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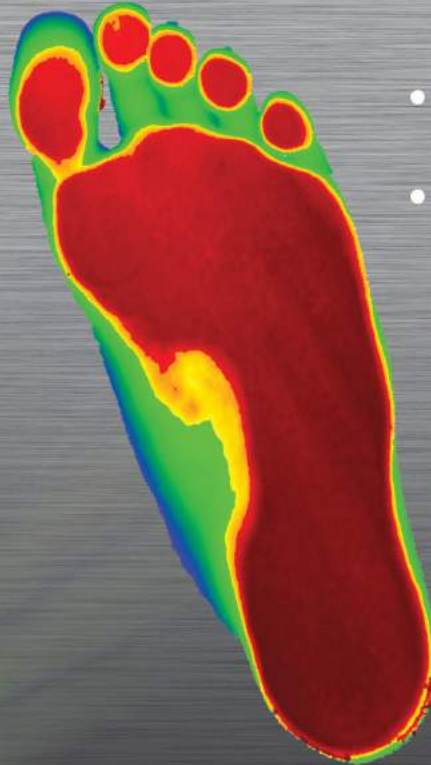
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# Trust and Legitimacy Are Keys To Advancement

## Dr Laurie Tassell, WFC President

For thirty years the WFC has attempted to facilitate unity in the global chiropractic community. When it was realized that unity was unattainable the WFC sought unity with diversity. Neither objective has yet been achieved.

At its recent meeting in Lima, WFC Council made the bold decision to shift away from endeavoring to promote unity. Instead, it was agreed that the priority of the WFC should be focused on the creation of trust, legitimacy and promoting the best available care. It was agreed that commonality based on high standards of care and protecting patient welfare are the profession's strengths and should be at the core of our focus.

Arguably, the profession is now more diverse than it has ever been. Diversity is no longer confined to a



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straight/mixer or vitalist / mechanist dichotomy. Chiropractors now practice in a range of different settings, using a wide range of interventions, and practicing from varying philosophical standpoints.

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trained within medical schools working in multidisciplinary settings including mainstream hospitals while others graduate from chiropractic institutions and pursue lifelong careers in single-practitioner offices.

It is time to cease using labels to describe different sections of the chiropractic profession. Instead, we should focus on the core attributes that define a health professional, regardless of individual philosophy or practice dynamics.

Evidence-based practice, patient-centered

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care and ethical practice all form the framework that allows chiropractors to provide the best possible health care for their patients.

Patient-centered care is now considered to be an essential element of a high quality health care system. It honors the patient's preferences and values and applies a biopsychosocial perspective rather than a purely biomedical perspective whilst building a strong partnership between the practitioner and the patient.

Patient-centered care has been defined as care that is responsive to individual patient preferences, needs and values. Care is not provided in the form of one-model-fits-all but rather it is tailored to the meet the specific needs of each patient. Informed decision making is fundamental to the process of shared engagement.

Evidence-based practice is the essential framework for making clinical decisions. Policy makers, third party payers and governments consider it as a key attribute of health care provision. Sometimes it is difficult to apply evidence derived from other settings to chiropractic practice. Sometimes evidence beyond anecdote is lacking. Sometimes there are myriad factors that make it difficult to apply evidence directly to the care we provide.

Knowing how best to translate the evidence

and synthesize it into clinical practice is often a challenge, but the WFC is committed to supporting the profession in delivering best practice.

Where they exist, it is the role of regulatory authorities to deliver a code of conduct that assists chiropractors to deliver safe and effective health care within an ethical framework. Such a code requires expected standards of behavior of chiropractors in relation to a whole variety of activities.

However, in jurisdictions that are both regulated and unregulated, chiropractors have a responsibility to be aware of their individual responsibilities and conduct in meeting the expectations of the general public and maintaining the reputation of the profession.

As individuals, we all have attitudes and beliefs that are formed by social, cultural and environmental factors. While these may influence our individual life choices, chiropractors, wherever they practice, must

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recognize the professional responsibilities on which all must base their practice. Inevitably, an approach that is founded on the best available evidence, a patient-centered approach and is delivered ethically will consistently deliver best outcomes and strengthen our cultural authority as spine care experts. **LT**



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## Plenty of opportunities as WFC intensifies global activity to support chiropractic.

We live in a data-driven world. For the past 18 months the WFC has been undertaking on a project that will provide a comprehensive picture of the current status of the chiropractic profession. We have sought information from national chiropractic associations, examined government websites, contacted individuals and searched for data about chiropractic in every one of the 192 UN nations.

It is not an easy exercise. For one thing, not every national chiropractic organization has the infrastructure to be easily able to maintain or retrieve data about the status of the profession in their country. Secondly, not all countries where chiropractors practice have national associations. Finally, even where there are national associations (and sometimes there are more than one), not every chiropractor is a member.

Gathering accurate information is therefore a real challenge. However, we're not alone, and even WHO has to resort to best estimates about certain elements of health provision in some countries. To advance and plan for the future, however, we need to know where we are right now.

WFC Council has been finalizing a Strategic Plan that will guide its work during the coming years. We've carefully considered where the priority areas are for chiropractic and how we can be most effective in our work. Our strategic pillars are support, empowerment, promotion and advancement, and everything we do will map to one of these objectives.

We're busy planning for the forthcoming WFC ACC Education Conference in October. This is the only conference in the world dedicated to chiropractic education and with a theme of *Empowered to Teach, Inspired to Learn: Creating Excellence in Chiropractic Education*, we hope to inspire both existing education providers and those working towards developing a program in their own country.

Our next biennial WFC Congress will be held March 20-23 in Berlin, Germany. In partnership with the European Chiropractors' Union, the theme of our event is *EPIC2019: Global Opportunities in Spine Care*. The word EPIC is an acronym for Evidence-Based, Patient-Centered, Interprofessional, Collaborative. With a really exciting program being put

together, it is worth starting your planning now. After the outstanding success of DC2017, EPIC2019 promises more of the same, with exciting speakers, stimulating debates, groundbreaking research, and workshops that will give you tools to use with your patients on Monday morning.

Before all of this, we have World Spine Day fast approaching. As always, it'll be taking place on October 16 and this year's theme is Love Your Spine.

World Spine Day is the biggest opportunity in the calendar for chiropractors to demonstrate their contribution to community health as public health advocates.

By raising awareness of the importance of good spinal health and working collaboratively with other organizations, chiropractors in all corners of the globe will be participating in the WSD18 campaign. The WFC will be running a World Spine Day competition featuring cash prizes for organizations, educational institutions, and private clinics, so start thinking now and be part of the spinal health movement in your community.

Our Disability and Rehabilitation Committee is doing great work and has initiated a range of distinct projects to promote opportunities for disability prevention and rehabilitation work involving chiropractors. These include work in countries where there is great global need, including Cambodia, India and Burkina Faso.

Finally, we welcome Professor Simon French as the newest member of the WFC Research Committee. See the special feature in this issue of the QWR. **RB**



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## Tokyo to host 2021 WFC Congress

Tokyo has been named by the WFC as the host city for its 16th Biennial WFC Congress.

