www.hkccfl.org.hk) has been formed to support the establishment of a chiropractic school in Hong Kong, and recently an MOU to develop such a school has been signed by the Baptist University of Hong Kong and RMIT University of Melbourne, Australia.

The HKCCF used WSD as a focus for the development and launch of a wide range of activities relative to public education and spinal health. The range and quality of the activities were exceptional.

In early October there were two public lectures on exercises to prevent common musculoskeletal problems and a Sunday, October 6 Walkathon for Spinal Health. This was 2km walk around the Hong Kong Peak with 203 people participating. More than 20 volunteers wore T-shirts bearing the slogan Spine-the Foundation of Health.

Each registered participant was given a health package including a DVD on Correct and Incorrect Low-Back Posture at Home, a cap or towel with the slogan Spine – the Foundation of Health, and a bottle of water. Before the Walkathon 30 minutes of exercises were also provided, teaching the public various stretches and mobilization exercises and affirming the importance of warming up and down before and after exercise.

October 16 World Spine Day Report *Continued...*

The other major project was the preparation and a launch of two high-quality DVDs. The first, titled Correct and Incorrect Low-Back Postures at Home, in Cantonese with English and Chinese subtitles and produced with professional actors, was distributed to more than 500 organizations and members of the public including service clubs and corporations.

The second DVD, comprising a total of 30 exercises for the neck and upper back, upper limb, lower back and lower limb was distributed to more than 1000 organizations and individuals. Congratulations to the HKCCF and its coordinator Dr Karen Chan, a member of the Hong Kong Chiropractors' Association.



DVD



Exercise



Walkathon



Walkathon Poster



Australia



In 2010 Australian chiropractors Dr Angus Steventon and Dr Bryce Conrad established a multidisciplinary primary care clinic in North Gosford New South Wales.

Since then the Australian government has established a GP Super Clinic program with \$650 million for 60 clinics nationwide. As announced by the government “Australia needs a health care system that keeps people well, not just one that looks after them when they are sick.” The first of the 10 objectives of the Super Clinic program is “to provide their patients with well-integrated multidisciplinary patient centered care.”

One of the 60 is the Reliance GP Super Clinic in West Gosford and Drs Conrad and Steventon are two of the three chiropractors at this Super Clinic which was opened by then Minister for Health, the Honorable Tanya Plibersek on August 7, 2013.

The Clinic has 17 general practitioners (GPs), three chiropractors, three physiotherapists, three exercise physiotherapists, two psychologists, a podiatrist, nurses, radiographers, and a mix of medical specialists.

Here is further description by Drs Conrad and Steventon, edited and from their longer article in the September issue of *The Australian Chiropractor*:

The idea that one professional can solve every health problem is dead. GPs have been the ‘gatekeepers’ of a paddock full of rampantly breeding chronic illnesses that crisis care cannot help. GP Super clinics are a proposed solution to managing the complex needs of a person with depression, obesity, pre-diabetes and a good dose of low back pain.

Instead of the usual heroic uni-modal GP or chiropractic approach, we now have the opportunity to work collaboratively and focus on our strengths. This is an especially good situation for patients with complex problems, as they can access a variety of diagnostic and treatment approaches with minimal barriers.

The key, in our opinion, to integrated patient centered care is just that – putting the patient at the center. Professional egos are best left at the door and all discussions focused on offering the patient options for care. A clinic such as the West Gosford GP Super Clinic puts chiropractic right in the middle of the mix, allowing our unique strengths in neuromusculoskeletal diagnosis and management, particularly in the area of the spine, to greatly improve the lives of many patients. It also provides an important ‘testbed’ for chiropractic working alongside conventional medicine.

The GP Super Clinic is built on two levels. The space occupied by the chiropractors is strategically located on the ground floor in amongst the 17 general practitioner rooms, two nurse practitioner rooms and four nurse/GP procedure bays. We are right next to the radiology department, which we have set up and staffed with radiographers. The first floor houses the physiotherapists, exercise physiologists, their two gyms, podiatry, psychology, and

five sessional specialists’ rooms. Also located on the first floor to encourage ‘corridor integration’ is the lunchroom and GP Super Clinic Manager’s office.

There are many issues to be considered when putting (all these professionals) into one building. Clinical pathways and clinician politics have to be negotiated. Patient complaints and issues need to be properly dealt with. For this purpose we have established a Clinical Governance Committee, which Dr Bryce Conrad is a member of. This group makes decisions on processes and pathways for complex situations and adjudicates any issues that come up.

