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Dr Espen Johannessen, WFC President

It was with a great sense of pride that I returned to Norway following the WFC Council meeting in Dubai. It was not the fact that I had been elected as President of the WFC - although I feel humbled by the trust that has been conferred on me - but the fact that I had taken part in a Council meeting that for me represented precisely what the WFC stands for.

Here, in the heart of our Eastern Mediterranean region, our newly-elected regional representatives spent three days debating and discussing the future of the WFC and the chiropractic profession in an atmosphere of harmony,

openness and mutual respect. In our new WFC Council I was immensely proud to see a mix of age, gender, colour, philosophies and educational backgrounds but with a common purpose: to develop the chiropractic profession worldwide and advocate for access to quality care for all.

One of the strengths of the chiropractic profession remains its diversity. Since time immemorial, chiropractors have argued fiercely for their 'brand' of chiropractic, whether it be in relation to technique, philosophy or purpose. Few of the current debates are new and the ability to hold opposing



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viewpoints seems to be embedded into the DNA of chiropractors. Yes, we can get hot under the collar when our opinions are challenged, but chiropractic has evolved and will continue to do so by people coming together and sharing ideas and perspectives.

At the beginning of our meeting in Dubai we agreed on a set of ground rules. One of these was that it was fine to disagree, but not be disagreeable. Another was to listen to understand. A third was to enjoy our time together. I believe that during our time together we achieved all three.

I'm lucky to be taking on the Presidency on the back of fine work undertaken by my predecessors. My friend and colleague Greg Stewart has been an outstanding WFC President and his unwavering commitment and dedication to the role has gifted me a very strong foundation for growth and development of the WFC.

After a decade on Council, we say farewell to Past President Dennis Richards. He served the Pacific Region with distinction and I shall miss his presence on the Executive.

Later this year we will be holding our biennial WFC ACC Education Conference in Montreal. Education is the very foundation stone of the chiropractic profession and there is much excitement about the theme of *Chiropractors: Training Tomorrow's Spine Care Experts*. I look forward to meeting as many of you there as possible.

Another unmissable event to put in your diaries is the joint Biennial WFC Congress/ACC Research Agenda Conference/ACA National Chiropractic Leadership Conference in Washington DC, March 15-18, 2017. Called DC2017: Impact Spinal Health, this will truly be a celebration of the chiropractic profession and will be the go-to event of the year.

The WFC exists to advance chiropractic in all areas including practice, research, education and legal status. There is much work to do. Some nations have it all, while others have nothing. Wherever we are, we all have a responsibility to drive chiropractic forward and be proud of who we are as chiropractors. I look forward to working with you during my Presidency: together we can achieve great things. **EJ**

All Systems Go With New WFC Council

Elections bring new blood and new energy to any organization and the WFC is no exception. Having held elections in 2015 we had our first meeting of the new Council in May in Dubai. It was a resounding success with all seven WFC regions represented. Despite being 8 months pregnant, even our new Council member for the USA (ACA), Dr Michele Maiers attended the full meeting from Minnesota via Skype.

The Executive also has a new look, with Dr Espen Johannessen ascending to the Presidency and past Chiropractic Association of Australia President and Pacific Regional representative Dr Laurie Tassell being elected as WFC Secretary-Treasurer.

The past quarter has been a busy time and I've spent most of it outside Toronto. Attending events in Europe, Africa, the United States and the Middle East meant a mix of trains, planes and automobiles but it has also provided a great opportunity to talk to doctors of chiropractic from a diverse range of practising environments.

One of the highlights of the past three months was the Congress and Assembly of Members of the African Chiropractic Federation. Formed just three years ago at the WFC Congress in Durban, South Africa, this year's congress, held in Namibia, was opened and closed in grand style by a government minister and Vice-President of the Namibian Olympic Committee respectively. Both strongly stated their support for the chiropractic profession and advocated greater utilization of chiropractic services for the people of Africa.

At the ECU Convention in Oslo, the ECU General Council voted to give financial support to the WFC for its work in developing new WHO benchmarking documents for education, training and safety and for clinical practice. These documents will build on the previous WHO Guidelines in Basic Training and Safety, published in 2005. At WHO, the WFC is also involved in People-Centered and Integrated Health Care, Disability and Rehabilitation, Healthy Ageing and Global Health Workforce. Meanwhile, a case study involving the provision of chiropractic care at St Michael's Hospital

in Toronto was showcased on a new WHO website.

Next month, I head to Indonesia for talks with the health ministry. Shocking pictures emerged from Jakarta earlier this year showing chiropractors in handcuffs having been arrested for practising without an appropriate license. Following a request from the Indonesian Association of Chiropractors, the WFC will be offering assistance in providing information about the global status of the profession to the Indonesian Government.

Depending on your hemisphere, it's either midsummer or midwinter, so whether you're sunbathing or shivering I wish you all good health and happiness.



Richard Brown DC, LL.M
Secretary-General



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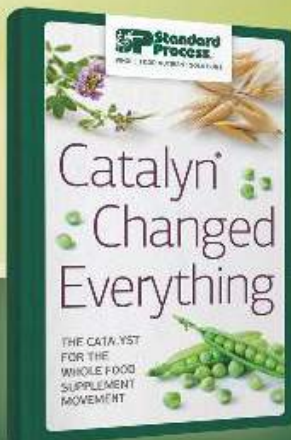
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Profile: Espen Johannessen

The WFC has a new President. Norwegian Espen Johannessen was unanimously elected last month at the WFC's Annual Meeting in Dubai. A longstanding member of the WFC's Executive, he is well aware of the challenges facing the profession and has clear views on how it should tackle them.

QWR spoke to Dr Johannessen to find out more about the man, his motivation and his mission.

Espen Fleming Johannessen was born in 1955 in the Norwegian capital of Oslo. Having lost his father as a young boy, Dr Johannessen grew up with his mother and older brother. A lively boy, he was grateful for the patience and love of his mother, for whom he claims to have been 'an absolute challenge'.

Like so many chiropractors, Dr Johannessen fell into the chiropractic profession as a result of treatment he received for a repetitive injury. A keen ice hockey and handball player, his persistent back pain was eventually

diagnosed as a fracture of L3 and, following a course of chiropractic treatment, he made a full recovery. After having commenced his higher education at the University of Oslo studying for a Bachelor of Science degree, Dr Johannessen then made the decision to train as a chiropractor, crossing the Atlantic and making his way to Davenport, Iowa, when he enrolled at Palmer College of Chiropractic.

Graduating in 1982, he returned to Norway and commenced private practice, eventually starting his own clinic in the town of Lillestrøm. Now, with thirty-two years in private practice, Dr Johannessen runs two clinics with 17 practitioners and staff.

From an early stage in his career, Dr Johannessen recognised that in order to make a change, getting involved was critical. At that time in Norway, there were relatively few chiropractors, a fraction of the 700 that practice in Norway now. Chiropractors had few rights and public awareness was limited.

Recalling his trajectory into chiropractic politics, Dr Johannessen said: "My vision is that everybody should do their part for the development of the profession. Politics is one of those areas where you can make a difference."