The successful bid was submitted by the Japanese Association of Chiropractors (JAC), in association with the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLITT), Japanese National Tourism Organization (JNTO), and the Tokyo Convention and Visitors Bureau (TCVB).

The bid was supported by numerous letters of support, including the Governor of Tokyo, JNTO, MLITT, and the national chiropractic associations of Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong and the Philippines.

The Congress, which will also incorporate the 2021 WFC Assembly of Members, will take place at the TKP Garden City Shinagawa Conference Centre. Located within the Shinagawa Goos complex, the venue is located just 1 minute from the JR Shinagawa Train Station and incorporates a business hotel, restaurants and shops.

Announcing the successful bid for the event, Secretary-General Richard Brown praised the quality of the submission.

"WFC Council was very impressed with the quality and detail of the bid," commented Secretary-General Richard Brown. "It is clear that much thought has gone into the proposed venue and its versatility means that it will be perfect for the range of meetings held during the week of the Congress."

The venue is located just a 14 minute train journey from Haneda International Airport and is approximately 70 minutes by train from Tokyo's second international airport, Narita.

May is Springtime in Japan and visitors enjoy temperatures ranging between 57 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit (14 to 21 degrees Celsius).

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government and TCVB are also offering in-kind support, with welcome desks at each international hotel, eight complimentary half-day city tours covering major tourist spots in Tokyo and two Japanese Cultural Programs, offering the opportunity for delegates and accompanying persons to immerse themselves into Japan's unique culture.

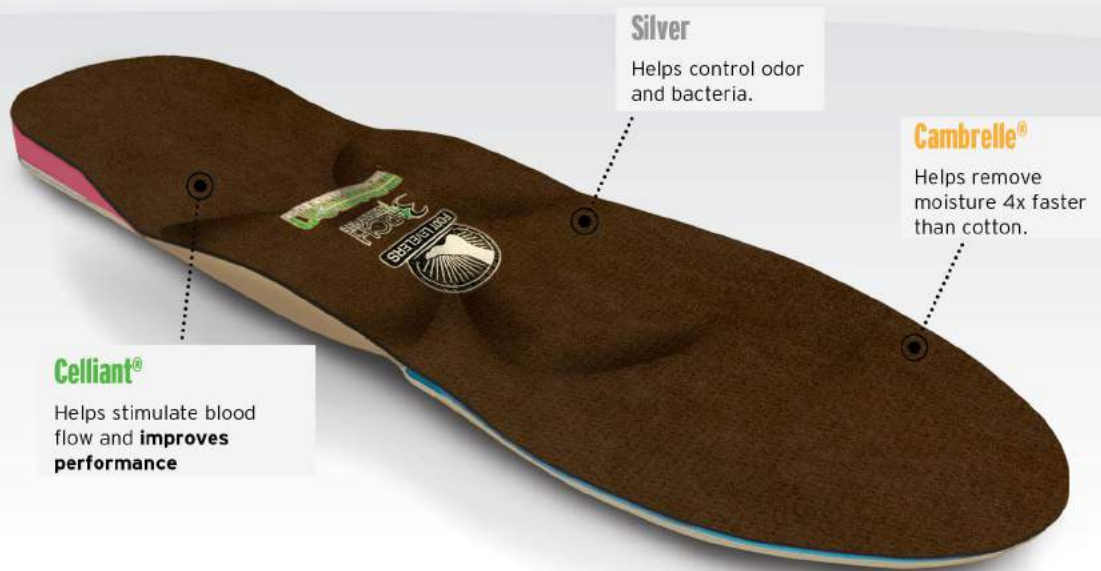
President of the JAC, Dr Kei Takeyachi said: "We are honored to have been selected to host the 2021 Congress. This is the first time the WFC Congress will have been held in Asia for many years and we are committed to ensuring that it is a huge success. As the largest chiropractic association in the region, there will be significant local interest."



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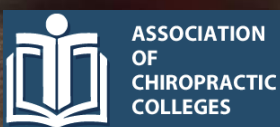
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## Australian Professor Named As New Research Committee Member

Australian chiropractor, Professor Simon French, has been named as the newest member of the World Federation of Chiropractic's Research Committee.

Dr French's appointment follows a global search that attracted high quality candidates from around the world.

A 1993 graduate of the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT), Dr French practiced as a chiropractor for ten years, gaining a Masters in Public Health along the way, before pursuing a PhD at the School of Public Health and Preventative Medicine at Monash University, Victoria.

His work involved developing and testing complex interventions for improving the use of evidence in clinical practice, specifically as it related to low back pain in general practice.

Dr French worked as a Senior Research Fellow with the prestigious Australasian Cochrane Center as well as at the Primary Care Research Unit at the University of Melbourne.

He is the author of over 90 publications in peer reviewed journals and he has also authored 3 book chapters.

In 2013, Dr French was named as the recipient of the Canadian Chiropractic Research Foundation Professorship in Rehabilitation Therapy at Queen's University in Ontario, Canada. During his time in Canada, Dr French was also named as a member of the Low Back Pain Quality Standard Advisory Committee for Health Quality Canada.

Dr French returned to Australia in 2018 to commence a position at Macquarie University's Department of Chiropractic. His appointment at Macquarie represents a very significant step forward for chiropractic in Australia and further develops the university's strong commitment to research and innovation.

As the Research Council's newest member, Dr French brings an impressive track record of high value research grants, committee representation, and collaborations with world-renowned musculoskeletal researchers.

Dr French's research aims to improve the quality of healthcare by understanding, informing and improving health practices. The main objective of his research is to improve patient outcomes for people with musculoskeletal conditions.

Dr French has served on a number of high profile committees in the past, including a working group to establish the Queens University Health Services and Policy Research Institute and the Health Quality Ontario Low Back Pain Quality Standard Advisory Committee.



Speaking after his appointment, Dr French said, "I am grateful for the opportunity to work with the Research Committee and the confidence that the WFC has placed in me. I'm looking forward to getting down to work with this world-class group of research colleagues."

Chair of the Research Committee, Professor Greg Kawchuk, commented: "All of us on the Research Committee are excited to welcome Dr French to the team. Simon's experience as a scientist, journal editor and most recently, head of research of the Department of Chiropractic at Macquarie University, expands the breadth of our committee and allows us to advocate for the profession in exciting new ways."

The WFC Research Committee comprises researchers from many of its world regions. Dr French will represent the Pacific region on the committee. They work in a range of settings, including biomechanics, musculoskeletal pain, knowledge translation, quality, and basic science. Its Chair is Dr Greg Kawchuk, Professor of Rehabilitation at the University of Alberta, Canada.

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<b>Jan Hartvigsen</b>	<b>Denmark</b>
<b>Carolina Kolberg</b>	<b>Brazil</b>

## WFC Supports Irish Chiropractors In Challenge To Proposed X-Ray Laws.

The WFC has helped chiropractors in Ireland to win a postponement to draft legislation that if passed would prohibit chiropractors in Ireland from owning x-ray equipment or referring patients to x-ray facilities.