An important part of integration is the sharing of knowledge and education of other practitioners regarding each profession’s strengths and scope of practice. The Super Clinic has been designed with a specific space for (monthly education sessions). Education sessions are especially important as every 12 weeks we have a new pair of junior doctors that become part of the clinic. These junior doctors have not yet specialized and are doing a GP rotation under the supervision of the senior GPs. This provides an excellent opportunity for inter-professional dialogue at a formative stage in their medical education.



The Hon Tanya Plibersek, Minister for Health, with CAA CEO Andrew McNamara (left) and Dr Bryce Conrad at the opening of the Reliance GP Super Clinic.

Canada



In the province of Ontario, with a population of 13 million and over 3,000 doctors of chiropractic, Minister of Health Deb Matthews made the biggest policy announcement for the chiropractic profession in Canada this year on October 5:

- Chiropractors were now to be eligible for inclusion in the new government-funded, primary care networks being established across the province – and to which all primary care physicians must belong by 2020. This includes Family Health Teams and Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics.
- Chiropractors would be an integral part of a government Primary Care Lower Back Pilot Program being established and tested for improved management of back pain patients, and to then be incorporated in the new primary care networks.

The Ontario Chiropractic Association reports extensive – even overwhelming – activity to incorporate chiropractic services since that time. “These are the most significant policy advances for the chiropractic profession in Ontario for the past decade,” says OCA Executive Director Dr Bob Haig.

[Click to view the Minister’s announcement](#)

The Boot Camp Program for Lumbar Spinal Stenosis©

Carlo Ammendolia DC, PhD, Canadian Chiropractic Research Foundation Professor in Spine at the University of Toronto, is an epidemiologist and clinician scientist who combines practice, teaching, and research. Dr Ammendolia is in daily practice as Director of the Chiropractic Spine Clinic and a staff clinician in the Department of Medicine at the Mount Sinai Hospital.



As a faculty member of the University of Toronto Spine Program and an Assistant Professor at the Institute of Health Policy Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto, teaching is another of his core responsibilities. At his clinic at the hospital family practice residents and medical interns spend a half day a week rotation for four weeks observing him examining and treating patients. They then assist as he

evaluates them conducting neck and back exams and coming up with a differential diagnosis and evidence-based treatment plans. According to Dr Ammendolia “medical trainees receive training by a chiropractor as the expert in this area and their response has been very favorable.”

As to research, Dr Ammendolia explains “My research seeks to prevent disability from mechanical, degenerative, and inflammatory back and neck pain. With the aging Canadian population, the prevalence and severity of neck and back pain are significantly increased and my practice-oriented research aims to find ways to reduce disability, maximize function, and increase quality of life for patients.”

In the fall issue of the CCA’s news journal *BACK Matters*, Dr Ammendolia reports on a main focus of his research, the effective management of degenerative lumbar spinal stenosis (DLSS), as follows:

DLSS is caused by osteoarthritis of the lumbar spine and leading to thickening of the facet joints, thinning of discs and folding of ligaments – all contributing to narrowing of the central and lateral spinal canals and spinal nerve compression. The clinical syndrome is called “neurogenic claudication” with limited standing and walking ability as the dominant complaints. DLSS is a leading cause of pain, disability and loss of independence in people over the age of 65, and with our aging population, the number of people with functionally limiting DLSS is expected to grow exponentially in the next 20 years.

Although surgery is an option for a very small and select group of patients, it is recommended to first try a course of non-operative

treatment. However, a recent systematic review of the literature on non-operative treatments we published in *Spine* last year suggests that effective non-operative treatments are currently unknown.



Source: Fall issue *BACK Matters*, Canadian Chiropractic Association

My team has designed a comprehensive DLSS program called Boot Camp Program for Lumbar Spinal Stenosis© that combines manual therapy, home exercise, instruction on postural alignment techniques and self-management strategies. The program addresses the multi-faceted aspects of

DLSS and takes advantage of the unique phenomenon in DLSS – symptoms are either completely eliminated or significantly reduced when sitting, leaning forward or leaning and walking using a shopping cart. Symptoms are worse with lumbar extension. These changes in posture increase or decrease the cross-sectional area within the spinal canal and this impacts nerve pressures and leg/back symptoms.

- Manual therapy aims to increase intersegmental flexion of the lumbar spine, elongate muscles that promote lumbar extension, breakdown neuro-adhesions and promote improved neural blood flow using neuro-mobilization techniques.
- Exercises are aimed at improving lower extremity and core strength and improving lumbar spine flexibility.
- Postural training reaches patients how to change their posture using the pelvic tilt to maximize cross-sectional area of the lumbar spine while standing and walking.
- Self-management strategies help patients to cope, modify lifestyle, and maximize function for the rest of their lives.