In national chiropractic politics, Dr Johannessen spent a total of 18 years on the Board of the Norwegian Chiropractors' Association (NCA), four of which were as Chair.

Dr Johannessen remembers the now-famous 'wish list' that was put together by the Board of the Norwegian Chiropractors' Association, where the key objectives for the development of the chiropractic profession were written down and pursued.

"I was involved in three major initiatives," he says. "authorization and protection of title; expansion of referral and sick leave rights and automatic partial reimbursement of patient fees by the Norwegian government."

"Bringing the Norwegian chiropractic profession into mainstream healthcare is the one thing I've been most proud of, where our competency has been rightfully recognized and respected."

Dr Johannessen is also quick to mention that the success of chiropractic in Norway has not just been down to elected leaders, but the loyal following of the membership.

"NCA members understood the role they had to play. They recognized that they had to deliver a service that was both needed and valued by society. Our membership, in combination with leaders who worked collaboratively with government, fully acknowledged not just the benefits but also the limitations of chiropractic. This generated an atmosphere of trust and respect."

As Chair of the NCA, Dr Johannessen had a seat on the General Council of the European Chiropractors' Union, and it was not long before he was elected to the Executive Council. He spent four years on the EC (1988-1992), a period which he says prepared him well for the international world of the World Federation.

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Profile: Espen Johannessen (continued)

"Being involved in international politics means understanding a whole range of dynamics" he says. "Importantly, respecting customs and cultures is critical to effective communication and establishing relationships. Even the way we exchange business cards can be of profound significance in some cultures."

In 2007, Dr Johannessen was nominated for a position on the WFC Council by fellow Norwegian and President of the European Chiropractors' Union, Dr Øystein Ogre. He subsequently spent three years on the WFC Council as one of the two European representatives before being elected to the Executive as Secretary-Treasurer. He was successfully elected to the offices of Second and First Vice-President, serving two years in each before being elected President in Dubai in May 2016.

Dr Johannessen is very clear as to his objectives during his WFC Presidency.

"My slogan will be 'Create Opportunities'," he says. "What is abundantly clear to me is that our new young colleagues have so much to offer to the profession, especially as team players in the overall health care system.

"They have received a strong academic education and are aware of their roles and responsibilities as health professionals. However, we must create opportunities for them to enjoy diverse careers, which may not mean just clinical practice, but pursuit of interests and roles in research, education and health policy.

"We are now seeing opportunities within teams in hospitals, rehabilitation facilities and in public service. We must encourage everyone to get involved and serve the profession at some level. This attitude of service will help us to develop both professionally and personally."

Dr Johannessen's commitment to personal growth and development is illustrated by his 2014 graduation from Bournemouth University with a Masters Degree (MSc) in Musculoskeletal Ultrasound.

"I felt the time was right to expand my personal knowledge," he says. "Ultrasound is such a valuable tool for evaluating different conditions and I know it's certainly enhanced my practice."

Dr Johannessen is married to childhood sweetheart Berit, his wife and girlfriend of 45 years. Together they have two daughters and three grandchildren. Without Berit and her constant support and companionship, he says his efforts for the profession would not have been possible.

"My role, first and foremost is as a husband, father and grandfather. Sometimes I'm also a carpenter, sometimes I'm an athlete and I always try to be a good friend. Success may be mixed at times, but I believe we must try our best at everything we do."

Dr Johannessen serves as WFC President until 2018.



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New WFC Council Meets in United Arab Emirates

The newly-elected WFC Council has met for the first time. Convening in the city of Dubai, United Arab Emirates, representatives from all seven of the WFC's world regions came together for three days of debate, discussion and strategy.

Dr Greg Stewart

This was the last meeting in the chair for Canadian Dr Greg Stewart, who has served a two year term as President, during which the WFC appointed a new Secretary-General and held one of its most successful Congresses ever in Athens, Greece. He was congratulated by all for his excellent stewardship during a challenging transition period.

Regional Reports

Each region provided a report to Council on activities and developments since the last Council meeting in November 2015.

Committee Reports

Reports were received from the Research, Public Health and Associate Members Committees.

Federation Reports

Council also noted reports from the regional chiropractic federations, specifically the European Chiropractors' Union (ECU), Latin American Federation (FLAQ), African Chiropractic Federation (ACF) and the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East Chiropractic Federation (EMMECF).

International accreditation

Council discussed the status of international educational accreditation, noting that CCE-US had withdrawn from the Councils on Chiropractic Education International (CCEI).

Finance & Administration

It was noted that the WFC had made a modest surplus in the past 12 months. All was in order with the financial status of the WFC.

Policy & Procedure

Policies in relation to conflict of interest, equality and diversity, gifts and sponsorships and congress bidding were all formally approved by Council.

Forthcoming events

Council noted the upcoming events, particularly the WFC ACC Education Conference and the DC2017 Congress..

PR and Communications

Council discussed the website and social media as well as both internal and external communication with members. It noted the change in format and distribution of the Quarterly World Report. The updating of the WFC logo in its various formats was welcomed.

Election of officers

The following officers were elected to the Executive: As President: Dr Espen Johannesson; as First Vice Present: Dr Carlos Ayres; as Second Vice-President: Dr Rick McMichael; and as Secretary-Treasurer: Dr Laurie Tassell.

WFC STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES 2016-2018

1. To strengthen the identity of the WFC.
2. To improve visual identity through a process of digital transformation.
3. To develop a meaningful workplan and focus consistently on the WFC's role as an NGO in official relations with WHO.
4. To review and repopulate the WFC Public Health Committee and provide a mandate to focus on public health matters relevant to chiropractic practice.
5. To plan, coordinate and execute World Spine Day and to ensure its success internationally.
6. To increase engagement with all educational institutions.
7. To promote Constituent member-centric activity.
8. To empower young and emerging leaders in the chiropractic profession.
9. To actively promote equality of opportunity to reflect the WFC's commitment to gender, cultural and geographic diversity



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EMMECF celebrates successful regional seminar and AGM in Dubai.

The Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East Chiropractic Federation (EMMECF) met in the United Arab Emirates last month for its annual regional seminar and Annual General Meeting. Hosted by the Emirates Chiropractic Association and held concurrently with the WFC Annual Council Meeting, the EMMECF regional seminar attracted in excess of forty delegates.

President of the EMMECF, Dr Efstathios 'Stathis' Papadopoulos was delighted by the attendance.

"This is not an easy region to administer," he commented. "Many chiropractors here practise in extremely challenging situations, often due to conflict over many years."

In addressing delegates during the EMMECF Annual General Meeting, Dr Papadopoulos commented that in the 2015 regional federation report he stated that the number one goal for the EMMECF was the establishment of a university based chiropractic program in the EMME Region.

He went on, "Now I am in the happy position to announce that as of last September the Bahcesehir University in Istanbul Turkey, has started a Master of Chiropractic Sciences program. I am grateful to all who have put in huge effort to make this dream a reality."