After giving evidence to the Joint Oireachtas Committee (JOC) on Health, a cross party select committee with representation from both the upper and lower houses of the Dail (Irish Parliament), leaders from the Chiropractic Association of Ireland (CAI) accompanied by WFC Secretary-General Richard Brown successfully argued for the matter to be referred back to the Minister of Health for further discussion.

The current situation arose after the European Parliament passed a law in 2017 that updated the Ionizing Radiation (Medical Exposure) Regulations, which govern how facilities and individuals use x-ray equipment. This sets out criteria for training of health professionals in various aspects of ionizing radiation safety and governance.

European Union member states are required to transpose the regulations into their own national laws and draft legislation was circulated for consultation in 2017. This draft legislation makes reference only to certain health professionals but excludes chiropractors, even though for many years chiropractors have owned and operated x-ray facilities and have referred patients to private facilities staffed by members of the Irish Faculty of Radiologists.

The Chief Medical Officer for Ireland, Tony Hoolihan, objected to chiropractors being included in the legislation on the grounds that they were untrained and unsafe.

At the live hearing before the JOC Dr Brown argued strongly that to enact the legislation would disadvantage both patients and the chiropractic profession, which has operated using x-rays for many years. He argued that the proposed legislation was out of step with other European nations, which permitted chiropractors to own and operate x-ray equipment as well as refer patients to other facilities. He, along with CAI President Tony Accardi and X-ray Standards Committee members Jimmy Cosgrave and Olivia O'Leary gave evidence that explained the current status and training of chiropractors, highlighting the perverse situation where chiropractors from Northern Ireland would have different rights from those south of the border.

Following the hearing, the JOC has determined that the matter should be referred back to the Health Minister for further consideration.

Richard Brown commented, "This is just one example of how the WFC supports its members with advice and representation in times of need. While the issue is not yet resolved, this was an important meeting to have the voice of chiropractors publicly represented."

## WFC Founding Member of New Global Rehabilitation Alliance.

The World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) has become one of just 14 founding organizations of the new Global Rehabilitation Alliance (GRA), with the WFC's Professor Pierre Côté elected to its inaugural board.

The GRA has been established following a high level meeting in February 2017, **Rehabilitation 2030: A Call To Action** which was attended by Professor Côté and Secretary-General Richard Brown. Subsequent meetings took place which led to a White Paper and the formation of the new Alliance.

Since this meeting the WFC has been working with other international organizations to promote rehabilitation around the world.

WFC Secretary-General Richard Brown said, "The WFC recognizes the value of working with other stakeholder organizations to promote global health. By developing strategic alliances the WFC can magnify the impact of its work."

The role of the Alliance will be to advocate for quality, affordable and coordinated rehabilitation services around the world. It will act as a strategic partner with WHO.

Professor Côté is the Chair of the WFC's Disability and Rehabilitation Committee. He is also the Canada Chair in Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation and is acknowledged as one of the world's leading epidemiologists in this field.

He said, "I'm delighted to have been elected to this board. Chiropractors have a significant role to play in rehabilitation. The WFC being a founding member of the GRA makes an important statement about its commitment to global rehabilitation."



Members of the inaugural Board of the Global Rehabilitation Alliance, including the WFC's Professor Pierre Côté (far left).



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## WFC President Hails Successful World Health Assembly Delegation

WFC President Dr Laurie Tassell has praised the efforts of this year's delegation (pictured below) to the World Health Assembly (WHA) in Geneva, praising the professionalism and coordination of activity of its members.

The WHA takes place in Geneva each year, attended by Ministers of Health and other state representatives, along with 'non-state actors', belonging to non-governmental organizations. The WFC has been a non-governmental organization in official relations with WHO since 1997.

This year's delegation, led by Dr Tassell, comprised members of Council, Chairs and members of the WFC Public Health and Disability and Rehabilitation Committees, members of the World Congress of Chiropractic Students, Association of Chiropractic Colleges, Chiropractic Diplomatic Corps and other strategic partners.

During the course of the week, as well as observing

proceedings in the Assembly Hall, WFC officers met with WHO staff and department heads to discuss their ongoing collaborative efforts.

The WFC is currently involved in work with the departments of Ageing and Life Course, Integrated People Centered Care, Global Health Workforce, Disability and Rehabilitation, and Mortality, Health Systems and Data Analysis. WHO staff members Dr Molly Meri Robinson Nicol and Dr Nicole Homb commenced their work at WHO with funding support provided through the WFC before becoming full-time staff.

Dr Tassell commented, "Our status with WHO is important and we dedicate much effort to developing our relationships. I'm very pleased to see how the WFC collaborates at such a high level and is developing strong relationships to engage chiropractors in key public health efforts. We take our role at WHO very seriously and are here to contribute."



## WFC President Meets Leaders in Budapest for 77th ECU Convention

The WFC was well represented in Budapest in May, where the European Chiropractors' Union held its 77th Annual Convention.

WFC President, Dr Laurie Tassell traveled from Perth Australia to be at the event, which was also attended by Executive Committee members Dr Vivian Kil, Dr Michele Maiers and Dr Richard Brown.

The theme of the Convention was *'The Seven Ages of Man'* with the academic schedule reflecting chiropractic care throughout the life course.

The Convention was poignant for Dr Øystein Ogre, who stepped down as President after 8 years in office. Dr Ogre was replaced by Dr Vasileios Gkolfinopoulos from Athens, Greece.

Chair of the WFC Research Committee, Dr Greg Kawchuk was one of the keynote speakers at the Convention, which was attended by over 400 delegates.

WFC Second Vice-President Dr Michele Maiers was presented with the ECU Jean Robert Research Award for winning first prize in the ECU's Research Competition.

During the Convention, Dr Tassell was able to speak with members of the ECU



*Dr Laurie Tassell, second left, with members of the ECU Executive Council, Dr Øystein Ogre, Dr Vasileios Gkolfinopoulos, Dr Ian Beesley and Dr Vivian Kil*

Executive Council as well as meeting many leaders from Europe.

With almost a third of the WFC's Constituent Members located in the European region, this was a good opportunity to network and get to know WFC national association presidents in the region.

Speaking after the Convention, Dr Tassell said, "The ECU is an impressive organization with a long history. Chiropractic in Europe is well developed with a strong focus on evidence-based care and an active research culture. My congratulations go to the ECU for hosting a fine event."

*Dr Greg Kawchuk*



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## WFC Gears Up For London Education Conference With Record Submissions

With the 10th WFC ACC Chiropractic Education Conference just under 4 months away, preparations are well advanced for what promises to be one of the best-attended events ever.

Brighthall Inc., which is handling abstract submissions on behalf of the organizers, report record submissions, up over 40% from what was the previous record in Montreal in 2016.

