

2019 WFC ASSEMBLY OF MEMBERS

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WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the World Federation of Chiropractic, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 2019 WFC Assembly of Members, held at the magnificent Maritim Hotel in the center of Berlin, one of the world's great capital cities.

The Assembly of Members is an important event in the WFC calendar. The Assembly represents the Constituent Member national associations of chiropractors and is the supreme decision-making body of the WFC. For this reason, it is very important that Members attend, participate in debate and discussion, report on their achievements and challenges, and importantly network with fellow leaders from chiropractic associations from around the world.

The past two years have been an exciting time for the WFC. Much work has been undertaken to develop our organization and build on the excellent achievements of those who built a solid foundation for the WFC.

At the Assembly you will hear reports on the work that the WFC has been undertaking to pursue its mission of advancing awareness, utilization and integration of the chiropractic profession internationally. With over 90 Members across 7 world regions, there is rich diversity in culture and stages of development for the chiropractic profession. At this coming together of chiropractic leaders from around the globe, the Assembly allows us to learn from our collective experiences and plot a course to strengthen the influence of chiropractors as spinal health experts in the health care system.

With a new strategic plan, a new brand and a new structure of governance, the WFC is looking forward to the coming years. However, it is you, our Members, that remain the reason for our existence. By supporting, empowering, promoting and advancing the profession, the WFC is committed to serving the profession and making chiropractic accessible to all.



This will be an exciting week in Berlin. As well as our Assembly of Members, and a range of side meetings, our 16th Biennial WFC Congress is being jointly held with the 78th annual Convention of the European Chiropractors' Union.

It is an immense privilege to serve as WFC President. I look forward to seeing you in Berlin and welcoming you to what will be an inspiring week.

Laurie Tassell DC
President, WFC

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ABOUT THE WFC ASSEMBLY

Date

The Fifteenth WFC Assembly of Members will open at 08:30 on Monday, March 18, 2019 and finish no later than 17:00 on Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

Location

The WFC Assembly of Members will be held at the Maritim Hotel, Stauffenbergstrasse 26, 10785 Berlin, Germany.

About the WFC Assembly

The WFC Assembly of Members is the decision-making body of the World Federation of Chiropractic. The Assembly is comprised of delegates selected by WFC Constituent Members, who shall be the only members with the right to vote at an Assembly. The Assembly may also be attended by others who are not members but who may be granted the right to speak at an Assembly on the recommendation of Council and the approval of the Assembly.

The Assembly focuses on an agenda prepared by the WFC Council.

The main functions of the WFC Assembly of Members are to determine the policies of the WFC, approve financial statements and set dues, and consider applications for membership.

Council adopts Roberts Rules of Order as the procedure for the conduct of business of the Assembly.

How the WFC Assembly works

The WFC's mission is to advance awareness, utilization and integration of chiropractic internationally. The WFC takes its direction from its 93 Constituent Member national associations it is designed to serve. Every two years, senior officials from the WFC Constituent Members attend a nominated location to participate at the WFC Assembly. It is at the WFC Assembly that the WFC's work is reviewed, new goals are set and new tasks assigned.

The WFC Assembly is conducted in plenary sessions where delegates meet to listen to reports and adopt resolutions brought to it by Council and its committees. The Secretary-General and representatives of Constituent Members also address the delegates during the Assembly.

Registration

Registration is required for the WFC Assembly. All delegates are required to wear ID badges in order to enter the meeting room.

Delegates

Each Constituent Member shall be entitled to appoint numbers of delegates according to the size of their respective memberships. Votes are accorded to Constituent Members in the same manner as delegates.

| Number of members | Number of votes |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Up to 50 | 1 |
| 51 to 100 | 2 |
| 101 to 250 | 3 |
| 251 to 500 | 4 |
| 501 to 1000 | 5 |
| 1001 to 2000 | 6 |
| 2001 to 3000 | 7 |

Thereafter one (1) delegate (vote) for each one thousand (1000) members or fraction thereof.

Each Constituent Member may appoint one or more alternate delegates and shall notify the Secretariat of the names and addresses of its delegates and any alternate delegates three (3) months prior to the opening of any meeting of the Assembly or at such other time as the Council meeting may determine.

Proxy votes

A Constituent Member may carry the proxy votes of up to two other Constituent Members, provided that notice of proxy is given in writing to the Secretariat within 4 (four) weeks of the Assembly.

Country reports

Country reports must be no longer than 5 minutes (500 words). They must be strictly focused on the Constituent Member's activity, achievements and challenges since the date of the last Assembly, as well as a description of how they have been supporting the vision and mission of the WFC. Timing will be tightly monitored. Delegates are requested to deliver reports at a normal speaking pace as rapid delivery risks difficulty for those whose first language is not English.

