



WFC QUARTERLY WORLD REPORT

A REPORT FOR:

- WFC Member Associations
- WFC Associate Members
- WFC Council and Past Councillors
- WFC Research Council
- WFC Committees
- Regional Organizations:
APCDF, ECU, FLAQ
ACC, FCER, FICS, WCCS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Colleagues:



Opening the World Health Organization's Congress on Traditional Medicine in Beijing on November 7, WHO Director-General, Dr. Margaret Chan called for policy decisions by all governments to promote the greater recognition and integration of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) in national health care systems.

Dr. Chan noted the striking increase in use of CAM including chiropractic in affluent societies, and how this reflected certain weaknesses in modern medical care, for example its depersonalized nature and strengths in CAM - for example its focus on prevention, its more compassionate and holistic approach.

The Congress, comprising government delegates from 112 countries, later passed a Beijing Declaration calling on all governments to provide for effective use of TM/CAM in their health care sys-

tems and to "establish systems for the qualification, accreditation or licensing of practitioners".

Addressing the Congress on your behalf, I gave examples of the integration of chiropractic and medical services in various countries and spoke in support of the declaration. The WHO Congress confirmed that there have been some benefits for our profession in recent times from being classified as part of CAM. Several European countries such as Belgium, France, Italy, Portugal and Serbia have legally recognized chiropractic because of public pressure in favour of CAM in general, and WHO is now accelerating that trend.

However, it is the medical profession rather than ourselves that has caused governments to view spinal manipulation and chiropractic as CAM, which is commonly defined as methods not taught in medical schools. When WFC member associations were surveyed in 1996/1997 they were quite clear that chiropractic as a profession should now be seen as an important part of mainstream healthcare not CAM. Each year continuing research and other developments increasingly support that conclusion. The strongest new science this year has been the BJD Neck Pain Task Force Report, and the chiropractic approach to management of most patients with back pain and neck pain is at least as safe, effective, appropriate and evidence-informed as any other.

In reality chiropractic, as Meeker and Haldeman explain,¹ stands at the crossroads of mainstream health care and CAM and internationally we need to continue to discuss and achieve agreement on our identity and where we are travelling from these crossroads.

Therefore the WFC Council has decided that the focus of the next year's WFC Assembly of Members will be a session on major trends in health policy, what these mean for the chiropractic profession and what our response should be. Experts from outside and within the profession, and then a panel and audience discussion, will look at the sort of issues raised by Dr. Margaret Chan and the opportunities and challenges they present the profession.

This issue of the QWR contains much other information on the WFC's 10th Biennial Assembly and Congress in Montreal, now just four months away and I look forward to seeing many of you there. Please prepare for the Congress now—all information is at www.wfc.org/congress2009.

I end by wishing you and your families a joyful, festive season and a happy and healthful New Year. Instead of sending greeting cards the WFC

has again made a donation to the orphanage of Sister Yengo in the Congo. I am very pleased to report that Sister Yengo, who graced us with her presence at the Portugal Congress last year, will be with us again in Montreal.

1 Meeker WC, Haldeman SD (2002) *Chiropractic: A Profession at the Crossroads of Mainstream and Alternative Medicine*, Annals of Internal Medicine 136:216-227.

Yours sincerely,



Efstathios Papadopoulos, DC
President

Go to the Newsroom at www.wfc.org for the full text of the Beijing Declaration and speeches to the WHO Congress by Dr. Margaret Chan and Dr. Papadopoulos.

FUTURE MEETINGS

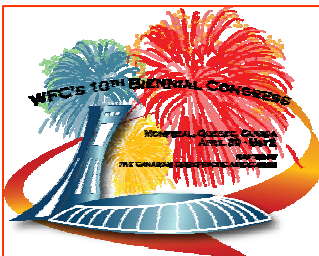
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Eastern Mediterranean Region 2009 meeting Hosted by the UAE Chiropractors' Association

Place: Dubai **Date:** February 27-28, 2009

Contact for information: Dr. Stathis Papadopoulos at epeco@spidernet.com.cy



WFC's 10th Biennial Congress

Hosted by the Canadian Chiropractic Association

Date: April 25 –May 2, 2009

Place: Hilton Bonaventure Hotel, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

All information: www.wfc.org/congress2009



PREVIEW—WFC'S 10TH BIENNIAL CONGRESS APRIL 25—MAY 2, 2009 MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA

Members should be making preparations now for participation at the WFC's 10th Biennial Congress, hosted by the Canadian Chiropractic Association and incorporating the WFC's and FCER's International Conference on Chiropractic Research and FICS's Assembly and Symposium.

Below is a flowchart with main events at the Congress, then comment on each of the main events—and dates for action steps by member associations.

ALL INFORMATION AND REGISTRATIONS — www.wfc.org/congress2009

FLOWCHART OF EVENTS

Sunday April 26	WFC Council Meeting – 8:30 am to 6:00 pm
Monday April 27	WFC Assembly – Day 1 – 8:30 am – 5:30 pm Evening Reception – 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Tuesday April 28	WFC Assembly – Day 2 – 8:30 am – 5:30 pm FICS Commissions and ExCo Meetings – 8:30 – 5:30 pm
Wednesday April 29	FICS Assembly and Symposium – 8:30 am – 6:00 pm <i>Pre-Conference Seminars and meetings</i> Welcome Reception and Registrations for Main Conference Sports Chiropractic Dinner to Honour Dr Tom Hyde 7:00 to
Thursday April 30	Conference – Day 1 – 8:30 am – 5:30 pm
Friday, May 1	Conference – Day 2 – 8:30 am – 5:30 pm Women's Leadership Forum – 3:45 – 6:30 pm Speakers' Dinner
Saturday, May 2	Conference – Day 3 – 8:30 am – 1:00 pm <i>Afternoon Workshops</i> Gala Banquet and Dance

COUNCIL MEETING—APRIL 26. This is open to all members as observers—be there to see your Council and regional representatives at work.