WFC Secretary-General Richard Brown said. "We received 109 abstract submissions for this year's conference and the quality is exceptional. We've had a team of 38 peer reviewers from around the world scrutinizing each of the submitted abstracts, and letters have now been issued advising of the outcomes of the process.

We've structured this year's conference to accommodate as many as possible, such was the quality and range of topics covered.



The theme of this year's conference (October 24-27) is *'Empowered to Teach, Inspired to Learn: Creating Excellence in Chiropractic Education.'* With an inspiring line-up, this event is sure to bring attendees from many of the forty-plus educational institutions as well as national association leaders, academics and student leaders. Register at [wfc.org/educationconference2018/registration](http://wfc.org/educationconference2018/registration).

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## FICS To Host Pre-Congress Lower Extremity Symposium in Berlin.

The International Chiropractic Sports Federation, (FICS) has announced it will be hosting a pre-Congress Assembly and Symposium ahead of EPIC2019, the WFC / ECU Congress in Berlin.

The FICS Assembly and Symposium is an incentive for EPIC2019 attendees to arrive early and experience this dynamic line up of speakers. This year's symposium is titled "Kick and Run: Football and the Lower Extremities."

FICS Secretary-General Graeme Harrison-Browne (pictured right) said: "Berlin is a must-attend for all chiropractors in 2019. FICS is delighted to be supporting EPIC2019 and is pleased to invite participants to take part in this event"

FICS is inviting abstract submissions and will feature both platform and poster presentations as part of the symposium.



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## MoU Paves The Way For Chiropractic Education In Indonesia

A university in Indonesia has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Macquarie University to deliver chiropractic programs.

Last year, QWR reported on the challenges that chiropractic was facing in Indonesia following raids on chiropractic clinics in the capital city Jakarta and elsewhere, and the arrest of expatriate chiropractors.

This led to meetings taking place at the Indonesian Embassy in Washington DC in March last year, where Past WFC President Dr Espen Johannessen, Dr Richard Brown and representatives from the Association of Indonesian Chiropractors (AIC) met with the ambassador, His Excellency Budi Bowoleksono to explain the predicament facing the chiropractic profession (pictured right, top). The ambassador subsequently undertook to speak personally with the President about the issue.

Drs Johannessen and Brown also met with the Indonesian Minister of Health and other officials whilst attending the World Health Assembly in Geneva.

In July 2017, AIC representatives has a series of discussions with Macquarie University with a view to commencing a chiropractic program in Indonesia.

Following a series of discussions involving Macquarie and Binawan University department of health and science, and agreement was reached which meant that a Bachelors degree could be completed in Jakarta, Indonesia, with a subsequent Masters degree being offered at Macquarie until such time that Binawan can develop the infrastructure to meet all requirements for classes and faculty.

In November 2017, Head of Chiropractic at Macquarie, Dr Rosemary Giuriato visited Binawan University to further discuss the curriculum with members of the faculty, the Dean and the Chancellor of the University. Upon reaching an understanding, all parties attended a meeting with the Director General of Health Services for Indonesia.

On May 20, 2018 the Dean of the Faculty of Science and Engineering: Professor Barbara Messerle signed an international collaboration with Binawan Institute of Health Sciences, Jakarta Indonesia, providing a pathway for their physiotherapy graduates into our three year Master of Chiropractic degree program (pictured right, middle). Understanding was signed between Binawan University and Macquarie.

As well as senior figures from Binawan University and Dr Giuriato, the signing of the memorandum was also witnessed by representatives of the Ministry of Education. It is anticipated that the programs will commence in 2019



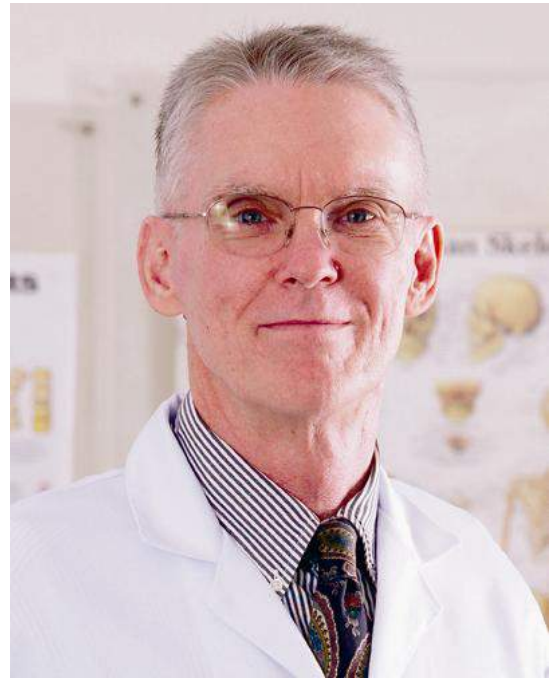
## Michael Haneline To Head Up CAM Centre at IMU

Dr Michael T. Haneline has been appointed Head of the Centre for Complementary and Alternative Medicine at Malaysia's International Medical University (IMU). Having previously served as Head of Department of Chiropractic, a role he also held between 2009 and 2013, Dr Haneline took up new role on July 1, 2018.

Dr Haneline graduated from Los Angeles College of Chiropractic (now Southern California University of Health Sciences) and practiced chiropractic for 30 years. He was awarded a Masters in Public Health in 2003.

Dr. Haneline was a professor in the department of research at Palmer College of Chiropractic West where he also taught courses in evidence-based practice. Immediately before joining the International Medical University, he was Dean of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies at the University of Western States.

Dr. Haneline has authored numerous articles which have appeared in peer-reviewed and professional journals and is the author/editor of two textbooks entitled Evidence-Based Chiropractic Practice and An Introduction to Public Health in Chiropractic, both by Jones and Bartlett Publishers.



*The 3rd Annual General Meeting of the African Chiropractic Federation took place in May at the Grand Palm Hotel, Gaborone, Botswana. Delegates attended from Botswana, Ghana, Namibia, South Africa, Uganda and Zimbabwe*

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## Danish Chiropractors' Association Target GPs In New Campaign

The DCA have recently finished a 5 week long advertising campaign advocating more cooperation between GP's and chiropractors. The idea of the campaign was to remind the GP's of the chiropractors and their skills.

The ads, picturing Lone Kousgaard Jørgensen (The president of the DCA), Jan Hartvigsen (professor at the University of Southern Denmark) and Anni Preisler (practicing chiropractor), were placed into the Danish Medical Associations biweekly magazine 'Ugeskriftet'.

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## People Meeting Politicians

Meanwhile, every year in Denmark politicians, organizations, lobbyists and the people gather to the Island of Bornholm to discuss politics and democracy.

The idea: Folkemødet is a meeting of people and politicians, where Bornholm provides the venue for Danish politicians to debate current political issues. All events are free and within walking distance of each other.

The DCA has taken part in the event for the last five years, this year being no different.

This year the DCA teamed up with the The

Association of Danish Physiotherapists and The Danish Association of Occupational Therapists to discuss how the Danish Health care system can improve and help patients with low back pain.