Arrival in Berlin

Delegates, representatives or other participants traveling by air will arrive at Tegel (TXL) or Schönefeld (SXF) airport. Those traveling by train will arrive into Berlin Hauptbahnhof (Central) station. Reservations at the Assembly venue hotel (Maritim Hotel, Stauffenbergstrasse 26, Berlin) should be made well in advance. Specially negotiated rates are available by booking through the Congress website at www.EPIC2019.net.

Visa requirements

EU nationals do not need a visa to enter the Federal Republic of Germany. For non-EU nationals a visa is not required for semi-annual visas of up to 90 days each for nationals of those countries for which the European Community has abolished the visa requirement.

An overview of visa requirements / exemptions for entry into the Federal Republic of Germany can be found [here](#). Delegates, representatives and other participants should check the current visa requirements and ensure that any applications are made well in advance.

Entry badges

All attendees at the WFC Assembly of Members must register and collect their badges from 7:30am on Monday, March 18.

List of delegates

A provisional list of delegates and other participants will be available on the WFC website (paper copies will not be distributed) at the beginning of the WFC Assembly. This list will be issued on the basis of the registrations received by the Secretariat up to 4:00pm Eastern Time Friday, March 15. A revised list will be posted on the WFC website later. In the event of any official change in delegation membership, delegates are kindly requested to notify staff at the WFC desk.

Delegates' consent to be photographed / filmed

Representatives of Constituent Members and other attendees, including alternates and observers, as well as any other participants in session of the WFC Assembly of Members acknowledge that the WFC Secretariat and parties acting for the WFC Secretariat may take photographs during and/or videotape all or part of open session meetings of the WFC Assembly.

By attending the WFC Assembly representatives of Constituent Members, alternates, advisers and observers as well as any other participants are held to have consented to being depicted in such photographs and videos and to agree that the WFC may, at its sole discretion, reproduce and publicly disseminate any of these photographs and/or any such video footage on its website and/or other materials and through other outlets and/or authorize third parties to do the same.

Food and beverage

Representatives of Constituent Members, alternates, advisers and other participants will be entitled to refreshments during the morning and afternoon breaks and during the lunch break.

Inquiries

All inquiries in relation to the WFC Assembly should be submitted to info@wfc.org.



MONDAY, MARCH 18

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| 07:30 - 08:30 | Registration |
| 08:30 - 10:30 | SESSION A |
| | Chair: Laurie Tassell |
| 08:30 - 08:40 | President's Welcome |
| 08:40 - 08:45 | Apologies for absence |
| | Alternate delegates |
| | Quorum |
| | Adoption of Agenda (PAPER A) |
| | Adoption of minutes of the 2017 WFC Assembly of Members (PAPER B) |
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| 08:45 - 09:00 | Report of the Secretary-General |
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| 09:00 - 10:00 | Regional reports: Europe |
| | European Chiropractors Union |
| | <i>Vasileios Gkolfinopoulos</i> |
| | German Chiropractic Association |
| | <i>Sven Knippfals</i> |
| | Belgian Chiropractors Union |
| | <i>Vivian Kil (proxy)</i> |
| | Danish Chiropractic Association |
| | <i>Lone Kousgaard Joergensen</i> |
| | Estonian Chiropractic Association |
| | <i>Gerly Truuvaart</i> |
| | Hellenic Chiropractors Association |
| | <i>Michael Kalinderis</i> |
| | Chiropractic Association of Ireland |
| | <i>Tony Accardi</i> |
| | Association of Italian Chiropractors |
| | <i>John Williams</i> |
| | Netherlands Chiropractors' Association |
| | <i>Vivian Kil</i> |
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| 10:00 - 10:30 | WFC Strategic Plan 2019 - 2022 (PAPER Ci and Cii) |
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| 10:30 - 11:00 | REFRESHMENT BREAK |

11:00 - 12:30

SESSION B

Chair: Vivian Kil

11:00 - 11:30

Regional reports: Europe

Norwegian Chiropractors' Association

Espen Ohren

Portuguese Chiropractic Association

Paolo Valente

Spanish Chiropractic Association

Guillermo Busto

Chirosuisse

Thomas Thurnheer

British Chiropractic Association

Catherine Quinn

11:30 - 12:30

Governance

Bylaw - revision of WFC Bylaws (**PAPER D**)

New Member Applications (French Polynesia, Mexico)

Policy & Procedures

Policy proposals (if any)

Council elections

Executive Committee elections

12:30 - 14:00

LUNCH BREAK

14:00 - 15:30

SESSION C

Chair: Michele Maiers

14:00 - 14:15

Special Report: World Spine Day 2018

Robyn Brown

14:15 - 15:00

Discussion Forum: Recruitment, Retention & Relevance - Essentials in Association Management

Ayla Azad (Facilitator), Tim Button (Secretary, British Chiropractic Association), Roberto Bleier Filho (President, Brazilian Chiropractic Association), Jakob Bjerre (CEO, Danish Chiropractors' Association).