The EMMECF seminar was generously supported by the Carrick Institute for Graduate Studies, which supported the attendance of Dr Matthew Antonucci.

Over two days, Dr Antonucci gave an outstanding presentation on the chiropractic implications of applied neuroscience. An ever-popular topic, attendees reported high levels of satisfaction.

Speaking after the AGM, WFC Secretary-General Richard Brown said: "Despite the tensions that exist here in the Middle East region, it was great to witness friendship, mutual respect and good humor. It is clear that doctors of chiropractic in this region are committed to delivering high standards of patient-centered care."

Over the course of the three days in Dubai, there was also some time for extra-curricular activities. Richard Brown continued: "The WFC is extremely grateful for the hospitality and warm welcome of both the Emirates Chiropractic Association and the EMMECF."

"From what I've witnessed here over the past few days, I see a bright and positive future for chiropractic here."



AECC Receives 2016 ECU Honour Award

AECC scooped the prestigious European Chiropractors' Union (ECU) Honour award at the organisation's convention on Friday 6th May. The award, which has never before been handed to an institution, recognizes outstanding service and leadership to the chiropractic profession in Europe

ECU President Øystein Ogre began his introduction to the award by saying: "the recipient of this award has been a part of the profession for over 50 years, and has been growing bigger in size since then."

This statement caused some raised eyebrows around the room as the award has previously only been given to an individual. Dr Ogre went on to comment on the recipient's achievements within education, both in the undergraduate

and postgraduate fields, as well as CPD. With that, it slowly became clear to the room that it was AECC he was referring to.

It is now estimated that just over half of chiropractors practising in Europe hold a professional qualification from AECC.

Reflecting on his surprise, Haymo Thiel, Principal of the AECC commented: "Once I had recovered from the initial shock and had made my way up to the stage to receive the award for the AECC, I made it clear, that for me this award reflects above all the commitment, work and dedication of AECC's staff and students, past and present, as well as of those individuals who founded our institution 50 years ago.

I'd like to formally congratulate everyone associated with the AECC for their part in us achieving this award."

The AECC has been providing education and clinical training in the fields of chiropractic and other healthcare subject areas, at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels for over 50 years.

WFC President Dr Espen Johannessen commented on the award: "This was certainly out of the ordinary but I think it is a fantastic way of recognizing AECC's achievements past and present. There is a great deal of pride in Europe where AECC is concerned and its support of the chiropractic profession globally is very conspicuous."





Peter Garbutt named as new FICS President

Australian Dr Peter Garbutt has been named as the new President of the Federation Internationale de Chiropratique du Sport (FICS), the international sports chiropractic organization.

Dr Garbutt graduated from Sydney University in 1993 with a BSc in Anatomy and Physiology. Peter then went on to complete a Masters in Chiropractic from Macquarie University in 1996 and a further Masters Degree in Chiropractic Sports Science from Macquarie University in 2000. In 2007 Peter was awarded his International Chiropractic Sports Science Diploma.

Dr Garbutt lectures internationally at FICS seminars as well as sports medicine conferences throughout Australia. He is a full member of Sports Medicine Australia and serves on the Australian Bone and Joint Decade Sports Injury Working Group.

Speaking after his appointment Dr Garbutt said: "Taking on the role of President in FICS at such an exciting time is a great honor. I intend to continue the great work that has been performed before me in the goal of making chiropractic care an expected standard for athletes around the world, not an option, afterthought or absence".

New US Quality Institute Launched to Improve Patient-Centered Spine Care

A brand new non-profit organization is promising to improve the quality of spine care across the United States.

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Spine IQ is working to develop an independent spine care quality benchmarking program that enables high-performance providers' expertise

to be recognized. This will be the first quality program that is specifically designed for PSPs and uses individual provider data rather than proprietary standards based primarily on process measures and/or utilization rates. Three levels of benchmarking are planned:

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Through the use of registries and other data sources, Spine IQ will collect the information necessary to compare clinical and cost outcomes for patients with spine-related pain and disability receiving care from a large number of PSPs across nationally representative geographic and practice settings.

Studies focused on this data will enhance our understanding of how spine care impacts both physical and emotional functioning for a variety of

conditions, ultimately providing the critical evidence needed to improve patient care, identify future research questions and help policymakers make decisions regarding the appropriate role for PSP care within the rapidly evolving healthcare system.

Spine IQ registries include evidence-based training materials designed to assist PSPs in meeting performance measurement benchmarks and/or standards. Spine IQ will use continuing education resources, such as reviews of the literature or webinars, to deliver information that is tied directly to the performance measures included in our registries. Additional educational opportunities will focus on improving the quality of spine care delivery by increasing PSP understanding and participation in relevant local and national quality initiatives.

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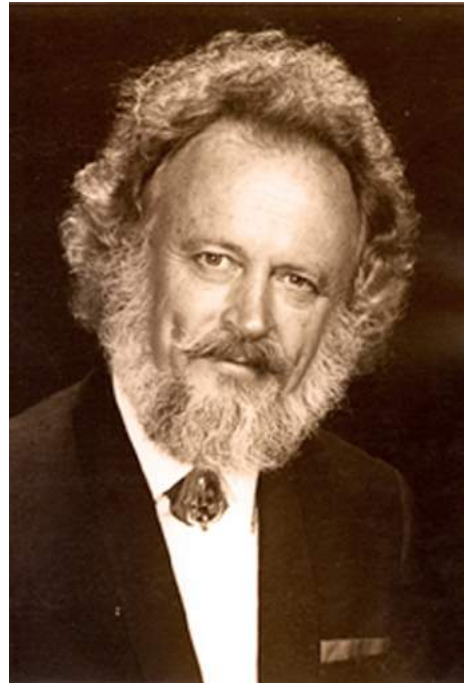
One of Australia's best known chiropractors has been honored in the Queen's 90th Birthday Honors List. Dr Rolf Peters, a 1958 graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic was recommended by the Governor General of Australia to receive the Order of Australia Medal for his service to the chiropractic profession.

Dr Peters practised for 55 years before retiring from clinical practice in 2013. He is one of the longest serving members of the Chiropractic Association of Australia, first joining the CAA in 1960, and was made a Life Member of the CAA in 2002.

WFC Past President Dr Dennis Richards commented: "Dr Peters has given outstanding service to the chiropractic profession throughout his long and distinguished career. His list of professional awards show the terrific contribution he has made within chiropractic, but beyond that, his charitable work within his home town of Wagga Wagga, serving over 40 years on the Executive of the Lions' Club, demonstrates his commitment to his community and to humanity."

Dr Peters served for 30 years as Editor of the peer-reviewed Chiropractic Journal of Australia and was made a Fellow of the International College of Chiropractic in 1988. In 2009, Palmer College of Chiropractic honored Dr Peters with a Fellowship of the Palmer Academy of Chiropractic, the highest award within the Palmer academic system.

However, it was Dr Peters' love of chiropractic history that has seen him serve on numerous committees and develop an encyclopedic knowledge. Having contributed countless articles, Dr Peters has since 1986 served as an Editorial Board Member in the Association for the History of Chiropractic (USA), also co-founding and serving as the inaugural President of the Association for the History of Chiropractic - Australia.