On the stage along with the presidents of the respective organizations were, among others, the Director of the Danish Health Authority (Sundhedsstyrelsen), Søren Brostrøm and the president of The Danish College of General Practitioners, Anders Beich.

The purpose of the debate was to focus on the need for the right, early and coordinated efforts in the treatment of the muscular and joint diseases that keep many Danes out of the labor market.



## More Nordic Doctorates As Trio Completes Studies: Danish Chiropractic PhDs Now At 27

**Lisbeth Hartvigsen** headed four separate studies looking into the effectiveness of clinical tests, simple and complex classifications systems, and the setting (chiropractic versus GP) in which patients received care.

Dr Hartvigsen and her colleagues concluded that a simple, four-group classification system developed by the Quebec Task Force, was more effective at predicting outcomes than other available tools. The four subgroups were: low back pain alone; low back pain with leg pain above the knee; low back pain with leg pain below the knee; and low back pain with nerve root involvement.



**Kristina Boe Dissing** led a three-year study to examine the magnitude of spinal pain in schoolchildren, focusing particularly on duration and frequency, and the impact of spinal manipulation when added to other usual types of conservative care.

The results of the study were truly astonishing. While there is increasing evidence that in many children back and neck pain is common, short-lived and fairly inconsequential, the study demonstrated a significant subgroup that suffers with more intrusive pain requiring treatment.



**Signe Fuglkjaer**, recently successfully completed her PhD thesis after investigating pain patterns in children experiencing pain in their upper and lower extremities. In a school-based cohort study, reported in *BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders*, data was collected by text messaging the parents of school children and, where there was evidence of musculoskeletal pain, a clinical consultation was performed.

The investigators found that lower extremity pain in school children is very common, with half experiencing an average of two and a half episodes each school year, each lasting an average of 8 weeks. Knees, ankles and feet were the joints found to be most commonly affected and there was no gender difference identified.



## Less Pain, Less Disability When Chiropractic Added to Usual Care For Back Pain, says new study.

Spinal manipulation and adjunctive techniques delivered by chiropractors result in greater reductions in pain and disability when compared to usual medical care, says a new study published in the new open-access journal *JAMA Network Open*.

In a study involving 750 participants, investigators looked at the impact of adding chiropractic care to usual medical care for low back pain.

The study, which involved active military personnel at three sites across the United States, found that patients who received chiropractic treatment in addition to standard medical approaches experienced greater reductions in pain, less disability and a greater level of patient satisfaction at 6 weeks compared to those receiving medical care alone.

The results were unsurprising to those familiar with the chiropractic literature – similar studies on both military and civilian populations have found similar findings – and add to calls to include chiropractic as part of a multidisciplinary care approach for the treatment of low back pain, which remains the leading global cause of disability.

*"in addition to standard medical approaches experienced greater reductions in pain, less disability and a greater level of patient satisfaction at 6 weeks..."*

The average age of participants in the study was 31 years, and most were male (over 70%). Treatment was delivered over a six week period, with up to 12 sessions of chiropractic care (including spinal manipulation as the primary intervention).

The study, believed to be the largest of its kind comparing chiropractic care added to usual medical care with usual care alone in the United States, also was the most diverse in terms of participants. Reporting the findings, the authors, led by Dr Christine Goertz, emphasized the value of its pragmatic design, meaning that it had greater applicability to real-world situations than previous studies.

The findings add to the existing literature supporting the addition of chiropractic care to standard medical



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approaches for low back pain. At a time when the United States is in the grip of an opioid crisis, demonstrating the value of non-pharmacological interventions is clearly necessary in order to support a shift away from more traditional methods of treating low back pain, such as drugs and surgery.

Speaking following publication of the study, Secretary-General of the World Federation of Chiropractic, Dr Richard Brown said:

"This research further strengthens the evidence that the addition of chiropractic care has significant value when it comes to managing low back pain. The fact that patients experience less pain and reduced disability, not to mention a greater sense of satisfaction with their care, should serve as a strong signal to policy makers that chiropractors can be recruited as part of the solution to such a prevalent condition.

"The WFC calls on governments and policy makers globally to rethink their strategy on managing low back pain accordingly.

The study involved researchers from Palmer College, the RAND Corporation and the Samuel Institute. To date, the paper has been accessed in excess of 50,000 times and has received global coverage, including Reuters.

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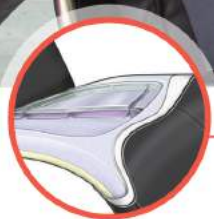
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## George Curry Honored For Second Time By ICA

The International Chiropractors Association (ICA) honored George B. Curry, DC, DACS, FICA, LCP with the 2018 Chiropractor of the Year Award. At ICA's Annual Meeting on May 11, 2018 at Palmer College of Chiropractic Florida Campus, Dr. Curry (pictured below) was selected to receive the association's highest honor and said,

"I am deeply humbled and honored by this unexpected recognition and truly appreciate the confidence in my efforts it represents. This is one of the greatest milestones in my professional life and I will now strive with greater energy and determination to validate this expression of trust on the part of my professional peers."

A 1982 graduate of the Palmer College of Davenport, Iowa, Dr. Curry was presented this prestigious award at a banquet held on Friday, May 11th in front of one hundred doctors of chiropractic, students and families gathered to celebrate the ICA's 92 years of service to the profession and the public. The ICA Chiropractor of the Year Award is presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated a career-long record of professional excellence, achievement and service to the ICA and to the chiropractic profession.



## Best selling Taiwanese author and chiropractor visits WFC head office



*Dr Joyce Huang with Richard Brown*

A graduate of Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College who has gone on to become a best-selling author in her native country of Taiwan paid a visit to the WFC's Toronto office in June while visiting the city.

Dr Joyce Huang (pictured above with WFC Secretary-General Richard Brown) grew up in Toronto and has a Masters of Public Health in addition to her DC degree. She has authored 7 books in Chinese on a range of public health issues, including posture and gait.

She appears regularly on Taiwanese television and has also worked with chiropractic associations in Hong Kong.

Dr Huang's books, all written in Chinese, have sold tens of thousands of copies, with many people learning about chiropractic through her work.

## UOIT-CMCC Centre for Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation: Breaking New Ground

Since July of 2012, CMCC has been pleased to host the Centre for the Study of Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation (CDPR), a center dedicated to understanding and improving return to work rates to improve lives and reduce costs to Canadian businesses.

CDPR is the only university-based multidisciplinary research centre of its type in Canada and one of just two worldwide. With a mandate to conduct policy-relevant research for the prevention and rehabilitation of musculoskeletal and psychological disability, work at the centre has global implications for health care policy and practical implications for health care at the community level in Canada and abroad.

Dr. Pierre Côté, the Canada Research Chair in Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation and Associate Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences, UOIT, leads the CDPR.

Dr. Silvano Mior is a Professor and Senior Research Scientist, CMCC and Adjunct Professor, UOIT. His research interests are in clinical outcomes and program evaluation, health services, and assessing models of interdisciplinary collaborative practice, in particular from the patients' perspective.