ASSEMBLY OF MEMBERS—APRIL 27-28.

A formal notice of the Assembly and associated documents will go to member associations in early January. The two-day Assembly features 5 minute country reports from member associations, general business (policy, new memberships, financial and other reports, etc.) ,and in Montreal an important Forum on Health Policy featuring:

- ▶ External experts—on international developments in health systems of importance to chiropractic.
- ▶ Chiropractic experts—on significance of these developments to the profession
- ▶ Panel and audience discussion

Summary of deadlines and action steps for member associations:

- NOW:** Select delegates and have them register
- February 15:** Submit agenda items—policy or finance
- March 31:** Submit agenda items—other
- March 31:** Written country report due
- March 31:** Nominations for Honour Awards
- March 31:** Notice of Delegates/proxies

FICS ASSEMBLY AND SYMPOSIUM AND TOM HYDE SPORTS CHIROPRACTIC DINNER—APRIL 29

FICS has new statutes, a newly elected Council and an expanded and exciting agenda for 2009—be at the Assembly and Symposium to keep current with developments of importance for the whole profession. Register at www.wfc.org/congress2009. In the evening there is a dinner to toast and roast sports chiropractic legend Dr. Tom Hyde of Miami—all information and tickets at www.fics-sport.org.

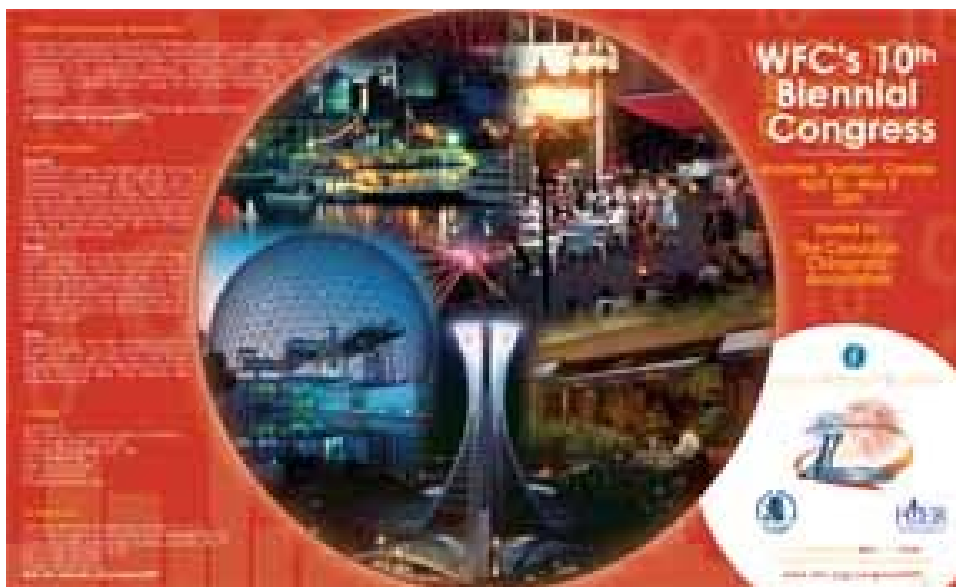
MAIN CONFERENCE APRIL 30-MAY 2.

Join over 1000 DCs from approximately 40 countries for a truly outstanding academic and social program—all details and registrations at www.wfc.org/congress2009.

WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP FORUM—MAY 1

Many from both genders will want to attend this Friday afternoon and evening event, which is an integral part of the Congress with no additional fee—details at www.wfc.org/congress2009.

The WFC looks forward to welcoming you to its 10th Biennial Congress at the Hilton Bonaventure Hotel at the centre of one of the world’s most exciting cities—Montreal, Quebec, Canada.



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African Region

Asian Region

Eastern Mediterranean Region

European Region

European Region

Latin American Region

North American Region (Canada)

North American Region (Canada)

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North American Region

Pacific Region

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Chair, *J. Michael Flynn, DC, USA*

Profile of the Profession

Chair, *Gregory Stewart, DC – Canada*

ADMINISTRATION CONT'D



Finances and 2009 Dues

Dr. Greg Stewart, WFC Secretary-Treasurer, reported on a good financial year to December 31, 2008 at the WFC Council's end of year teleconference meeting on December 9. WFC expenses have remained below budget, income has slightly exceeded budget and the Federation will achieve a modest surplus. There is no increase in WFC member association dues for 2009. Particular thanks to member associations who have already paid 2009 dues, namely:

Austria
Hungary
Israel
Norway
Panama
Portugal
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland

To the rest of you please remit these dues without delay—thank you.

Fédération Internationale de Chiropratique du Sport (FICS)



2008 was the first year of a three year term during which the WFC is providing staff and administrative support for FICS for agreed administration fees.

This is proving successful for both organizations—and for the development of sports chiropractic and the international profile of the profession.

To judge this for yourself see:

- ◆ The new FICS website www.fics-sport.com
- ◆ The December issue of the FICS News, including interviews with *Golfer of the Year* Padraig Harrington and his chiropractor Dr. Dale Richardson, and with Dr. Ted Forcum of Beaverton, Oregon, President, American Chiropractic Association Sports Council.