In 2011, Dr Peters was the recipient of the Lee-Homewood Chiropractic Heritage Award, the highest award given by the Association for the History of Chiropractic.

Dr Peters completed a Master of Science degree at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology in 2004. His Masters thesis was some 500 pages long and was titled *An Early History of Chiropractic: the Palmers and Australia*.

Dr Peters late wife was Dr Mary Ann Chance, also a Palmer graduate with whom he co-authored many articles on chiropractic history and co-edited over 100 issues of the Chiropractic Journal of Australia. Her father served as Executive Director and General Counsel of the ICA, while her grandfather, H.C. Chance, was on the faculty of Palmer School of Chiropractic from 1925 to 1958.

Commenting on the award of the OAM, WFC Secretary-General Richard Brown said: "The chiropractic profession in general and the Australian profession in particular owes Dr Peters a huge debt of gratitude for his unceasing commitment. This honor is richly deserved."



Dr Rolf Peters (C) receiving the prestigious Lee-Homewood Chiropractic Heritage Award in 2011.

WORLD CONGRESS OF CHIROPRACTIC STUDENTS

The World Congress of Chiropractic Students is an international collaboration of chiropractic students from 25 chiropractic institutions. Since its inception in 1980, its annual conference has served as a forum for a diverse array of international student perspectives. Students and alumni come together in the spirit of unity to discuss issues relevant to the chiropractic profession and to global health. The WCCS endeavors to highlight the international student consensus on issues vitally important to the chiropractic profession. Here, WCCS President **Damiano Costa** reports on the 38th Annual General Meeting, held in Paris, France.



The 2016 WCCS Annual General Meeting (AGM) was, once again, a resounding success! This year the student bodies of 23 chiropractic educational institutions were represented by over 120 students in Paris, France. These students came together to work towards the WCCS mission: "To advance and unite the global chiropractic profession through inspiration, integrity, and leadership."

This year, with the purpose of improving the communication between schools in the same region and to more effectively support our chapters, we approved a set of new positions, the "Regional Coordinators". The new officers' roles will be able to assist and push our member chapters, our individual delegates, and our regions to the levels we need to see in order to achieve our mission. We also changed the way we vote for the Board of Directors (BoD) in order to make it more stable and maintain equal representation across each region.

The new 2016/2017 Board of Directors members are: Gerné Jordaan (University of Johannesburg), Charlotte Cailliau (Institut Franco-Européen de Chiropraxie), Treasurer Danielle Wiesner (Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College), and Secretary Holly Davies (New Zealand College of Chiropractic), Vice President Derek

Cardenas (Life Chiropractic College West) and myself, President Damiano Costa (Madrid College of Chiropractic). This year the WCCS passed four proposals: a proposal for a worldwide research initiative, a proposal to adopt and support the Straighten Up postural exercises, a proposal designed to strengthen our chapters internally, and a proposal for a survey regarding the worldwide perception of chiropractic. We will also be moving forward with our Internal Needs Assessment and our Consensus Statement process.

One of the WCCS workgroups, the International Mobility Committee, recently embarked on a survey for chiropractic students and recent graduates to provide information to those thinking of practising abroad. The results of this research will be useful to understand to what degree students value the portability of their chiropractic degree.

Representatives of international chiropractic organizations (WFC, ECU, and FICS), national chiropractic organizations (French and Spanish) and an accrediting body (ECCE), were invited to speak at this year's AGM. Numerous subjects were discussed including accreditation, inter-professional collaboration, and career alternatives for chiropractors outside of clinical practice.

For the first time ever, a representative from another international healthcare students association attended the AGM as an observer. This was a result of the ongoing efforts of the WCCS to increase the connections with different organizations in order to expand the knowledge of chiropractic into the health care world.

WCCS would like to publicly thank everyone that made this event possible: the convener and the convening team, the sponsors, the alumni, the speakers and all the delegates. Moving forward we are focused on strengthening our relationships with other international chiropractic organizations. They represent the present; we are the future of the profession. Only by working together we can advance and unite the global chiropractic profession.





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Singaporean DC hailed for outstanding sportsmanship



Sherman College of Chiropractic graduate Dr Ashley Liew has been recognized nationally for his outstanding sportsmanship by the Singapore National Olympic Commission.

In the early morning on 7 June 2015, the lead pack of runners missed a U-turn in the dark 5.5 kilometres into the men's marathon race at the 28th SEA Games and 28 year-old Ashley Liew found himself in the lead.

Instead of taking advantage of the error and gaining on his new lead, Ashley gave up his fair and just lead of 50 metres by slowing down and waiting for the lead pack of runners to catch up. With his act of sportsmanship, Ashley effectively reduced his own chances of obtaining a medal position, which was within grasp. The recorded personal best timings of the runners showed that Ashley had a reasonable shot at attaining a podium finish, especially since the race was on home ground.

Ashley's belief that "it is not always about the medals, but what you do in between" demonstrates the admirable spirit that athletes should always aspire towards. Following the incident, Ashley was lauded by Singaporeans from all walks of life for

displaying stellar sportsmanship.

Dr Liew has just graduated from Sherman College of Chiropractic in South Carolina, USA. Spurred to take up running in his teens to lose weight to battle obesity, Dr Liew attributes his switch from an amateur runner to a competitive one to his coach, Mr Rameshon Murugiah, who received the award on his behalf on 23 June.

"It is extremely humbling to be receiving this honour. Unfortunately, neither myself or my father were around to receive this in person due to my Sherman College of Chiropractic graduation ceremony. However, my coach Rameshon Murugiah and chiropractor Dr Kelvin Ng will be there on my behalf. These two individuals were the only two whom I shared the marathon incident with in passing. Now, a nation and more have heard the story. Until today, I maintain that what transpired was not extraordinary. I would do it again in a heartbeat in a similar situation." said Dr Liew.

Pictured: Mr Tan Chuan-Jin (left in red) and Mr Tang Weng Fei (right), President of Singapore Athletics, greeting Dr Ashley Liew (middle, in white) at the finishing line of the men's marathon at the 28th SEA Games.

Dedicated Taiwanese Chiropractors on a Mission.

A team of dedicated chiropractors has recently returned from a mission trip to care for rural populations in the South-East Asian nation of Cambodia.

Members of the Taiwan Chiropractic Doctors' Society (TCDS) recently completed the latest in a series of interdisciplinary medical volunteer trips to Cambodia.

This group, which included medical doctors, nurses, dentists and physical therapists as well as chiropractors spent a week delivering essential integrated care to the people of Cambodia.

Despite significant improvements in the health status of its population, Cambodia remains a WHO-classified low income country and continues to suffer inequities in health coverage between its urban and rural areas.

There are 19 UN resident agencies in Cambodia, forming the UN Country Team (UNCT). WHO is one of the largest and along with UNICEF plays a lead role in health. In line with UN reform efforts, agencies are working to better co-ordinate their support through the UN Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), 2011-2015, whereas the new UNDAF 2016-2018 roll-out is currently underway.