Conducting a retrospective study of 50 consecutive patients who had completed the six-week program, we found statistically and clinically significant improvements in pain, walking ability and overall function.

Dr Ammendolia reports that research grants attracted by his Boot Camp Program now include:

- \$1.7 million from the US government to test the Boot Camp Program in a randomized controlled trial at the University of Pittsburgh with Dr Michael Schneider DC, PhD as the principal investigator.
- \$360,000 grant from The Arthritis Society to test the Boot Camp Program and two other potential non-operative treatments in Canada (The University of Toronto Lumbar Spinal Stenosis Trial). The aim of these test interventions is to maximize walking ability and improve the quality of life of individuals with DLSS.
- A NCMIC Foundation grant to provide insight on which outcomes matter most from a DLSS patient’s perspective.

China



For the third consecutive year Dr Eric Chu of Hong Kong, Vice-President of the Chiropractic Doctors' Association of Hong Kong, and Treasurer of the Chiropractors' Association of China, visited Beijing for China's National Day celebration on October 1.



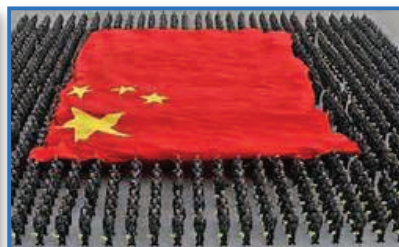
Dr Chu (right) at the National Day dinner

This was as part of an officially-sponsored 25-person delegation from Hong Kong consisting of members of the Legislative Council (elected government), corporate CEOs, and leaders of professional associations. There were several high-level government meetings during the five day visit, at venues such as the China Academy of Governance, the Beijing Office of the Hong Kong SAR Government and the Ministry of Commerce where Dr Chu discussed licensure of chiropractic in China on a similar basis to the laws in Hong Kong.

Social highlight was joining over 3,000 invitees at the state dinner at the People's Congress Hall at Tiananmen Square. Dr Chu was listed in the guest list as a chiropractor.



Members of the Hong Kong delegation.



Other chiropractic news from China includes:

- Dr Anli Dong, CAC Past President, advises he is now a board member of the Chinese International Forum, the Chinese government's highest level forum for interfacing with western culture. His branch of the forum arranges exchange visits between Chinese TCM practitioners and natural healing practitioners including chiropractors.

- Dr Roger Hinson, current CAC President, reports that he was visited by a delegation of Danish chiropractors in mid-October at his practice at the United Family Hospital in Beijing



Dr Hinson with delegates from the Danish Chiropractors' Association.

Denmark



A New DCA President

On November 9, 2013 the members of the Danish Chiropractors' Association in Assembly chose Dr Lone Kousgaard Jorgensen, a 2002 graduate of the University of Southern Denmark, as their new president. The DCA has now grown to approximately 800 members.



Lone Kousgaard Jorgensen

"I will continue the realization of the DCA objectives, said Dr Kousgaard Jorgensen. " This means a continued focus on research and education, visible quality, collaboration and further integration within the healthcare system."

The new president has noted that she will also continue the alliance-building with other professions and partners in the Danish healthcare system, and promotion of a clear identity.



Peter Kryger-Baggensen

"I see many open doors and alliances which can highlight chiropractors as the profession in Denmark with specialist skills for examination, diagnosis, and treatment of disorders of the entire musculoskeletal system."

Dr Kousgaard Jorgensen is part-owner of a chiropractic clinic in Southern Denmark and has been politically active in DCA for the past 10 years, serving as a member of the DCA Executive since 2008 and as Vice-President since 2010. She succeeds Dr Peter Kryger-Baggensen who served as DCA President for the past 8 years.

India



IACD Chiropractic Mission Trips Begin

The Indian Association of Chiropractic Doctors (IACD) has commenced an ongoing program of two charitable mission trips annually to help camps and facilities operated by the Sant Nirankari Mission of India, an all-embracing spiritual movement that cuts across all divisions of cast, color, and creed. The IACD looks forward to having the support of other chiropractic organizations and colleges for these missions.

The first trip, supported by Life Chiropractic College West (Life West), was to a conference and health camp for 1.7 million people in New Delhi from November 23-25, 2013. The Mission was led by IACD President Dr Amit Jimmy Nanda and Life West President, Dr Brian Kelly. IACD members participating were Dr Shiv Bajaj (Delhi), Dr Vidur K. Jain (Delhi), Dr Natasha Patel (Vadodara, Gujrat), Dr Alison Bale (Goa), Dr Will Thompson (Goa), along with Dr Jessica Farrell (Buffalo, USA).