New Video on Chiropractic



PALMER
College of Chiropractic

In partnership with Palmer College the WFC has produced a new 5 minute video on chiropractic, which was first shown in English and Chinese versions at the WHO Congress in Beijing.

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To view the English version visit the Newsroom at www.wfc.org.

Members wanting to produce versions in other languages should contact Khalid Salim, WFC Manager, Administration at ksalim@wfc.org.

The WFC expresses its most grateful thanks to Palmer College of Chiropractic, including Dr. Clay McDonald, Assistant Chancellor, Mr. Darren Garrett, Executive Director, Marketing and Communications and Mr. Tim Richardson, videographer.

BEIJING MEETINGS REPORT

David Chapman-Smith, Secretary-General

WHO Congress on TM/CAM and Symposium on Manual Methods of Healthcare — November 7-9, 2008

Co-Sponsors: European Chiropractors' Union, British Chiropractic Association, Chiropractors' Association of Australia

WHO Beijing Declaration Supports CAM and Chiropractic.

Strong new policy support for the continued growth and acceptance of chiropractic and other branches of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) in national health systems was given by the World Health Organization and its member nations in Beijing in November at WHO's first World Congress on Traditional Medicine. ("Traditional medicine" is the term used by WHO for both traditional systems of healthcare, such as Chinese traditional medicine, and CAM such as herbal remedies and manual methods of treatment). The Congress included a Symposium on Manual Methods of Healthcare organized for WHO by the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC).

In her opening address to the Congress WHO Director-General Dr. Margaret Chan pointed out that the striking increase in the use of CAM in affluent societies reflected certain weaknesses in modern medical care, including its depersonalized and "assembly line" nature, and a number of strengths in CAM. These strengths included a more compassionate and holistic approach to healthcare and a focus on prevention as well as cure, strengths that meant that CAM should have a bigger role in primary health care and in national healthcare systems.

Dr. Chan explained that the two systems of traditional and western medicine "need not clash...they can blend together in a beneficial harmony, using the best features of each system." However this was "not something that will happen by itself... deliberate policy decisions have to be made."

The Congress then supported recent WHO policy to promote TM/CAM by approving a Beijing Declaration which recognized the value of TM/CAM, and called upon all governments to provide for effective use of TM/CAM in their health care systems

and to "establish systems for the qualification, accreditation or licensing of practitioners."

During the debate and in his address to the Congress WFC President Dr. Stathis Papadopoulos of Cyprus encouraged adoption of the declaration,



Dr. Stathis Papadopoulos addressing the Congress



gave examples of the integration of chiropractic and medical services in various countries, and illustrated how beneficial this was for patients and healthcare systems. One

example was from Mexico, where all graduates from the chiropractic program at a state university in Mexico City commence practice with a 1 year internship at state hospitals.

The chiropractic profession had a strong presence, with approximately 120 delegates from 26 countries attending the Congress and its Symposium on Manual Methods of Healthcare organized by the WFC. For the many Chinese Ministry of Health officials and delegates present the WFC provided a 5-minute video on chiropractic and copies of the WHO Guidelines on Basic Training and Safety in Chiropractic, both of these in Chinese. This was made possible because of generous technical and funding support from Palmer College, Life Univer-

sity, and the Hong Kong Chiropractors' Association.

At the Symposium there were 30-minute presentations by representatives of many manual health-care professions and groups – including Chinese tuina, Korean chuna, Thai nuad, Japanese judo bonesetting, chiropractic, osteopathy, Swedish massage therapy, naprapathy, and Latin American bonesetting. Presentations of chiropractic and its research status were given by Dr. William Meeker, President, Palmer College, West Campus at San Jose, and WFC Research Council Chair Dr. Scott Haldeman of Los Angeles.



Dr. Scott Haldeman

“Chiropractic was seen by WHO, government officials from many countries and delegates from other professions as the most developed profession

“This Congress represented a major milestone for chiropractic” says WFC President Dr. Papadopoulos.

internationally in the field of manual healthcare, and the Beijing Declaration called upon all countries to recognize and regulate CAM professionals such as doctors of chiropractic.”

During the next year the WFC will continue to work with WHO to promote its policies supporting the integration of chiropractic in national health systems. It will be greatly assisted in this by Dr. Molly Robinson, a recent graduate of Northwestern Health Sciences University in Minnesota, who starts work in January 2009 as a Technical Officer at WHO in Geneva – the first doctor of chiropractic to serve in this capacity.

During 2009 Dr Robinson will have six chiropractic student interns working with her, each for a period of 3 months, under arrangements made possible because of the work of the WFC and the World Congress of Chiropractic Students, and because of funding support from NCMIC, the NBCE, Standard Process and Foot Levelers.

For the full text of Dr. Chan's address, Dr. Papadopoulos' address, and the Beijing Declaration visit the Newsroom at www.wfc.org and/or the Director General's speeches at www.who.int.

WFC/Association of Chiropractic Colleges Education Conference — November 10-11, 2008

Co-Sponsors: Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research, National Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Immediately following the WFC Congress, 85 delegates from 21 chiropractic educational programs in 9 countries (see Table 1) attended the 5th WFC/ACC Education Conference. This was held at the same venue, the Jiuhua Hotel, and titled *Chiropractic Education in an Era of Digital Natives*



and Digital Immigrants: How to Make the Successful Transition to 21st Century Technology.

In keynote presentations and panel and audience discussion, delegates reviewed new web-based and other teaching technologies and products, the ways they influence teaching and learning methods for faculty and students and how to use

new technologies and products effectively in chiropractic education.