TCDS will be hosting its next trip to Cambodia August 1-8, 2016. Secretary-General Dr Hsuan Pin Chang said: "We still have availability for any chiropractors wishing to join us. Volunteers will need to pay their own flights, but accommodation, meals, travel and sightseeing are sponsored by a Taiwanese company in Cambodia. We shall also be visiting the famous temple complex at Ankor Wat."

Anyone interested in joining the TCDS mission to Cambodia should contact Dr Chang at: chirochang@hotmail.com.

Meanwhile, in Taiwan itself, TCDS members have been involved in a number of national sports events, most recently at the 2016 Asian Squash Championship, which took place May 11-15. Fourteen countries took part in the championships. TCDS members Dr Jackie Huang and Dr Patrick Lin worked throughout the championships over the course of 5 days.

Dr Huang commented: "This was an extremely successful event for chiropractic in Taiwan. I hope that chiropractic care can be provided to athletes at future sporting events. These include the next Universiade in Taiwan in 2017."

Despite efforts made by the WFC and other international organizations, chiropractic is still not officially recognized by the Taiwanese government. Similarly, Taiwan is not recognized by WHO. However, the WFC was pleased to welcome delegates from TCDS to the World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland, where for the first time the Taiwanese Minister of Health was permitted to attend as an observer.



African Chiropractic Federation names new Executive.

Formed at the 12th WFC Congress in 2013 in Durban, the African Chiropractic Federation (ACF) has recently announced its first Executive.

At its annual Assembly of Members, held in Windhoek, Namibia, the ACF elected the following Executive Officers:

President: Dr Elga Drews

Namibian Dr Elga Drews is a 1995 graduate of Durban University of Technology (DUT). She practises in Windhoek and is dual qualified in homoeopathy. She is also the President of the Namibian Chiropractic Association.

Vice-President: Dr Musimbi Ondeko

Dr Ondeko becomes the Vice-President of the ACF. She is a 1980 graduate of Sherman College of Chiropractic and practises in Nairobi, Kenya.

Secretary-Treasurer : Dr Garth Roberts

Dr Roberts is a 1996 graduate of DUT and practises in Cape Town, South Africa. He has special interests in sports medicine and chiropractic paediatrics.



Namibian Government Minister Calls For Greater Chiropractic Utilization.

Ms Agnes Tjongarero, Deputy Minister of National Service, Youth, Sport and Culture opened the 3rd Annual Congress of the African Chiropractic Federation, held June 2-4 in Windhoek, Namibia.

During her opening address she said: "It is an honor to know that the Namibian Chiropractic Association serves as host to this year's annual congress and assembly of the African Chiropractic Federation. We trust and hope that this event will be an ideal platform for interaction between the various stakeholders in the medical sector and the sporting bodies.

"I am here today to demonstrate the support of our Ministry towards the goals of this African Chiropractic Congress. We are certain that during these next two days of interaction, the medical professionals, the athletes and the related sport organizations will establish strong communication, strengthen their links, share experiences and knowledge. This will undoubtedly benefit the sport community and the athletes in particular.

"Chiropractic specifically offers an invaluable and irreplaceable service to athletes world-wide.

"I can now see how important it is to include chiropractic services in the medical support team for our athletes. Therefore initiatives of this kind are play a vital role to raise awareness at all levels from athletes at the grass-root level to top-performing athletes, the sport clubs and trainers, the Namibian National Olympic Committee, the Namibian Sports Commission and the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Services. The result of the joint efforts of all the involved parties and medical service providers will help to unleash the potential genius in all our sportsmen and women.

"In this regard I look forward to a strong future co-operation with the Namibian Chiropractic Association to benefit our Namibian athletes.

"I would like to encourage you to take up communication with the sporting authorities in your countries and show them how effective chiropractic care is for an athlete. Let us all work together to grow and develop sports performance on the African continent."



Olympic hopefuls experience chiropractic at African Federation Congress

Renowned sports chiropractic experts Dr Brian Nook and Dr Simon Lawson delivered a masterclass at the recent African Chiropractic Federation Congress.

With aspiring Olympic and Paralympic athletes in attendance, delegates were instructed in full assessment and treatment protocols in caring for elite and amateur athletes.

Namibia's leading boxers, footballers, marathon runners and swimmers attended throughout the Congress, during which delegates also heard from former sports chiropractor and WFC Secretary-General Dr Richard Brown. Dr Kendrah da Silva gave an outstanding presentation on taping. Other speakers covered topics as diverse as doping and sports nutrition.

Pictured above from left: Dr Brian Nook, Gideon "The Amphibian Namibian" Nasilowski and Dr Simon Lawson.



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Clear messages emerge from World Spine Care conference.

Over 120 delegates attended the Botswana Spine Care Conference, held in the town of Mahalapye, April 21-22.

Hosted by the not-for-profit World Spine Care (WSC) organization, the conference brought together delegates from a wide range of health backgrounds, including representatives from the Botswana Ministry of Health, nurses, physiotherapists, medical doctors and spine surgeons.

The theme of the conference was "*Putting Evidence Based Care Into Practice*"

Speakers included chiropractors Professor Scott Haldeman, President of WSC, Dr Jean Moss (CEO), Dr Geoff Outerbridge (Clinical Director), Dr Maria Hondras (WSC Research Scientist), Dr Deb Kopansky-Giles and Dr Raquel Rojo Delgado.

The conference welcomed newly trained spine surgeon, Mr Tiro Mmopelwa who was trained in Turkey with Mr Emre, the head of the WSC spine program, and Dr. Vincent Setlhare, an MD who is the head of the department of family medicine and public health at the University of Botswana.

The main message was one of conservative care first, and the need to establish very clear justification for surgery (with only 1-3% of those with spine pain eligible).

Speaker after speaker emphasized the need for education and exercise, minimal use of and clear justifications for, pain medication and a need to focus on identifying and addressing psychosocial risk factors.



Clear messages emerge from World Spine Care conference (continued).

With the recent launch of the WSC Yoga project, delegates also had the opportunity to take part in sessions to stretch and rejuvenate. For the past year, project co-directors Erin Moon and Barrie Risman created a teacher training program for communities served by World Spine Care. This program trains local people to offer free yoga classes for WSC patients. The first 10-day training was offered for the Shoshong and Mahalapye clinics last month. Free yoga classes are now being offered by our trainees at both clinics.

Speaking after the event, WSC Clinic Director Dr Geoff Outerbridge said: "This conference has been a great opportunity to share the WSC message and evidence-based approach with many Ministry of Health employees. Our messaging was clear and consistent and it was clear that regardless of the discipline, an adherence to the evidence harmonizes our approach."

World Spine Care (WSC) is a multinational not-for-profit, charitable organization founded in 2008 by Scott Haldeman MD, PhD, DC, a leading figure in the assessment and treatment of spinal conditions. It was launched to fill the profound gap in the evidence-based treatment of musculoskeletal and especially spinal conditions found in underserved areas around the world.