Other leaders of the Life West team were Dr Anatole Bogatski, Executive Vice-President, and Dr Mary Flannery, Dean of Admissions. Life West sees the need to bring chiropractic to India's 1.2 billion people. For this purpose it has committed to future charity projects with the IACD and two scholarships for Indian students who will then return to India as chiropractors.

The health care division of the Mission in November saw 100,000 patients a day. The chiropractic team, in one of the biggest chiropractic missions ever, treated 5,500 patients over three days.

The next Mission trip will be to Mumbai from January 24-27. Following that the next trip will be in November 2014. Participants only need to provide an airfare. All accommodations and food are provided. Anyone interested should email the IACD at info@indiachiropractic.com for more information.

The Sant Nirankari Mission serves all human beings irrespective of their religious faith, sect, or community and emphasizes the need and importance to offer selfless service to humanity (Sewa).

It has embarked upon an ambitious program of universal health care, particularly for those in poorer sections of society where medical facilities are inadequate or even non-existent.

In keeping with the age old axiom 'Prevention is better than cure' the Mission organizes check-up camps for general health, polio prevention, anemia eradication and tuberculosis control throughout the year. The Mission has established four charitable hospitals in Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, and Allahabad. Supplements to the hospitals are 167 charitable dispensaries (107 allopathic, 58 homeopathic, and 2 Ayurvedic), 13 mobile dispensaries, 5 dental care centers, and 3 physiotherapy centers. More than 2 million patients are treated annually at these locations. The IACD now hopes that chiropractic will be a permanent fixture.

Submitted by: Dr Sam Roy, IACD, New Delhi



Dr Amit Nanda (right) and Dr Brian Kelly. The Chiropractic Team.



Italy



Andrea Clementoni DC, a Palmer graduate working in multidisciplinary clinics in Bergamo, Milan and Novara, Italy is also a lawyer. His introduction to chiropractic was as legal advisor to the Italian Chiropractic Association (IAC).

Dr Clementoni was one of several chiropractic clinician researchers presenting new research at the 8th Interdisciplinary World Congress on Low-Back and Pelvic Pain, attended by over 700 health professionals and held at the Intercontinental Hotel in Dubai from October 27-31, 2013.

His research study, titled Chiropractic for Chronic Radiating Back Pain Associated with Lumbar Disc Bulging and Herniation Previously Treated with Anti-Inflammatory Drugs was performed as part of a cooperation plan between the Regional Government of Lombardy and WHO to promote clinical research into the safety and effectiveness of complementary medicine including chiropractic.

For a prospective cohort of 44 patients with chronic radiating back pain and sciatica associated with lumbar disc protrusion/herniation seen on MRI, patients were treated once weekly for an average number of 8.86 visits. The study reported favorable results in terms of reduced pain (71.9% of patients who had received at least 8 treatments (32 patients) had little if any pain), improved spine motion and patient quality of life, and reduction or elimination of intake of anti-inflammatory drugs.

Contact for more information: info@chiropratici.info.



Dr Andrea Clementoni (left) and David Chapman-Smith at the Dubai meeting



Dr Russ Hornstein Logan
College 1997



Dr Elaine McDougall AECC
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Dr Stephen Zammit
LACC 1978

Malaysia



In October the International Medical University and its chiropractic program, which leads to a Bachelor of Science (Hons) (Chiropractic) degree were granted accreditation by the Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia (CCEA). This was an historic occasion – the first full accreditation of the first chiropractic educational program in Malaysia. Congratulations to all involved. Head of the IMU Chiropractic Division during the past year is Dr Peter Diakow, a Canadian. Head prior to him was Dr Michael Haneline, an American. For more on IMU visit www.imu.edu.my.



Dr Peter Diakow



Dr Michael Haneline



Malta



Welcome to the Malta Chiropractic Association, the newest applicant for WFC membership in November. The MCA, led by Italian born Dr Nicolo Orlando, represents Malta's four chiropractors:



Dr Nicolo Orlando AECC
2009

Malta, one of the world's smallest and most densely populated countries, is an island of 360 km² located 80 km south of Sicily in the Mediterranean Sea. The two official languages are Maltese and English.

The island's location as a naval base has given it great strategic importance throughout history. Today it is a favorite tourist destination because of its climate, recreational areas and architectural and historical monuments, which include seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

UAE



Thirty-two chiropractors from seven countries attended the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East Chiropractic Federation (EMMECF) 2013 annual meeting and seminar in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on October 25-26. Dr Mark Charette's 2-day upper and lower extremities course, generously sponsored by Foot Levelers, was judged a huge success by all.

