



WFC QUARTERLY WORLD REPORT

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends and Colleagues:

It is a privilege to serve as your President, and to have an opportunity to see how strongly and steadily our profession is growing throughout the world. You and I and the World Federation of Chiropractic are embarked upon a large and exciting journey.

Two weeks ago on your behalf I attended the annual Association of Chiropractic Colleges – Research Agenda Conference (ACC-RAC), this year held in Las Vegas from March 12-14. Over 400 of the profession's leaders in education and research were there reporting many important develop-

ments and planning for others – including improvements in clinical training and a wide range of research projects.

Two weeks before that I was at the WFC's 4th Annual Eastern Mediterranean Region Seminar, this year held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, February 27-28 and attended by 40 chiropractors representing 10 countries in the region - Cyprus, Egypt, Iran, Lebanon, Libya, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Immediately before that, WFC Secretary-General, David Chapman-Smith and I were in Iran hosted by the Iranian Chiropractic Association, where we were most impressed with the advancement and status of the profession. (See *World Notes*).

At the same time WFC Council members Dr. Dennis Richards of Australia and Dr. Terrence Yap of Singapore represented the WFC at the Asian Pacific Chiropractic Doctors' Federation annual assembly in Kuala Lumpur, Malay-

sia, where a new chiropractic school is being established at the International Medical University. This initiative is in partnership with RMIT University of Melbourne, Australia, and is being led in Malaysia by Dr. Michael Haneline, formerly of Palmer West, San Jose, California.

Meanwhile, Dr. Molly Robinson from Minnesota is three months into her year as the first ever doctor of chiropractic working full-time for the World Health Organization at its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. This is pursuant to a contract between WHO and the WFC, and is made possible by funding support from NCMIC Insurance, Standard Process and the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Molly is working on many projects of importance to the profession, from revisions of WHO's ICD-10 Codes (e.g. broadening the codes for subluxation) to production and editing of policy documents in the field of manual health care.

There will be reports on these and many other matters at the WFC's 10th Biennial Congress in Montreal at the end of next month. Significant dates are:

April 27-28:

Assembly of Members

April 29:

FICS Assembly and Sports Chiropractic Symposium

April 30 to May 2:

Main Conference

I am confident you will agree that the program for our Congress is simply outstanding – whether your preference is clinical sciences, research, technique or philosophy and motivation.

I am particularly looking forward to Dr. Alan Breen's presentation on a new, valid and practical way of measuring spi-

nal motion in chiropractic practice, Dr. David Eisenberg's explanation of chiropractic services at Harvard, and the presentations on full integration of chiropractic services in the core sports medicine team at the Vancouver Winter Olympics in 2010.

VIPs now include the remarkable Chantal Petitclerc, the wheelchair athlete who won four track gold medals at the Beijing Paralympics in record times and was subsequently voted Canada's overall *Athlete of the Year 2008*. Following a video Petitclerc will speak at the opening session of the Congress, including comment on her positive experience of chiropractic, and receive an award.

The equally remarkable Sister Brigitte Yengo of the Congo, the chiropractor and Catholic nun

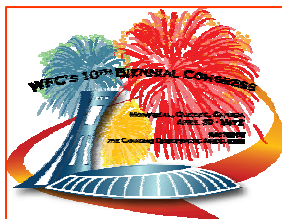
many of you will remember from the last WFC Congress in Portugal, will again be with us and there will be a further fundraiser for her orphanage led by Activator Methods and Dr. Arlan Fuhr.

Thank you to our hosts at the Canadian Chiropractic Association for all their work and preparation for our visit to the exciting city of Montreal – I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,



Efstathios Papadopoulos, DC
President



PREVIEW
WFC'S 10TH BIENNIAL CONGRESS
APRIL 26–MAY 2, 2009
MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA

Member national associations— have you completed your **delegate forms** and filed your **country reports** due March 31? Individuals — have you completed your registrations for the 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.

Please note:

- ◆ In response to the economic times, and as is happening for many meetings, the registration fee is now being held at the early bird rate of CANS\$495 (US\$395) **until April 27**.
- ◆ All rooms at the Hilton Bonaventure Hotel have now been taken. However, there are still rooms at the Marriott Hotel—right next to the Hilton, and the second main Congress hotel.
- ◆ 18 hours CE credits for Canadian provinces, most US states and Europe—see website for details.

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

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Here is a flowchart of main events, followed by comment on these

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> FCLB/WFC meeting: International Issues and Regulation - 2:00 – 6:00 pm Welcome Reception and Registrations for Main Conference – 6:00 – 7:00 pm Sports Chiropractic Dinner to Honour Dr Tom Hyde - 7:00 –
Thursday April 30	Conference – Day 1 – 8:30 am – 5:30 pm <i>Associations/CEOs Meeting</i> —2:00 – 5:00 pm
Friday, May 1	Conference – Day 2 – 8:30 am – 5:30 pm Women's Leadership Forum – 3:45 – 6:30 pm Forum on Osteopathy: International Developments Relevant to Chiropractic: 6:00 – 7:30 pm Speakers' Dinner
Saturday, May 2	Conference – Day 3 – 8:30 am – 1:00 pm <i>Afternoon Workshops</i> Pre-Gala Cocktails - 7:00 pm– 7:30 pm Gala Banquet and Dance – 7:30 pm –12:00 midnight

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.