With offices at UOIT in Oshawa and at CMCC in Toronto, CDPR is able to leverage the academic excellence resident at both institutions. A core team of researchers (including five chiropractors), two international post-doctoral fellows, two PhD students, six Master's students, three chiropractic residents and 25 national and international collaborators from 23 universities fulfills the centre's mandate.

### Pierre Côté promoted to full professor at UOIT

Pierre Côté has recently been promoted to the rank of full professor at UOIT. Professor Côté, a 1989 graduate of Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College is regarded as one of the world's leading epidemiologists and was on the scientific secretariat of the Bone and Joint Decade.

Prior to joining UOIT Professor Côté held positions at the Dalla Lama School of Public Health and also at Toronto's University Health Network. He has a Master of Surgery degree from the University of Saskatchewan and a PhD from the University of Toronto.

In 2012, he was mandated by the Financial Services Commission of Ontario to develop a Minor Injuries Treatment Protocol for the management of minor traffic injuries.

Professor Côté has just had his Canada Research Chair in

Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation renewed by the Canada Institutes of Health Research for a further five years.

Côté's research program proposes a novel approach to conceptualizing disability related to the shared etiology and prognosis of musculoskeletal pain and mental health disorders to inform the development of prevention and rehabilitation interventions for disability

### Heather Shearer awarded Doctoral Fellowship Award

Heather Shearer (pictured below) has awarded a 3-year Doctoral Fellowship Award from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. This is a very competitive award. Dr. Shearer will study pain trajectories and their impact in wellbeing in children with cerebral palsy under the supervision of Dr. Pierre Côté and Darcy



Fehlings (Holland-Bloorview Hospital, Toronto)

### 2-year Fellowship for Andre-Anne Marchand

Andre-Anne Marchand has been awarded a 2-year Post-doctoral Fellowship from the "Fonds de Recherche en Santé du Québec". Dr. Marchand will be supervised by Dr. Pierre Côté.





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## New President for Netherlands

Gitte Tønner has been unanimously elected to the Presidency of the Netherlands Chiropractic Association (NCA). Having served in an interim capacity since November 2017, she was appointed to the office at the Spring General Meeting of the NCA.



Gitte graduated with a Masters degree in biomechanics in 2004 graduate from the University of Southern Denmark and immediately moved to the Netherlands.

Having worked in a number of locations in the Netherlands she settled in Amsterdam in 2009 where she continues to run a full-time sole practice.

During her student years, Gitte was politically active, founding the USD Chapter of the World Congress of Chiropractic Students. She has also served as the Convention Academic Organizer for the European Chiropractors' Union.

Prior to her election as President, Gitte served as Secretary and Treasurer of the NCA. In practice, Gitte has a particular interest in functional neurology and has undertaken significant postgraduate education in this field.

As President of an ECU-member national association, Gitte now holds a seat on the General Council of the ECU.

The Netherlands Chiropractors' Association was founded in 1975 and is the leading professional association for chiropractors in the Netherlands. Currently, chiropractic is not regulated in the Netherlands but there are plans to create an educational program for chiropractors in the future.

## Education and Evidence Advances Chiropractic In Turkey

### Mustafa Agaoglu

Chiropractic continues to progress in Turkey, despite challenges conditions for non-medical practitioners. Currently, serious restrictions are imposed on chiropractors. However, relations with the health ministry are cordial and there are positive signs for the future.

The chiropractic program at Bahçeşehir University has a new program director. Dr Mehmet Toprak is a recent PhD graduate and is a full tie instructor in the health sciences institute. Dr Ali Donat is the new President of the Turkish Chiropractic Association and is also an instructor at the University.

Chiropractic was represented at a Traditional and Complementary Medicine conference organized by the Turkish Government and co-sponsored by WHO. It was attended by 4000 participants and featured a range of disciplines. Speakers included Dr Kenneth Vall and Dr Øystein Ogre from the European region.

Past President Dr Mustafa Agaoglu has joined the editorial board of a new journal as the only non-medical practitioner and an article about chiropractic will be published in the second issue.

A team of 11 students attended the recent ECU Convention in Budapest. Two of the students also had posters accepted and exhibited at the convention. The students were also introduced to Dr Richard Brown, Secretary-General of the World Federation of Chiropractic, who congratulated them on their achievements and wished them well for their careers.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Drs. Richard Brown, Efsthios Papadopoulos and Oystein Ogre in all of the trust they have imbedded in me in my vision for chiropractic in Turkey, in Eastern Mediterranean region, Europe and ultimately at a global scale.



Students from Bahçeşehir University's chiropractic program with Secretary-General, Richard Brown.

## David Byfield Recognized With Professorship in Professional Practice From University of South Wales

The University of South Wales (USW) Higher Academic Awards Committee has agreed to recommend to Academic Board that the title of Professor (Professional Practice) be conferred on David Byfield, the current Head of Clinical Services at the Welsh Institute of Chiropractic.

David has been involved in chiropractic professional education for the past 30 years at three institutions including Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College, Anglo-European College of Chiropractic and for the last 20 years at the University of South Wales (USW).

In addition to his contribution to the literature regarding the learning and teaching of psychomotor skills and clinical education, David has been instrumental in raising chiropractic educational standards in the UK and Europe as a whole.

David joined USW in 1998 where he was recruited to help develop the chiropractic degree program and has occupied a number of senior positions since. David will be celebrating his 40th graduation anniversary from CMCC in 2019 having practiced in three jurisdictions and in number of multidisciplinary practices.

A Professorship in Professional Practice is a prestigious title and is the most senior designation bestowed by the University in recognition of excellence in professional practice. As Professor in Professional Practice, David has demonstrated excellence in his profession and has provided leadership at the interface of engagement between the University, industry and profession, evidenced by manifest achievement in the public sphere.

A Professor in Professional Practice, David has achieved a national standing through innovative and socially engaged practice, and has developed a reputation for effective work in the field as evidenced by his numerous textbooks, scientific publications, conference presentations both



nationally and internationally.

Throughout his career, David has demonstrated service and leadership in his outstanding contribution in his professional practice which has significantly enhanced the reputation of the University and the chiropractic profession across the globe.

The title is acknowledgement for David's appointments and contribution to the development of chiropractic at a statutory and professional level throughout his career including his substantial engagement with external professional stakeholders.

This professorial appointment is also recognition of David's ongoing commitment to the continuing development of these professional activities and the capacity and acceptance of responsibility for contributing through these activities to the external promotion of the University.

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## Claire Johnson Honored As 2018 American Sports Chiropractor Of The Year

The American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians (ACBSP™) recognized Claire Johnson, DC, MEd, PhD, DACBSP® for her efforts in advancing Sports Chiropractic at the 2018 Sports Science Symposium in San Diego, California.