For example Dr. Len Faye of California presented a web-based technique lecture series (www.chiropracticmentor.com), FCER's Dr. Reed Phillips demonstrated the role and power of FCER's new DC Consult website (www.DCConsult.com) and Dr. Ron Rupert of Parker College explained the state-of-the-art online searching of the scientific literature.



The full program, presentations and proceedings may be viewed and downloaded at the Newsroom at www.wfc.org.

All agree that the meeting was of exceptional quality and a great success, and particular thanks are due to Program Directors, Dr. David Byfield, Head,

Welsh Institute of Chiropractic, University of Glamorgan, Wales; Dr. Gerard Clum, President, Life Chiropractic College West, Hayward, California; Dr. Phillip Ebrall, Head, Division of Chiropractic, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia and Dr. Ronald Rupert, Dean of Research, Parker College, Dallas, Texas.

Table 1

<p>Australia Macquarie University Murdoch University RMIT University</p> <p>Brazil University Anhembi Morumbi</p> <p>Canada Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College</p> <p>Japan Murdoch University International Study Centre Tokyo College of Chiropractic</p> <p>Mexico Universidad Estatal del Valle de Ecatepec</p> <p>South Africa Durban University of Technology</p>	<p>Spain RCU Escorial María Cristina</p> <p>United Kingdom Anglo-European College of Chiropractic University of Glamorgan</p> <p>USA Cleveland Chiropractic College – Kansas City and Los Angeles Life Chiropractic College West Life University Logan College of Chiropractic New York Chiropractic College Northwestern Health Sciences University Palmer College of Chiropractic – Davenport, Florida and West Campuses Parker College of Chiropractic Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic Western States Chiropractic College</p>
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Dr. Ron Rupert (centre right) leads panel discussion



Dr. Ken Vall, AECC, UK



Dr. Martin Kollasch, NBCE & IBCE



David Chapman-Smith, WFC Secretary-General



Dr. Jeff Cooley, Murdoch, Australia and Dr. Reed Phillips, FCER, USA



Dr. Ricardo Fujikawa, RCU Spain and Dr. Gerard Clum, Life West, USA

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Rand Baird, DC MPH, Chair, Public Health Committee - DrRandBaird@yahoo.com

The Public Health Committee of the WFC was visible at the largest public health gathering in the world which took place in San Diego, California on October 25---29, 2008 when the **American Public Health Association** (APHA) held its 136th Annual Meeting and Exposition, with the theme "Public Health Without Borders." Some 12,622 leaders in government and public health attended.

The APHA theme fit well with the mission of the WFC Public Health Committee whose members are from all regions of the world and who strive to coordinate WHO international health programs and priorities with those of the world's chiropractic community. Public Health truly is international in its scope and knows no boundaries or borders.

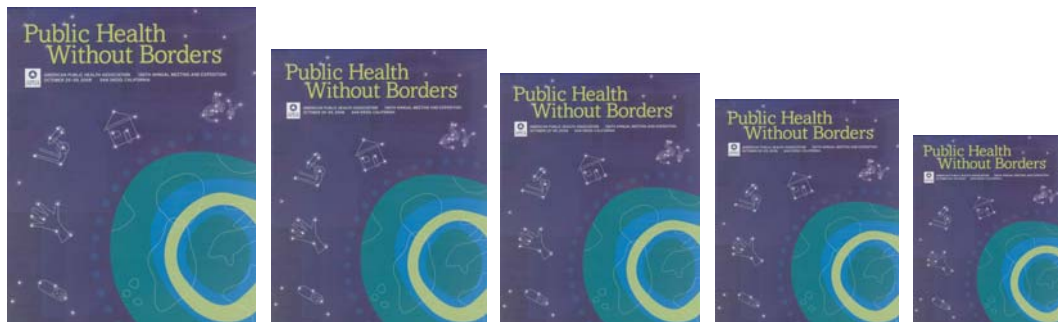
At the meeting the chiropractic profession was represented by the Chiropractic Health Care section of the APHA which sponsored several educational sessions consisting of papers by various chiropractic public health experts. Several of the chiropractic colleges participated as well. Dr. Rand Baird and Dr. Gary Auerbach represented

the WFC Public Health Committee and participated in many of the events.

Dr. Auerbach was the key leader in an APHA decision to contact incoming USA President Barack Obama early in 2009 to seek his support for presenting the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) to the US Senate for a ratification vote --- the USA is one of the few countries that has not yet ratified the anti-tobacco treaty. More information can be found at the APHA website www.apha.org. The CAT -Chiropractors Against Tobacco project remains the number one priority of the WFC's public health efforts, and free CAT materials for chiropractors can be downloaded from the WFC website.

Editor's note:

Dr. Rand Baird, Chair of the WFC Public Health Committee, received the first-ever presentation of the "Lifetime Achievement in Public Health" award from the Chiropractic Health Care Section at the APHA Annual Meeting in San Diego.



BENJAMIN TO SPEAK AT WFC CONGRESS

Public Health expert and leader Dr. Georges Benjamin, Executive Director, American Public Health Association, Washington DC, is now a confirmed guest and speaker at the WFC's 10th Biennial Congress in Montreal.

Dr. Benjamin will speak on *Public Health and the Role of the Chiropractic Profession* on Saturday morning May 2, just prior to the presentation by Dr. David Eisenberg on the integration of chiropractic and medical services at Harvard. Look for the WFC Public Health Committee to be very active at the Montreal Congress.

FICS REPORT

Dr. Roland Noirat, President, Fédération Internationale de Chiropratique du Sport (FICS)

This is Dr. Roland Noirat's President's Message from the December 30 FICS News, which may be found under Publications at www.fics-sport.org



We are at the end of an important and exciting year for FICS. Inside the organization we have seen new statutes, new commissions and elections for a new Executive Council. Congratulations to the new ExCo members who take office for a four year term from January 2009.