To learn more about World Spine Care, to donate or to volunteer, visit www.worldspinecare.org.



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NZCC President Honored by Sherman College.

New Zealand College of Chiropractic Principal Dr Phil McMaster recently received the Service to the Profession Award from Sherman College of Chiropractic in recognition of his contribution, time and commitment to the chiropractic profession. He is a graduate of Sherman College.

Dr McMaster is one of the founding members of the New Zealand College of Chiropractic and was Chairman of the Board for over 10 years. He has been President of the NZCC since 2013.



Chiropractic hospital program cited by WHO as good practice example.

The World Health Organization (WHO) recognized a multidisciplinary primary care initiative in Toronto's inner-city community during an event at the World Health Assembly, held May 27 in Geneva, Switzerland.

WFC Council Member, Dr Deb Kopansky-Giles was part of the team recognized by the WHO as part of a comprehensive program that includes specialists in income support, chiropractic, psychology and acupuncture services, a legal literacy program, and a committee dedicated to addressing the key determinants of health. CMCC interns joined the new and innovative health team in 2012, moving from a separate chiropractic clinic operating in the hospital since

2004 to function as a fully-integrated team, providing seamless patient care.

"We select services and design care around our patients' needs," says Kopansky-Giles. "We organize our people to improve team cohesion and satisfaction and measure quality improvement."

She was in Geneva as a member of the WFC delegation to the World Health Assembly.

"WHO's recognition is a wonderful acknowledgement of the achievement of the model developed at St. Michael's Hospital through the work of many within the institution, and notably, through the hard work of faculty member Dr. Kopansky-Giles, says Dr. Anthony Tibbles, Dean of Clinics, CMCC." It truly is a model of patient-centred interprofessional care that now can be replicated elsewhere in the world".



Dr Deb Kopansky-Giles (L) with Dr Mart Leys, Technical Officer, WHO

ECCRE launches call for grant applications.

The newly-formed European Centre for Chiropractic Research Excellence (ECCRE) has issued its first call for research grant applications with a deadline of August 5, 2016.

ECCRE is a European research centre established through a co-operation between the European Chiropractors' Union (ECU), the Danish Chiropractic Association (DKF) and the Nordic Institute of Chiropractic and Clinical Biomechanics (NIKKB).

The ECCRE primary objective is to become a European leader in facilitating research of relevance to the chiropractic profession and patients with musculoskeletal conditions.

It will establish an evidence-based foundation for the development of chiropractic principles and practice within Europe.

When the Danish Chiropractor's Association (DKF) rejoined the European Chiropractor's Union (ECU), it was decided to establish a European research institute, the European Centre for Chiropractic Research Excellence (ECCRE), and place it at the Nordic Institute for Chiropractic and Clinical Biomechanics (NIKKB) in Odense, Denmark.

The aim of the new research institute is to contribute to further development and strengthening of musculoskeletal research in Europe. Placing the research institute at NIKKB will undoubtedly contribute towards that goal because of the possible synergies between researchers at NIKKB and ECCRE.

ECCRE was formally founded in connection with the European Chiropractors' Union (ECU) Convention in May 2016 in Oslo, Norway. The stakeholders ECU, DKF and NIKKB have appointed a board for ECCRE, consisting of two representatives from NIKKB and two from ECU. NIKKB appointed Lone Kousgaard Jørgensen and Michael Christensen to represent NIKKB, while Øystein Ogre, ECU President and Vasileios Gkolfinopoulos, ECU Treasurer represent the ECU.

To find out more about the ECCRE in general, or research grant applications in particular, visit <http://www.nikkb.dk/eccre>.

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Logan goes global with WFC at Spring Symposium.

Taking the audience around the world in 80 minutes was the mandate for WFC Secretary-General **Richard Brown** when he spoke at Logan University's 3rd Spring Symposium, held in St Louis, Missouri, April 28 - May 1.

Before an audience of over 500 delegates, Dr Brown described the status of the chiropractic profession in each of the WFC's seven world regions, introducing the WFC's Council representatives and highlighting the differences in chiropractic scope and practice around the world.

Describing the opportunities for the chiropractic profession, Dr Brown highlighted the fact that in many regions of the world chiropractic is severely under-represented. He spoke of the opportunities for the profession in under-served communities and related his experiences as a volunteer with World Spine Care in Africa, where the incidence of musculoskeletal disorders is great, but the provision of chiropractic is scarce.

Moving on from Africa, Dr Brown spoke about chiropractic in the Asian region, where in some nations chiropractic was well-regulated and thriving, whilst in others chiropractors were still subject to arrest and persecution.

An overview of the Eastern Mediterranean region followed. The audience was surprised to hear that one of the most successful nations in the world for chiropractic was in fact Iran, which had overcome challenges to enjoy one of the widest scopes of practice in the world.

Descriptions of the status of chiropractic in Europe, Latin America and the Pacific regions showed the contrasting positions in each of these parts of the globe and even within regions themselves.

Ending with North America, Dr Brown illustrated the powerful advantage of numbers, both in terms of doctors of chiropractic and educational institutions.

In thanking Dr Brown, Logan President Dr Clay McDonald encouraged everyone to support the WFC in developing the profession globally.

How health works in the EU

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European Member States share values, especially in health: safety, quality, accessibility, and equality are not just buzzwords. Health care is a national prerogative. The European Commission facilitates coordination of health policy by Member States and involvement of stakeholders and citizens.

Multiple EU Consultations require a constant focus to ensure that chiropractic is well represented, for example VAT, Education, Skills and Competences, Primary Care, Competition, Disruptive Innovation, EU Statistics, and more recently, Higher Education. The EU looks out for the small players in the economy but it is more timid in reigning in the medical and pharmaceutical industries. However, consultations on Primary Care and Competition did conclude that health systems need more gatekeepers to the health system rather than entrusting the keys to just one (medical) profession.

The chiropractic profession participates in activities of the European Public Health Alliance, the premier Brussels health advocacy body comprising over 100 member organizations. Work in progress has included a review of CE on behalf of the European Commission.

The ECU funded AIC participation over three years in the largest of the 25 EU Joint Actions, (JA) comprising 22 Health Ministries and 70 stakeholders, concerning Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting. Two chiropractors have been included in the Health Work Force Expert Network which will continue work when the JA ends in 2016. The aim of participation is for national health work force planning to contemplate new and emerging professions such as chiropractic.

The updated Directive on Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Dir 55) comes into effect in 2016. It allows a mechanism, Common Training Framework (CTF), to facilitate the recognition of qualifications. Several professions including chiropractors are preparing to apply for a CTF. The EU European Skills, Occupations and Qualifications platform exists to promote cross border job mobility and support Dir 55. Donatello Testerini represents the chiropractic profession. Draft work to date has created the Chiropractic Occupation Group including the jobs of Chiropractic Assistant, Chiropractor, and Specialized Chiropractor. The first draft classification will be published at the end of 2016.

Participation in EU projects seems far removed from daily chiropractic practice. But engaging with other professions, EU officials, and technicians from health ministries allows these representatives to meet chiropractors and discover chiropractic.