Joe Horrigan, DC, DACBSP®, ACBSP™ president, presented the Board's most prestigious award, by saying

"This year's Sports Chiropractor of the Year needs no introduction. She has been involved in sports chiropractic for years, served the ACBSP™ in many ways, advanced our specialty and the chiropractic profession, and has pushed us to become better when we didn't want to be pushed. It is an honor to recognize Claire Johnson as the ACBSP™ Sports Chiropractor of the Year."

The selection committee, which is made up of previous recipients, cited Dr. Johnson's dedication to the science and progress of chiropractic sports medicine. Drs. Anne Sorrentino and Dale Buchberger offered this statement

"While most people use their DACBSP® to treat high level athletes and work with sport teams of various levels, Claire primarily uses her letters to keep us in the forefront of research, knowing well that the profession gains cultural authority in the healthcare realm by publishing high quality papers. She has mentored us as we navigate the frightening realm of publication. This puts us, as sports chiropractic physicians, in the forefront of our profession. She is the only DACBSP® consistently pushing us in this avenue and making sure that we are heard. She is always working hard to make our profession better. Few men or women have worked so hard for us all."

Dr. Johnson is the fourth woman to receive this award since its first presentation in 1992.

"I am deeply honored to receive this prestigious award. The ACBSP is the most progressive sports organization in chiropractic. It has advanced the qualifications, reputation, and education of sports chiropractors globally. The ACBSP™ members are a strong and supportive chiropractic family. I am humbled by this recognition." she said.

Dr Johnson is National University of Health Sciences professor. She earned the highest level of education in chiropractic sports medicine, receiving her diplomate from the ACBSP™ in 1997. She has enjoyed working as a sports physician and supervising clinician training chiropractic interns at



sporting events.

"There is no greater joy for me than seeing athletes reaching their mental and physical potential and knowing that chiropractic has helped them to reach their goals" she said.

Dr Johnson (pictured, below) serves as the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Chiropractic Medicine*, which the ACBSP™ has designated as its official scientific journal. She also serves as editor-in-chief for the *Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics* and the *Journal of Chiropractic Humanities*.

She volunteers for the Global Spine Care Initiative (GSCI), an international research group dedicated to reducing the global burden of disease and disability by bringing together leading health care scientists and specialists, government agencies, and other stakeholders to transform the delivery of spine care in underserved communities worldwide. The GSCI participants are amongst the foremost spine care practitioners and researchers around the world.



Claire Johnson honored as Sports Chiropractor of the Year.

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The initiative was thought up in response to the known vulnerability of early career researchers and challenges they face in establishing their research careers

Based on the Oxford International Research Leadership Program, the current CARL cohort consists of 13 of the brightest young minds from around the globe who are passionate about musculoskeletal research related to chiropractic -- a much-needed, evidence-based initiative in this evolving complementary healthcare profession.

As a result of this ongoing program, the ECRs are now much more stable in their current positions or have upgraded into new,



more advanced positions. Academic outputs as a result of this program also continue to expand past what would have been possible before the program began.

With this, the academic capacity of an alternative health care profession is growing and solidifying while contributing not only to the evidence within the chiropractic profession but also adding to the total knowledge base.

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## Anthony Coxon Elected President of Australian Chiropractic Association

The first Board meeting of the Australian Chiropractors Association was held on the weekend 2-3 June 2018. In accordance with the Constitution, Dr Anthony Coxon was elected President and Dr John de Voy as Vice-President until the 2019 AGM.

Dr Andrew Lawrence, as President of CAA National, has steered the organization through the restructure process and some difficult situations for the profession and remains a member of the Executive Committee of the ACA Board. Ms Kim Tompkin was appointed Company Secretary and Adj Assoc Prof Matthew Fisher remains CEO.

The ACA Board comprises Drs Anthony Coxon, John de Voy, Andrew Lawrence, Alison Bennett, Bruce Whittingham, Warren Genders and Mr Martin Baird. As part of the Board transition, outgoing CAA Directors Drs Ari Diskin, Mark McEwan and Harley Rushton

were involved in the Board strategy session on Saturday and were thanked for their service and contribution as Directors of CAA National.



*Dr Anthony Coxon*

## CAA Becomes ACA Down Under an update from Australia

Following many years of consultation and several weeks of extraordinary general meetings, the results on the proposed CAA Restructure are in – a unanimous 'yes' vote across all nine entities.

The proposal was to restructure the CAA federation, comprising nine separate legal entities (National and State/Territory Branches), into a single-entity association. All resolutions were successfully passed and we are truly excited to be able to move forward with one strong voice as the Australian Chiropractors Association (ACA).

From our perspective, the combined diligence of the Transition Committee and the Boards of all nine entities meant that not only a unanimous decision was achieved, but the level of engagement with members and the clear 'yes' vote made this a conclusive decision for our future.

"This positive result triggers the action to change the constitution of CAA National and bring about the ACA. The changes will take a little time to implement and we anticipate that the change-over will be in place for 1 July 2018" says CAA National President Dr Andrew Lawrence.

The new Board of the ACA met for the first time on the weekend of 2-3 June in Melbourne and began implementing the processes of change, including setting uniform fees for all members and the establishment of regional committees.

"Now the work to realize the vision and proposal put to members begins in earnest. This is to achieve strong member engagement and local action supported by decisive national direction and leadership" says CAA CEO Dr Matthew Fisher.

"We intend to be a more member-centric organisation (akin to members being patient-centric health professionals) that actively works in a coordinated way to further the profession of chiropractic. The profession in turn, contributes to the health and wellbeing of Australians which we are seeking to promote."

While there will be a transition period for the nine CAA entities to restructure into the ACA, it will be 'business as usual' as we continue supporting chiropractors and enhancing health.



Extraordinary General Meeting of CAA members



Focusing on the International development of chiropractic, we must consider that there is a severe imbalance in the availability of chiropractors to servet the people of this world. The imbalance is primarily due to the lack of qualified chiropractic colleges in the world and secondarily to the size of the country's middle class.

Region	Colleges	Languages	Chiropractors
USA	18	English	65,000
Canada	2	English, French	8,500
Europe	9	English, French, Dane, Swedish, Spanish	10,000
Australia	8	English, Japanese, Korean	6,000
Others	9	English, Others	10,000

Knowing that at least 20% of chiropractors outside of North America are graduates from Canada and America we find that 53% of chiropractic schools in the world, those outside of North America, can only account for producing 25% of the 100,000 or so chiropractors.

## This makes a strong case for the continued need to establish more chiropractic colleges worldwide.

- Where will these institutions find quality chiropractic faculty?
- What will be the quality standards of this education?
- How rapidly can these schools grow the numbers of chiropractors in their respective countries?

The solution for now in part is to attract high quality chiropractors who are willing to relocate abroad and pioneer the profession in both practice and education. Naturally the best place to look is where there we find the largest number of chiropractors in Canada, United States and Australia.

The Chiropractic Diplomatic Corps (CDC) is helping by serving as an intermediary for both **the chiropractor looking to practice and teach abroad**, and to those practices in underserved countries in need of more associates. Serving as a recruitment and placement advocate and/or agency, the CDC can scope out interested candidates and assist in the pre-selection of chiropractors for proper country selection and placement.