There is a new website, and the FICS News has been greatly expanded—a special thank you to Dr. Tom Hyde for acting as Editor during this time of transition.

None of these changes would have been possible without fulltime staff and administrative support from the WFC office in Toronto—grateful thanks to David Chapman-Smith, FICS Counsel, Serena Smith, FICS Executive Secretary and Khalid Salim, Administrator, for their advice and support. This is the first time FICS has ever had significant staff services and it is making a very big difference.

With respect to external activities, there have been exciting advances there also. Sports chiropractic was more widely available at the Beijing Olympics than ever before, and because of the excellent work of the Chiropractic Council on Sports Sciences (Canada) will be included in the polyclinic for all athletes at the Vancouver Olympics.

FICS has made arrangements for sports chiropractic services at various international games in 2009, mostly importantly the World Games in Kaoshiung, Taiwan in July and the Masters Games in Sydney, Australia in October.

Our relations with the IOC Medical Commission and many international sports federations continue to expand and improve.

Looking ahead, much more needs to be done in 2009. This includes improving our financial reporting and continuing to expand the FICS mem-

bership. We need your help for that. Please encourage individuals, vendors, colleges to become FICS associate members—all information and the application forms are at the website.

The Education Commission, under the leadership of Dr. Tim Stark, will continue with important work to improve the ICSSD, other postgraduate education and better definition of the specialty of sports chiropractic. The Games Commission, chaired by Dr. Tim Ray, will continue first with improved protocols to achieve agreements for sports chiropractic services at international games events, and then working with NCSCs to establish teams of sports chiropractors to deliver those services.

An important focus for the next few months will be preparation for the FICS General Assembly and Symposium in Montreal, April 29, 2009, being held together with the WFC's 10th Biennial Congress, April 30 to May 2. I hope to see as many of you as possible in Montreal. The CCSS(C) is hosting the FICS Symposium and the program is excellent.

I must not end my message without thanking the members of the ExCo and the Commissions for their great work during the year. And, of course, I do not forget all sports chiropractors around the world who make sports chiropractic increasingly recognized and accepted as a necessary part of health care for all athletes. Thank you.

Finally a special thank you to Dr. Tom Hyde, now retiring after his many years of commitment towards sports chiropractic in general and towards FICS in particular.

Tom, congratulations on being named *Person of the Year* by Dynamic Chiropractic this month. Many of us look forward to attending the special dinner to toast and roast you following the FICS Symposium in Montreal.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

WORLD NOTES

How do you contact the WFC member associations? Go to the www.wfc.org Home Page, click on Contacts, then choose the relevant country from the drop-down list. All contact details are given there.



BRAZIL: This has been a dramatic year for chiropractors in Brazil, with physiotherapy authorities attempting to have Palmer Clinics Abroad members and Brazilian chiropractors arrested for the illegal practice of physiotherapy, and the Brazilian Chiropractors' Association (ABQ) successfully obtaining an injunction to stop PTs in the south of Brazil from offering long-weekend certificate courses in chiropractic technique. The ABQ advises that three recent attempts to have the injunction removed by PHYSION, the PT educational body wanting to resume the certificate courses, have been denied by the court. Lobbying in support of draft legislation to recognize and regulate the chiropractic profession, which has passed committee hearings but has not come forward for final vote, continues.



CANADA: On December 12 the Canadian Chiropractic Association announced that its program to establish chiropractic research chairs at leading universities in each of Canada's ten provinces is to be showcased at a meeting part funded by the federal government and held at a major university during 2009. This results from a successful application to the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) for funds for such a meeting – which will be titled Workshop to Advance the Canadian Chiropractic Research Agenda.

Delegates attending the WFC's 10th Biennial Congress in Montreal April 30 to May 2 will also have an opportunity to hear from most of Canada's research chairs – in two sessions during which they provide 15-minute overviews of their work and its importance.



CHINA: At a meeting of the Chiropractors' Association of China (CAC), held in Beijing November 7 at the time of the WHO Congress and Symposium on Manual Methods of Health Care, Dr. Anli Dong of Beijing was confirmed as CAC President, and Dr. Roger Hinson also of Beijing, as CAC Secretary.

An official WHO-approved translation into Chinese of the WHO Guidelines on Basic Training and Safety was distributed to members and to many Chinese officials at the WHO Congress. Thanks are due to many, but particularly to the Hong Kong Chiropractors' Association and Life University, for funding and other support for this translation project. Also released and shown was a 5 minute video on chiropractic, produced for the WFC by Palmer College, but with dialogue in Mandarin.

Dr. David Bellin of Chengdu and Dr. David Leung of Macao, were appointed to plan a CAC seminar and member assembly to be held in Macao October 15-18, 2009. Look for more news of that in the months ahead. *CAC Contacts:* Dr. Anli Dong aj_dong@hotmail.com and Dr. Roger Hinson roger.hinson@ufh.com.cn.



GERMANY: From October 24-26, US chiropractor Dr. Tedd Koren again gave a technique seminar to non-chiropractors in Germany—openly marketed as “professional low-risk chiropractic from the USA.” This was despite requests not to do so from the German Chiropractors' Association, the European Chiropractors' Union and the World Federation of Chiropractic on behalf of duly qualified DCs in Germany and Europe. Non-chiropractors can use the title chiropractor or initials DC in Germany because there is no law to regulate the practice of chiropractic—and some of Dr. Koren's students not only do that, but do so at his website.