Parker University appoints Dr William Morgan as new President.

The Board of Trustees of Parker University recently announced the appointment of their new president, William E. Morgan, DC. This appointment comes after an extensive nationwide search conducted by the Board of Trustees, headed by Oliver "Bud" Smith, DC, Chair of the Board.

In 1998, Dr. Morgan was chosen to establish the first chiropractic clinic at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, which later became Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. In 2015, Walter Reed recognized Dr. Morgan with its highest honor for clinical excellence, the Master Clinician's Award. During the last 18 years at the military's most prestigious medical centers, he practiced in an integrative setting providing chiropractic care to the injured troops returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In a note to the Parker Board Chair from Admiral Mike Mullen, USN (retired) 17th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he remarks, "I am writing to express my warmest congratulations on your selection of Dr. Bill Morgan as the next president of Parker University. You simply could not have made a better choice. I have known Bill as a matchless student and practitioner of his profession over the past 13 years. He has had an enormous positive impact on thousands of lives. This impact has been that much more significant during over a decade of war where he has innovated and been on the leading edge of chiropractic practice in sometimes overwhelming circumstances. Bill is personable, studied, and dedicated beyond the call. You truly will be blessed in his service and we will miss him immensely here in Bethesda."

Dr. Morgan was appointed as the Chiropractic Consultant to the Office of Attending Physician (OAP) at the U.S. Capitol in 2000. At the OAP, doctors of many specialties care for members of Congress and the Supreme Court. Since 2007, Dr. Morgan has served as the Chiropractic Consultant to the White

House. He was appointed chiropractor for the United States Naval Academy football team in 2009.

"The Board of Trustees selected Dr. Morgan based on his depth of experience as a doctor of chiropractic, alongside his continued involvement in almost every aspect of the profession, including but not limited to his ability to integrate chiropractic into mainstream health care," states Dr. Smith. He continues, "Dr. Morgan's comprehensive skill-set will certainly lead Parker University students, faculty and alumni toward a successful future, and we are honored to appoint him as our President."



In 1985, Dr. Morgan received his Doctorate of Chiropractic from Palmer College of Chiropractic – West Campus and soon after, married fellow Palmer graduate, Clare Pelkey. They practiced for thirteen years in California. He has completed a 2,000 hour fellowship program in Integrated Medicine. Since 2006, Dr. Morgan has served on the Board of Trustees for Palmer College of Chiropractic. He is also a Diplomate of the American Academy of Pain Management and holds adjunct faculty positions at F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and New York Chiropractic College. Additionally, Dr. Morgan has served as a consultant for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

(VA), helping to implement the VA's chiropractic benefit and advocate for chiropractic research.

In 2011, Dr. Morgan was appointed to the United States Navy Musculoskeletal Continuum of Care Advisory Board – an entity created to address the prevalent injuries sustained by U.S. Armed Forces Personnel during active-duty operations. Dr. Morgan also served on the Spine Subcommittee, which helps develop care algorithms for treating spinal conditions and determining the future of musculoskeletal management in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Dr. Morgan has a long history of serving in military health care. Joining the Navy at 17, he served with an elite Marine Recon company as a hospital corpsman. While in the Navy, he was qualified in parachuting, military diving, submarine insertion, jungle warfare, combat swimming, explosives, mountaineering, winter warfare and Arctic survival. Additionally, he attended anti-terrorist training at the FBI Academy. After leaving active military service and transferring to the Navy Reserves, Dr. Morgan began his educational journey to becoming a doctor of chiropractic. While at Palmer College of Chiropractic, he transferred to a Naval Special Warfare platoon as the unit's primary hospital corpsman. He was sent to Special Operations Technician training to learn the principles of dive medicine. For the next eight years, he served as a dive medicine corpsman/combat swimmer for a platoon of Navy frogmen in Navy Special Warfare Unit One.

Dr. Morgan states, "Dr. Jim Parker created a chiropractic college in 1982 with a unique spirit, adhering to the rich philosophy, art and emerging science of his profession and with a strong mission. As the new President of Parker University, it is my goal to work toward continuing Dr. Parker's vision for the university, with special emphasis on his passion for education, entrepreneurship, healing, self-actualization and personal responsibility."



AECC celebrates granting of independent degree-awarding powers

The Anglo-European College of Chiropractic (AECC) is celebrating after having been granted Taught Degree Awarding Powers (TDAP) by the UK's Privy Council.

Gaining TDAP is only possible after having successfully completed a very rigorous and thorough process of assessment by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA). It signifies significant external recognition by the Government of the institutions quality relating to its governance, management, staff, and educational provision.

This news means that the AECC will be able to validate, deliver and award its own degrees in chiropractic and other subject areas, rather than in partnership with another university; a justified reward for an institution that has been delivering education, clinical training and research for over 50 years.

Starting out with an initial focus solely on chiropractic education, the college has since grown to deliver degree programmes and education in other specialist health fields such as diagnostic ultrasound and clinical exercise science, as well as being home to specialist diagnostic facilities such as an open and upright MRI scanner, one of just five of its kind in the country.

Principal of the AECC, Professor Haymo Thiel commented: "We are immensely proud of this monumental achievement. As we have just celebrated our 50th anniversary, we have now laid solid foundations for the next 50 years, this time as a Higher Education Institution in our own right. I am delighted that earlier this year, we have also achieved Institutional Designation in addition to TDAP, which allows eligible students to receive funding through the Student Loan Company for the degree programmes we offer.

I would like to thank all of my staff and others associated with the AECC, for their efforts and significant contributions, and our Higher Education Partner institution, Bournemouth University, for its support over the last ten years."

Achieving TDAP means that the AECC will be able to apply for University College title and that it also has the powers to validate degree programmes at other institutions; both of which are exciting opportunities for the future.

At a recent visit to AECC, BCA President Dr Matthew Bennett (pictured above (L) with Professor Thiel) paid tribute to AECC. Presenting a token of the BCA's admiration for AECC's achievement he said: "This is a remarkable achievement for AECC and is the product of a great team effort. The awarding of TDAP and the right to University College status now puts AECC on an equal footing with other established universities."



WFC Sec-Gen delivers CMCC Convocation Address.

With a message urging collaboration, compassion and unity, WFC Secretary-General was the guest speaker at the 71st Convocation ceremony of the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College (CMCC).

Delivering the address to nearly 200 graduates and their families at the prestigious Roy Thomson Hall in downtown Toronto, Dr Brown spoke of the advances in the past 30 years and the outstanding opportunities for today's graduates.

Past WFC Secretary-General David Chapman-Smith was also at the ceremony, celebrating the graduation of a family member, Dr Danny Muller.

After the event, Dr Brown commented: "These are such happy occasions and are the culmination of a tremendous amount of sacrifice. It's a huge honor to have been invited to give this address and share in such a special day."

Pictured are Richard Brown (L) with CMCC President, Dr David Wickes.



Dr George B. Curry Honored as 2016 ICA Chiropractor of the Year.