15:00 - 15:30

Regional reports: Africa

African Chiropractic Federation

Elga Drews

Chiropractic Association of Ethiopia

Bronwyn McNamara

Namibian Chiropractic Association

Elga Drews

Chiropractic Association of South Africa

Luke Schmidt

Uganda

Charles Sebwana

15:30 - 16:00

REFRESHMENT BREAK

16:00 - 17:30

SESSION D

Chair: Kei Takeyachi

16:00 - 16:30

Regional reports: Asia

Chiropractic Doctors' Association of Hong Kong

Eric Chu

Perkumpulan Chiropractor Association

Garrit Lam

Japanese Association of Chiropractors

Kei Takeyachi

Association of Chiropractic Malaysia

Yi Kai Wong

The Chiropractic Association (Singapore)

Janet Sosna

Korean Chiropractors' Association

Junyong An

Chiropractic Association Sri Lanka

Janet Sosna

Taiwan Chiropractic Doctors' Society

Hsuan Pin Chang

16:45 - 17:00

Committee report: Research Committee

17:00 - 17:15

Committee report: Disability and Rehabilitation Committee

17:15 - 17:30

Committee report: Public Health Committee

17:30

Adjournment

18:00 - 19:30

WFC Assembly reception

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

08:30 - 10:30

SESSION E

Chair: Kendrah da Silva

08:30 - 09:00

Regional Reports: Eastern Mediterranean

Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East Chiropractic Federation

Stathis Papadopoulos

Cyprus Chiropractic Association

Stathis Papadopoulos

Chiropractic Society of Egypt

Hani El Bibany

Turkish Chiropractic Association

Mustafa Agaoglu

Emirates Chiropractic Association

Mohamed Raslan

09:00 - 09:15

Special Report: FICS

09:15 - 09:30

Special Report: Global Alliance for Musculoskeletal Health

09:30 - 09:45

Special Report: World Congress of Chiropractic Students

09:45 - 10:30

Discussion Panel: The Role of Associations in Reputation Management

Gian Joerger (Facilitator), Anthony Coxon (President, Australian Chiropractors' Association), Guillermo Busto (Vice-President, Spanish Chiropractic Association), Hayden Thomas (President, New Zealand Chiropractic Association).

10:30 - 11:00

REFRESHMENT BREAK

11:00 - 12:30

SESSION F

Chair: Carlos Ayres

11:00 - 11:15

Special Report: International Board of Chiropractic Examiners

NBCE / IBCE Executive

11:15 - 11:45

The John A. Sweaney Lecture

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Introduced by Holly Tucker

Associate Professor Matthew Fisher

Chief Executive Officer, Australian Chiropractors' Association

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11:45 - 12:15

Regional Reports: Latin America

Latin American Chiropractic Federation (FLAQ)

Sergio Saleh, Sira Borges

Brazilian Chiropractic Association

Roberto Belier Filho

Chilean Chiropractic Corporation

Raúl Guíñez

Colombian Chiropractic Association

Gabriel Quintero

Colegio de Profesionistas Científico Quiroprácticos de México

Enrique Benet-Canut

Peruvian Chiropractic Association

Carlos Ayres

12:20 - 12:35

Address: Foundation for Chiropractic Progress

Sherry McAllister



12:25 - 12:30

Premier Corporate Partner address

Kent Greenawalt (video)



12:30 - 14:00

LUNCH BREAK

14:00 - 15:30

SESSION G

Chair: John Maltby

14:00 - 14:20

Regional Reports: North America

Canadian Chiropractic Association

Alison Dantas

American Chiropractic Association

Michele Maiers

International Chiropractors' Association

George Curry

14:20 - 14:35

Regional Reports: Pacific

Australian Chiropractors' Association

Anthony Coxon

New Zealand Chiropractors' Association

Hayden Thomas

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| 14:35 - 15:05 | Special Report: World Health Organization Including an address from Dr Molly Meri Robinson Nicol, Technical Officer, WHO |
| 15:05 - 15:30 | Q&A Session: WFC Executive Committee Facilitator: David Peace |
| 15:30 - 16:00 | REFRESHMENT BREAK |
| 16:00 - 17:00 | SESSION H Chair: Corrian Poelsma |
| 16:00 - 16:15 | Finance and administration, including appointment of auditor |
| 16:15 - 16:25 | Corporate Relations |
| 16:25 - 16:40 | Policy Review |
| 16:40 - 17:00 | Any other business Ratifications of actions of Council Date of next Assembly |
| 17:00 | Adjournment |