A similar seminar by Dr. Koren in 2007 led to censure by the WFC and ECU. The latest seminar has led to open letters to the profession from most national associations in Europe asking all DCs to no longer support Dr. Koren and his activities. These have been sent to *Dynamic Chiropractic* for publication—see the Newsroom at www.wfc.org for samples.



IRELAND: Ireland's most famous golfer, Pádraig Harrington has just been voted *Golfer of the Year* by his fellow golfers and peers on the PGA Tour—during 2008 he won 2 of the 4 majors, the British Open (defending his 2007 title) and the PGA Tournament.

Harrington puts much of his success down to the fine support from his chiropractor Dr. Dale Richardson of Australia, who travels with him on tour. For an interview with Pádraig Harrington and Dr. Richardson in the December issue of the FICS News, go to Publications at www.fics-sport.org.



JAPAN: In November WFC Secretary-General, David Chapman-Smith travelled to Tokyo to meet with the Board of Directors of the Japanese Association of Chiropractors (JAC) and to visit Japan's two international level schools of chiropractic. These are the Tokyo College of Chiropractic (formerly the RMIT Japan Unit, but now independent from RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia) and the Murdoch University International Study Centre (affiliated with the Murdoch University School of Chiropractic in Perth, Australia). Both schools have adopted high standards in the face of opposition from lesser quality schools in Japan, are seeking accreditation from the Australasian Chiropractic Council on Education, and deserve recognition and support from the profession worldwide for setting high standards in difficult financial times.



POLAND: The Polish Chiropractors' Association representing three pioneering chiropractors in Poland, have recently been admitted to membership in the European Chiropractors' Union. President Dr. Leszek Majkowski, a Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College graduate would like to hear from Polish nationals and others interested in future practice in Poland. *Contact:* Dr. Leszek Majkowski at: lmajkowski@gmail.com.



SERBIA: Peter Dinich, DC MD of Belgrade, Serbia's only chiropractor, reports significant developments during 2008. Most importantly chiropractic is now regulated by law and Dr. Dinich has been appointed to a Ministry of Health Commission on Alternative Methods of

Practice to advise the Ministry of the issue of chiropractic licences and the development of chiropractic education.

Next, Dr. Dinich has just completed a book on chiropractic in Serbian, to be published early in the New Year.

Dr. Dinich is currently in conversations with his alma mater, Life University, and universities in Belgrade concerning future potential for chiropractic education in the country which is well-positioned to serve all of the Eastern European block. He would like to hear from anyone interested in practice or the development of the profession in Serbia, particularly those of Serbian background practising in other jurisdictions. *Contact:* Dr. Peter Dinich at npdinich@yahoo.com, tel: +381 (11) 243 6532.



UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: The WFC Eastern Mediterranean Region 2009 meeting is to be hosted by the UAE Chiropractors' Association (UAECA) and held in Dubai, February 27-28, 2009. The UAE, with Cyprus and Iran, is one of only three countries in the Middle East with legislation to regulate the practice of chiropractic. Many patients, and most of the 20 chiropractors in the UAE, are expatriates from Europe and North America. UAECA President is South African Dr. Travis Mitchell, a graduate of the School of Chiropractic at the University of Johannesburg.

Contact for UAE: Dr. Travis Mitchell at travis@dubaihtc.com.

Contact for Dubai Meeting: Dr. Stathis Papadopoulos, epeco@spidernet.com.cy.



USA: President Elect Obama has recently announced that his Secretary for Health will be Senator Tom Daschle from Aberdeen, South Dakota. Daschle, who is expected to preside over important changes to the American healthcare system, has a strong record of support for the chiropractic profession, which has long supported him, led by Dr. Kerwin Winkler of Aberdeen, a former American Chiropractic Association Board member and currently an ACA representative on the WFC Council.

Dr. Molly Robinson, a 2006 Northwestern graduate and former student ACA leader, who did a

three month student internship at the World Health Organization in Geneva in early 2007, now commences a one year position as a technical officer at WHO on January 12, 2009—becoming the first doctor of chiropractic ever seconded to a full-time position at WHO. This has been made possible through generous funding from NCMIC, the NBCE, Standard Process and Foot Levelers, and is pursuant to an agreement between WHO and the WFC.

As previously reported the chiropractic profession in the US is holding a series of summits to prepare for very significant anticipated healthcare reforms under the new administration. Summit IV will be held in Las Vegas on Thursday January 15 at the time of the Parker Seminar, and the WFC will again be represented by Dr. Mike Flynn, 1st Vice-President and David Chapman-Smith, Secretary-General.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008

Dr. Rand Baird, Chair, WFC Associate Member Committee

WFC Salutes All Corporate Associate Members for a Very Good Year!

In 2008 the WFC welcomed some 12 new or upgrading renewal companies into the fraternity of our Corporate Associate Members. We now have 86 corporate associate members including all the chiropractic colleges of North America and most from the rest of the world as well. These include Hanseo University in South Korea, which hosted the WFC Council and guests at a wonderful visit in June. With the financial support the corporate members provide the WFC can continue to advance the goals of the profession world-wide. We greatly appreciate their contributions to our successes.

Special mention should be made this quarter of the **OUM Chiropractor Program** for renewing and upgrading its membership level to the Diamond Level of membership for 2009.

Many of the vendors who hold corporate associate memberships will also be exhibiting with us at the WFC Biennial Congress in Montreal in April 2009. Please visit them there and at other conventions and trade shows, and when making purchases of goods or services for your own facilities please patronize these companies that are supporting your profession at the global level. Remember to look for the WFC Corporate member logo before you buy. If you are considering making any purchase and your prospective vendor is not already a WFC member, please ask them, "Why not?" and then suggest they join the WFC community!