1. Associate DC career development
2. Foreign associate placement
3. Credentialing assistance
4. Associate relocation logistics

## Ideal Associate Requirements:

- 3-5 years experience required in some situations while 10+ years for pioneer positions.
- Student Loans paid or mostly paid up
- No legal entanglements and an active unrestricted license to practice chiropractic.
- Access to \$10,000 to help in relocation and reserves as a new practice may take a while to grow.

**Non-chiropractor actors** -Recognizing a new group of players who contribute to the growth of chiropractic in certain areas of Asia and elsewhere that need inclusion and support.t

It is a known fact that many countries have immigration and other regulatory policies that severely restrict non-citizens from normal business practices in the healthcare industry. Several partnership-types of arrangements have come into play to create and maintain a viable chiropractic clinic. The problem is they have no experience on how to set up or manage a chiropractor or the chiropractic clinic operations, therefore an important new focus of the CDC is to investigate ways to assist these “non-chiropractor actors” in developing successful clinics, in recruiting and managing suitable associates with some oversight authority with the chiropractor, thereby minimizing unfavorable outcomes



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## Gkolfinopoulos Elected New President of ECU

Vasileios Gkolfinopoulos has been announced the new President of the European Chiropractors' Union (ECU). At the meeting of its General Council in May, in Budapest, Hungary, Dr Gkolfinopoulos was elected unopposed and takes over from Dr Øystein Ogre, who steps down after an 8 year term in office.

Dr Gkolfinopoulos is a graduate of AECC in Bournemouth, UK. Having spent time in the UK, he also completed an M.Phil degree at the University of South Wales. With a busy private practice in Athens, Greece, he has been a longstanding President of the Hellenic Chiropractic Association, the WFC Constituent Member for Greece. As treasurer of the ECU for the past eight years, he brings a wealth of experience at Executive level to the Presidency.

Giving his inaugural speech at the ECU Convention, Dr Gkolfinopoulos said that the ECU to adapt, adopt and invest. He said that the ECU must adapt to ensure it addresses the public's concerns. He called upon the chiropractic profession to unequivocally adopt evidence as the basis for chiropractic care in Europe. Finally, he appealed for an investment in growth of the profession through increases in both numbers and quality.

Whilst celebrating diversity in the profession, Dr Gkolfinopoulos cautioned the the profession must be intolerant of those who practiced unethically or dangerously.

He closed his speech by calling on European chiropractors to respect those who had taught them whilst



*Dr Vasileios Gkolfinopoulos*

at the same time thinking about the legacy that they will leave.

The European Chiropractors' Union was formed in 1932 and is the longest standing chiropractic regional federation in the world.

Congratulating Dr Gkolfinopoulos on his achievement, WFC President Laurie Tassell said: "The ECU is an important and internationally respected body. The WFC looks forward to working with Dr Gkolfinopoulos in supporting the European profession and endorses the patient-centered, evidence-based approach he promotes."

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## Tenure At Prestigious University For Leading Dutch Researcher

In what is a first for the Netherlands, a chiropractor has secured tenure at one of Europe's leading Universities.

Sidney Rubinstein, DC PhD, has been given tenure at the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam. An epidemiologist, Dr Rubinstein works in the area of musculoskeletal disorders, particularly neck and low back pain. His work includes Cochrane Reviews on effectiveness.

Dr. Rubinstein is funded by the Netherlands' Chiropractors' Association, the European Chiropractors' Union and the Belgian Chiropractors' Union. A graduate of Los Angeles College of Chiropractic, Dr Rubinstein continues to work in private practice in Souest., combining this with his work as a Senior Researcher.



## Huge Success of 3rd World Spine Care Conference in Botswana

Global charity World Spine Care has recently celebrated another resounding success with its 3rd Spine Care Conference in Gaborone, Botswana.

Organized in conjunction with the Government of Botswana, the conference attracted over 300 delegates, reportedly the largest-ever medical conference to have been held in Botswana.

Opened by the Botswana Minister for Health and Wellness, The Honorable Dr Alfred Madigele. Following his address, Dr Madigele stayed at the conference to hear plenary speakers describe the scale of the problem of back and neck pain and the impact that it has on communities and populations.

The conference attracted 22 speakers from 10 countries, who delivered an outstanding program covering various aspects of spine care. Focusing on tiered interventions at primary, secondary and tertiary level, there was much interest from the Botswana Ministry of Health and from other leading health professionals in Botswana.

The conference also featured speakers from the Spinalis Botswana Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation Project. With the objective of building rehabilitation capacity for the spinal cord-injured, it is a partnership between the

Botswana Ministry of Health and Wellness and the Spinalis Foundation from Sweden.

The conference also included hands-on workshops, including clinical examination, spinal cord rehabilitation, and non-surgical spine care. Dr Adam Wilkey, a chiropractor from the UK, presented a popular workshop on examination of the cervical spine.

The conference concluded with a panel discussion titled "Implementing a policy on preventing spine disability - what are the cornerstones?"

World Spine Care wishes to acknowledge Dr Stefan Eberspaecher as the principal organizer of the event.

*Over 300 attendees packed the venue in Gaborone, Botswana*



*Dr Adam Wilkey of WSC Europe presents cervical spine examination*



*Botswana Minister of Health, The Honorable Alfred Madigele*



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## Logan Spiring Symposium Attracts Record Numbers

Logan University's Spring Symposium event held May 3-6 drew 674 attendees—a record number since the University began the annual continuing education and social event in 2014.

The four-day event featured nearly 30 speakers on topics such as integrating physiotherapeutics and laser therapy, metabolic detoxification and pediatric chiropractic.

Highlights included a discussion on the impact of chiropractic care on women's health by Jean Moss, DC, MBA, who was also presented with the Dr. Beatrice Hagen Speaker Award. |



*Dr Nelson Marquina addresses delegates on the effectiveness of laser therapy on pain and tissue healing.*

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## Canadian Chiropractors in Walk For Arthritis

The Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors (ACAC) recently coordinated a Walk For Arthritis, involving ACAC members and chiropractors from neighboring provinces.

With walks taking place in cities across Canada on the weekend on June 2-3, the province of Alberta hosted walks in Edmonton, Calgary and Red Deer. Nearly 800 people took part, including members of the ACAC, who led warm-ups and stretches by showcasing Straighten Up Alberta.

ACAC Chief Executive Sheila Steiger said: "Chiropractors are already vital partners to patients with arthritis in helping manage and provide relief from symptoms of the disease. That's why this partnership made perfect sense."



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## Italian Chiropractors Selected To Be Part of Health Workforce Group

President of the Association of Italian Chiropractors, Dr John Williams (pictured right), is among a group of chiropractors that will be working to improve the profile of chiropractic in the European Union.

Dr Williams has been invited to be part of an EU Expert Network on Health Workforce Planning.

Participation in the network is another small step on the path to integrate the chiropractic profession in European health systems.





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