The UAE has 30 chiropractors, laws recognizing and regulating the practice of chiropractic and a growing Emirates Chiropractic Association (ECA) led by President Dr Mohamad Raslan. Dr Raslan, who first qualified and practiced as a medical doctor in his homeland of Syria, subsequently graduated as a doctor of chiropractic from Cleveland College in Kansas City and now practices in a multidisciplinary clinic in Dubai.

One highlight of the national reports at the EMMECF meeting was a report from Dr Mustafa Agaoglu, President of the Turkish Chiropractic Association, that the Turkish government has now agreed to proceed with chiropractic legislation after he met with the Turkish Minister of Health at a WHO regional meeting in Turkey in September.

Another highlight was a visit to the Emirates European Medical Center, the impressive clinic of ECA Past President Dr Pamela Leader, to meet with His Highness Sheikh Manea Al Maktoum, a patient and a member of the Royal Family. Sheikh Manea expressed interest in supporting the development of chiropractic education in Dubai. As a first step he is hosting and funding a spine care symposium jointly organized by the ECA, EMMECF and WFC and to be held in Dubai on Saturday, March 29, 2014.

ECA members will present case reports. Confirmed international speakers include Dr Scott Haldeman, Dr Amy Bowzaylo, Dr Alan Breen, and Dr Haymo Thiel, Principal, Anglo-European Chiropractic College.

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Dr Stathis Papadopoulos, EMMECF President (front row center), Dr Mohamad Rasilan (next to Dr Papadopoulos), and some of the other participants at the meetings.



Dr Charrette at work



HH Sheikh Manea with Dr Pamela Leader and his personal chiropractor Dr Gerry Nastasia.

USA



Change of EVP at NBCE

Mr. Horace C. Elliott, Executive Vice-President, National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) retires on December 31 after 27 years of service in that leadership position.

During Mr. Elliott's tenure the NBCE has enjoyed significant development and growth. In the late 1980s he guided the development and implementation of the Part III written clinical competency examination, in the mid-1990s the Part IV or practical exam.



Mr. Horace Elliott

Mr. Elliott, with a strong international vision, supported the move by NBCE to establish the International Board of Chiropractic Examiners (IBCE) to provide global high standards of examination. He has been a stalwart ally and friend of the WFC.

In recognition of Mr. Elliott's exemplary service to the chiropractic profession the American Chiropractic Association presented him the ACA's leadership award on September 28 at its most recent House of Delegates meeting.

New EVP is Dr Martin Kollasch who has served the NBCE since 1998, since 2007 as Director of International Operations and Director of Written Examinations.



Dr Martin Kollasch

Dr Kollasch is a 1987 graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic and was in private practice in Phoenix, Arizona for 10 years before joining the NBCE. He holds a Master's in Business Administration from Colorado State University (2001) and is presently completing his PhD in the field of organizational learning, performance, and change.

As NBCE Director of International Operations Dr Kollasch has led the NBCE affiliate known as the International Board of Chiropractic Examiners (IBCE) and worked closely with the WFC and its member associations in preparing examinations in a number of languages and countries – for example Greek in Cyprus, Japanese in Japan, Portuguese in Brazil, Spanish in Chile and Thai in Thailand.

The WFC farewells Dr Elliott with all best wishes for his future, and welcomes Dr Kollasch to his key role with the profession's leading international examination authority.



ACA President Dr Keith Overland (right) presents a leadership award to Mr. Horace Elliott, in presence of Dr Anthony Hamm, ACA Vice-President (left) and Dr Norman Ouzts, NBCE President.

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www.neuromechanical.com
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www.canadianchiropractor.ca
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www.cleveland.edu
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www.intellibed.com
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www.multiradiance.com
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www.nwhealth.edu
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www.theamericanchiropractor.com

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www.aecc.ac.uk
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www.ccachiro.org

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www.deeceelabs.com
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www.humantouch.com
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www.chiropractic.org
International Medical University – Chiropractic Program
– Malaysia – www.imu.edu.my
Life Chiropractic College West – USA
www.lifewest.edu
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www.lloydtable.com
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www.chiropracticcouncil.com
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www.parkercc.edu
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www.ScripHessco.com
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www.stepforward.com
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www.txchiro.edu
The McKenzie Institute International – Chiropractic Branch –
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Therapeutica Inc – Canada
www.therapeuticainc.com
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www.bridgeport.edu

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