WELCOME to our newest Corporate Associate Members in the Past Quarter: at the Corporate Silver Level — \$1,000.00:

BRICAN SYSTEMS—Canada
www.bricancorp.com

EMUPROFEN TROPICAL IBUPROFEN—USA
www.emuprofen.com

NATIONAL CHIROPRACTIC COUNCIL—USA
www.chiropracticcouncil.com

Special thanks to these Corporate Associate members who have renewed during the past quarter.

Corporate Diamond - US \$5,000
Northwestern Health Sciences University - USA

Corporate Silver- US \$1,000
New Zealand Chiropractic Board—New Zealand
The McKenzie Institute—New Zealand
The O.N.E. Research Foundation - USA

Corporate Bronze- US \$500
Perspectis Inc. - USA
Hanseo University— South Korea
Japan Federation of Chiropractic Professionals—
Japan

For the entire list of all your corporate and individual associate members see the WFC website www.wfc.org and below. While at the WFC website, be sure to check the Photo Gallery section to see the display of so many of our corporate associate members who were exhibiting at the Florida Chiropractic Association national convention in August, and also earlier at Parker Las Vegas 2008.



Corporate Platinum - US\$10,000

Activator Methods International - USA
 Cleveland Chiropractic College – USA
 Dynamic Chiropractic – USA
 Enzyme Formulations, Inc. - USA
 Foot Levelers - USA
 Human Touch - USA
 International Board of Chiropractic Examiners - USA
 National Board of Chiropractic Examiners - USA
 NCMIC Insurance Company – USA
 Nikken – USA
 Parker College of Chiropractic – USA
 Standard Process Inc – USA

Corporate Diamond - US\$5,000

Back Talk Systems, Inc. – USA
 Life University – USA
 Logan College of Chiropractic - USA
 Northwestern Health Sciences University – USA
 Platinum System – Barbados

Corporate Gold - \$2,500

Biofreeze/Performance Health Inc. - USA
 Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College - Canada
 Douglas Laboratories - USA
 Gevorest Mattres Co. Ltd. – Cyprus
 IDS Solutions Inc. - Canada
 OUM Chiropractor Program - USA
 Straight Arrow Products, Inc. – USA
 The American Chiropractor – USA
 Williams Healthcare Systems – USA

Corporate Silver - \$1,000

Activator Methods - USA
 Anglo-European College of Chiropractic – UK
 Back Quality Ergonomics - USA
 BioMed Laser - USA
 Breakthrough Coaching – USA

Brican Systems Corporation - Canada
 Canadian Chiropractic Protective Assn – Canada
 Canadian Chiropractor Magazine - Canada
 Chiropractic Economics - USA
 Dee Cee Laboratories, Inc. - USA
 Digital Motion X-ray™ - USA
 Emuprofen topical Ibuprofen - USA
 Erchonia Inc. – USA
 Human Touch, LLC – USA
 International Chiropractic Pediatric Association – USA
 K-Laser USA – USA
 Life Chiropractic College West – USA
 Lloyd Table Company – USA
 McKenzie Institute – New Zealand
 Myovision – USA
 National Chiropractic Council - USA
 Neuro Emotional Technique Inc. – USA
 Neuromechanical Innovations - USA
 New York Chiropractic College - USA
 New Zealand Chiropractic Board - New Zealand
 Palmer College of Chiropractic - USA
 Palmer College of Chiropractic West – USA
 ScripHessco - USA
 Southern California University of Health Sciences - USA
 Step Forward Inc. - USA
 Texas Chiropractic College – USA
 The McKenzie Institute International – Chiropractic Branch – New Zealand
 The O.N.E. Research Foundation - USA
 University of Bridgeport - College of Chiropractic - USA
 Western States Chiropractic College – USA

Corporate Bronze - US\$500

Acigi/Fujiiryoki – USA
 Acupuncture Council of Ontario - Canada
 American Chinese Chiropractic Association – USA
 Anabolic Laboratories – USA
 AquaMed - USA
 Belgian Chiropractors' Union – Belgium
 China-Gel Inc. - USA
 Chiropractic Education Australia Ltd. – Australia
 Clear Institute - USA
 Clear Institute - USA
 College of Chiropractic Sciences – Canada
 Core Products Inc. - USA
 Council on Diagnosis and Internal Disorders - USA
 Da Vinci Laboratories - USA
 Elite Chiropractic Tables – Canada
 Graston Technique – USA
 Hanseo University – South Korea
 HCM Inc – USA
 Integrity Management (Kats) – USA
 Japan Evidence Based Chiropractic Society - Japan
 Japan Federation of Chiropractic Professionals – Japan
 Japanese Association of Chiropractors - Japan
 Le Beau Chiropractic Seminars - USA

Leander Health Technologies, Inc. – USA
MJ Supply Inc. – USA
National University of Health Sciences - USA
Nordisk Institut for Kiropraktik Og Klinisk Biomekanik – Denmark
Nutri-West – USA
Orthotic Group - Canada
Perspectis, Inc. – Canada
Posture Pump ® - USA
RMIT University, Chiropractic Unit Japan – Japan
Therapeutica Inc. – Canada
Vibration Health Solutions - USA
Visual Odyssey, Inc. – USA

Individual Diamond – US\$1,000

Toshifumi Kuwaoka – Japan

Individual Silver – US\$500

Christoph Diem, DC - Switzerland
David Chapman-Smith – Canada
Gary Jacob, DC Lac, MPH, Dip MDT – USA
Gerard W. Clum, DC - USA
J. Michael Flynn, DC - USA
Rocco Guerriero, DC - Canada
Scott Haldeman, DC MD PhD - USA