George B. Curry, DC, DACS, FICA, LCP, has been honored by the International Chiropractors Association (ICA) as the association's 2016 Chiropractor of the Year. Dr. Curry, who is serving as ICA's 18th President, was selected to receive this, the ICA's highest honor, at the association's 2016 Annual meeting and Gala 90th Anniversary Celebration held in April on the campus of Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, the location of the association's founding in 1926. "I am deeply humbled and honored by this unexpected recognition and truly appreciate the confidence in my efforts it represents," said Dr. Curry. "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."



President of the International Chiropractors' Association, Dr George Curry.

A 1982 graduate of the Palmer College of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa, Dr. Curry was presented this prestigious award at a gala banquet held on April 9th, before an audience of several hundred doctors of chiropractic, students and families who had gathered to celebrate the ICA's 90 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 the chiropractic profession.

The selection is made by the Distinguished Fellows of the ICA, (FICA) an honorary fraternity of more than two hundred doctors of chiropractic who have served the ICA in leadership capacities and other realms of professional service with exceptional distinction.

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Nobel Prize Venue Sees ECU Honor Humanitarian Belén.

Within the magnificence of Oslo's City Hall, home to the Nobel Prizegiving ceremonies, the European Chiropractors' Union (ECU) has honored Dr Belén Sunyer with its first Humanitarian Award.

During a glittering reception to welcome delegates to the ECU's Annual Convention in Norway, ECU President Dr Øystein Ogre paid tribute to Dr Sunyer's work with the poor and homeless in her home city of Madrid.

In presenting the award, Dr Ogre paid tribute to Dr Sunyer's humanitarian work over many years.

One of the driving forces behind the establishment of Madrid Chiropractic College (MCC) at El Escorial, Dr Sunyer is also a past president of the Spanish Chiropractic Association (Asociación Española de Quiropráctica - AEQ). With a passion for supporting those in greatest need, Dr Sunyer was instrumental in bringing a social dimension to the education of chiropractors at MCC.

MCC, formerly known as Real Centro Universitario Maria Cristina is housed in a complex formed by the Monastery of

San Lorenzo de El Escorial. The university campus is in the building funded by King Felipe II, where Queen Maria Cristina of Habsburgo funded the Royal Center for Higher Education in 1892 and gave the administration to the Catholic Order of Saint Augustine.

Dr Sunyer established the chiropractic service in central Madrid five years ago, and continues to personally co-ordinate and supervise the provision of care.

As part of their training, final year students at MCC are each required to serve at the shelter of St Augustine and St Monica, providing free chiropractic care to migrants, refugees and the homeless with the objective of instilling in graduates an attitude of service, social responsibility and willingness to provide care regardless of the ability to pay.

In addition to this work, MCC has subsequently established chiropractic missions in a number of low-income and under-served countries around the world, most recently in northern Namibia.

Dr Sunyer is a graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic and practises with her husband Dr Jeff Heese in Madrid.

In accepting the award, Dr Sunyer said that she would donate the prize money to St Augustine and St Monica.



This year's ECU Convention was held in the Scandinavian nation of Norway. With a theme of '*Building Bridges*' Convention Academic Organizer Dr Gitte Tønner supported by the local organizing team from the Norwegian Chiropractors' Association put together a spectacular program of inspiring plenary sessions, gritty debate and top workshops.

This was all in the midst of a hotel strike in Oslo the week of the event that necessitated a shift to a completely new hotel outside of the city. With the welcome reception in Oslo's famous City Hall, home to the Nobel prize giving ceremonies, and a glittering awards dinner, *Building Bridges* did just that, leaving many happy memories for those lucky enough to have been there. Here are just a few images of what has become one of the go-to events of the chiropractic calendar.



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CMCC signs historic agreement with University of Southern Denmark.

Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College (CMCC) has signed an official memorandum of understanding with the University of Southern Denmark (SDU) Institute of Sports Science and Clinical Biomechanics.

The memorandum is an important step in formalizing an alliance between the two institutions that will ultimately provide opportunities to foster cooperative and mutually rewarding relationships in areas of research and education. This cooperation extends to areas of collaboration and joint publication of scientific papers in musculoskeletal research, joint applications for funding of research; joint educational courses; graduate and undergraduate student mobility such as internships and study abroad; facilitation of common graduate student projects; adjunct appointments and exchanges for senior researchers; development of joint courses; exchange of faculty for teaching and observation.

"We are proud to reach this agreement with our colleagues at SDU. Such agreements at an international level not only increase our capacity, they promote a cross-cultural knowledge sharing that ultimately enhances joint initiatives. We look forward to developing such

projects and opportunities," commented CMCC President Dr. David J. Wickes.

Dr. Jan Hartvigsen, Professor and Head of the Research Unit for Clinical Biomechanics at the Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Southern Denmark as well as Senior Researcher at the Nordic Institute of Chiropractic and Clinical Biomechanics, is delighted that CMCC and SDU have signed this important memorandum.

"We have a global network of collaborators in musculoskeletal research, and with CMCC's strong commitment to research and evidence-based advancement in chiropractic, this is a perfect partnership. It will increase opportunities for high-level research as well as student exchange on both sides of the Atlantic," remarked Professor Hartvigsen.

Dr. Silvano Mior, CMCC's Vice President Research and External Relations, has spearheaded this as well as many other such initiatives that continue to define new models of partnership and knowledge sharing between academic institutions and between chiropractors and other health scientists.

"Agreements such as this promote international dialogue and enable collaboration, reducing barriers to care for patients. We look forward to advancing collaboration within research and increasing learning opportunities for students," added Dr. Mior.

UK Chiropractic Research Council Supports Groundbreaking Spine Research.

Collaborative research funded by the Chiropractic Research Council (CRC) is bringing the Anglo-European College of Chiropractic close to being able to locate the strain points in individual patient spines.

The CRC is supporting collaborative research between IMRCI (The Institute for Musculoskeletal Research & Clinical Implementation, based at the AECC) and the Exeter Biophysics Group to combine the motion from Quantitative Fluoroscopy sequences with tissue architecture on 3-D images from MRI to work out the load distributions between vertebrae during spinal movements.

The method uses 'finite element modelling' which applies individual values from individual patients to a mathematical 'mesh' that represents all the features (width, depth, velocity, compressibility) of a set of vertebral linkages.

As described by Professor Alan Breen and Dr Jonathan Branney at the BCA / AECC Anniversary Conference last year, the aim is to 'Look Inside' patients in much greater detail in the future.

CRC Chair of Trustees Dr Richard Brown commented: "This ground-breaking research will help answer some of the questions about low back pain that have puzzled researchers for decades. The use of technology such as this will undoubtedly benefit patient care by better identifying the key stress points when people move.

We look forward to watching this project evolve to further inform those involved in spine care of optimum treatment and care interventions."

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The Conference is being co-hosted by the Université du Québec a Trois Rivières (UQTR) and the Canadian Chiropractic Memorial College. (CMCC). Sponsors include Activator Methods International, Canadian Chiropractic Association, International Board of Chiropractic Examiners and the Journal of Chiropractic Education.

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