Individual Bronze – US\$180

Agostino Villani, DC - USA
Anthony Fong , DC- Singapore
Anthony Metcalfe, DC - United Kingdom
Arne G. Pelto, DC – USA
Beat Stoller, DC – Switzerland
Brent McNabb, DC – USA
Brian T. Short, DC - USA
Bruce Aldrich, DC - USA
Bruce Vaughan, DC – Hong Kong, SAR China
Bruce Weary, DC – USA
Charlton Locke, DC – Canada
Chris Neethling, DC - South Africa
Colin Brice, DC – Australia
Daniel Michalec, DC – USA
David Eisenberg, DC – USA
Dean A. Bender, DC – USA
Deborah Kopansky-Giles, DC – Canada
Dennis Mizel, DC - Canada
Dennis Richards, DC - Australia
Donald & Maureen Henderson, DCs - Canada
Donald Krippendorf, DC – USA
Donald R. Murphy, DC - USA
Doug Mallett, DC - Canada
Douglas Brown, DC - Canada
Douglas Niewald,, DC - UK
Evergisto Souto Maior Lopes, DC - Brazil
Gary Auerbach, DC – USA
George LeBeau, DC – USA
Glenda Wiese, MA - USA
Glenn Manceaux, DC – USA

Gordon Lawson, DC - Canada
Gregg & Meredith Bakke, DCs - USA
Gregory M. Culbert, DC - USA
Gregory Stewart, DC – Canada
Guy Karcher, DC – USA
Heini Kohler, DC - Switzerland
Hiroaki Takeyachi, DC MD PhD - Japan
Howard Fidler, DC – USA
Inger F. Villadsen, DC - Australia
J. David Cassidy, DC PhD - Canada
J. Donald Dishman, DC MSc - USA
J. Ronald Carter, DC – Canada
James Powell, DC – USA
James Smith, DC MA – USA
Jan Kempe, DC - Canada
Janet Ruth Sosna, DC - Singapore
Jean Moss, DC MBA - Canada
Jeff Fricke, DC - USA
Jerry Ray Willis, DC - USA
John A. Sweaney, DC – Australia
John C. Willis, DC - USA
John DeMatte III, DC – USA
John Hobson, DC – Australia
John K. Hyland, DC MPH – USA
John W. Hall, DC - Canada
John Wong, DC – USA
Jon C. Gatten, DC - Canada
Jonathan Griffiths, DC - USA
Joseph Ierano, DC – Australia
Juan Carlos Vazquez, DC - USA
Julie Bryant, DC – USA
Karen Shields, DC – USA
Kazuyoshi Takeyachi, DC - Japan
Kerwin Winkler, DC - USA
Kevin Mahoney, DC - Canada
Khalid Almasmari, DC - USA
Leonard Faye, DC – USA
Lewis J. Bazakos, DC - USA
Liat Bearden, DC - USA
Lloyd Taylor, DC – Canada
Louis Sportelli, DC - USA
Lucy Macnaught, DC - Australia
Luigi Mattera, DC - Monaco
Man Ho William Wan, DC – Hong Kong, SAR China
Markus Fechler, DC - Germany
Martin Alpert, DC MS – USA
Martin Lapointe, DC – Canada
Matthew Givrad, PhD – USA
Michael Boulattouf, DC - Australia
Michael Copland-Griffiths, DC - UK
Michael K. Taylor, DC DABCI - USA
Michael Noonan, DC – USA
Michael Perusich, DC - USA
Michal Syrocki, DC - Spain
Michel Tetrault, DC – Canada
Miyako Sakurai, DC - Japan
Monica Smith, DC PhD - USA

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Miyako Sakurai, DC - Japan
Monica Smith, DC PhD - USA
Morgan Hubbel, DC - Canada
Nobuyoshi Takeyachi, DC - Japan
P. Reginald Hug, DC – USA
Paul Carey, DC – Canada
Paul Staerker, DC – Australia
Phillip Donato, DC – Australia
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Richard Broeg, DC – USA
Richard Bruns, DC – USA
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Richard J. Tesoriero, DC - USA
Rick McMichael, DC - USA
Robert Gevers, DC - Spain
Robert Haig, DC - Canada
Robert Hasegawa, DC – Canada
Ross Royster, DC - USA
Rupert Molloy, DC - United Kingdom
Scott Bautch, DC – USA
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Stuart & Leonie Craig, DCs – New Zealand
Susan Gillis, DC - Canada
Thomas Cole, DC FICC – Australia

Toni Hamilton, DC - Australia
Victor Helo, DC – USA
Vincent Lucido, DC – USA
Wilbour Kelsick, DC - Canada
William E. Morgan, DC - USA
William Ellender, DC - USA
William M. Austin, DC - USA
William Ruch, DC – USA

Student American Chiropractic Association (SACA)

Cleveland Chiropractic College, Kansas City – USA
Cleveland Chiropractic College, Los Angeles – USA
D' Youville College – USA
Life University, Georgia – USA
Logan College of Chiropractic – USA
National University of Health Sciences - USA
New York Chiropractic College - USA
Northwestern Health Sciences University - USA
Palmer College of Chiropractic – USA
Palmer College of Chiropractic West – USA
Palmer College of Chiropractic, Florida – USA
Parker College of Chiropractic – USA
Southern California University of Health Sciences – USA
Texas Chiropractic College – USA
University of Bridgeport, College of Chiropractic – USA
Western States Chiropractic College – USA