- ◆ The two-day Assembly features 5 minute country reports from member associations, general business (policy, new memberships, financial and other reports, etc.) Special reports and keynote presentations. For the full agenda go to www.wfc.org/congress2009/Assembly.
- ◆ All WFC members, associate members and individual members are welcome to attend either as delegates or observers.
- ◆ Notice of delegates and a country report were due from member associations March 31—if not done yet, please complete and file without delay. For the Notice of Assembly and related documents go to www.wfc.org posted at members' only site, or contact at Sarah Yabut at syabut@wfc.org.

- ◆ Forum on Health Policy. Health policy experts addressing the Assembly on international developments relevant to chiropractic include Bram Briggance, PhD, Health Policy Consultant, Alameda, California, Cheryl Hawk, DC PhD, Vice-President of Research, Cleveland College, Kansas City and Rick Branson, DC, who has a hospital-based private practice in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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.

FCLB/WFC MEETING—INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND REGULATION OF THE CHIROPRACTIC PROFESSION—APRIL 29—2:00—6:00 PM

This meeting is open to representatives of regulatory bodies—both statutory (pursuant to legislation) and chiropractic associations—where there is no legislation. There is no registration fee. For more details contact Sarah Yabut at syabut@wfc.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—3:45—6:30 PM

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, generously sponsored by the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College. Featured speakers are:

- ▶ Dr Stina Berg—Sweden
- ▶ Dr. Sira Borges—Brazil
- ▶ Dr. Elaine Dembe—Canada
- ▶ Ali Postles—New Zealand
- ▶ Sister Brigette Yengo—Congo

FORUM ON OSTEOPATHY—INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS RELEVANT TO THE CHIROPRACTIC PROFESSION—MAY 1—6:00 - 7:30 PM

Osteopaths from France are building a new osteopathic profession in many countries, with part-time courses for MDs, PTs and others. All are welcome to attend this Forum organized by the WFC and the Ordre des Chiropraticiens du Québec (OCQ). Speakers, prior to panel and audience discussion are:

- ▶ David Chapman-Smith—WFC Secretary-General
- ▶ Dr. Philippe Fleuriau, President, Association française de chiropratique
- ▶ Danice Brousseau—Ordre des Chiropraticiens du Québec

For further details go to:

www.wfc.org/congress2009/other_events.

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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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

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MAY 31 IS NO TOBACCO DAY - CELEBRATED ALL OVER THE WORLD.

The Public Health Committee of the WFC continues its charge of integrating chiropractic involvement in international public health activities on a world-wide basis in coordination with the World Health Organization's programs. WHO keeps the Tobacco-Free Initiative (TFI), Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), and anti-tobacco efforts as its highest level cabinet priority and so does the WFC Public Health Committee with its Chiropractors Against Tobacco (CAT) project (www.wfc.org/About/WFC/CAT).

In chiropractic organizations, colleges, and individual offices the entire profession and the individual DC should be involved in tobacco-use control and elimination — and make their involvement known in their communities. No other single thing chiropractors do as primary care providers has the potential to reduce morbidity, mortality and financial burden more than getting involved in anti-tobacco efforts. Second-hand or side stream smoke exposure is also a public health menace, particularly to those who are hypersensitive or allergic and those who are forcibly exposed in the workplace.

WHO has recognized the crucial role of all health providers, specifically including chiropractors, in simply asking patients about their tobacco use and exposure as part of an office visit encounter.

Participate in **No Tobacco Day** on May 31, and participate year round via patient education and by your own example.

The beautifully designed **CAT** anti-tobacco posters, all 8 versions, were recently re-printed and will be available in Montreal.

At WFC the Biennial Congress in Montreal April 30-May 2, 2009 the WFC Public Health Committee will meet and consider additional ways to take public health for chiropractors from the global level to the local level. The PH Committee is expected to continue its support for **CAT**:

- look at opportunities for chiropractic in the WHO Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity, and Health (GSDPAH), including the Straighten Up program spinal fitness exercises
- reconsider Adopt-A-Village options
- seek creative ways to achieve chiropractic public health goals in an economic downtime.

Your suggestions and support are most welcomed!

Georges Benjamin, MD, Executive Director of the American Public Health Association will be one of the keynote speakers for the WFC 10th Biennial Congress in Montreal. Dr. Benjamin is one of the most prominent public health figures in the world today. He will describe his career in public health and his view of the role of the chiropractic profession in mainstream public health. Dr. Benjamin joins a host of the best speakers ever scheduled at any chiropractic event.

We hope you'll join us in Montreal!

FICS REPORT

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

This is Dr. Roland Noirat's President's Message from the March 31 FICS News, which may be found under Publications at www.fics-sport.org



Have you registered and made travel plans to attend the FICS Symposium and General Assembly in Montreal on Wednesday April 29 – followed that evening by the Tom Hyde Dinner, then by the WFC Congress April 30 to May 2?

FICS anticipates 150 sports chiropractors from around the world for the GA and the outstanding Symposium organized by the College of Chiropractic Sports Sciences (Canada) – and we have already passed the halfway mark with over 75 registrations.

See details of the program in this FICS News and register at www.fics-sport.org and/or www.wfc.org/congress2009.

Be with us as we celebrate sports chiropractic and hear from, then present an award to, a great friend of the profession Mr. Ron Froehlich, President, International World Games Association. Ron has pushed publicly and successfully for inclusion of chiropractic services at the World Games and other international events.

On your behalf, and accompanied by Dr. Alex Steinbrenner and Dr. Tim Ray, Chair, FICS Games Commission, I have just been at the annual SPORTACCORD meeting, attended by leaders of all international sports federations and of committees planning major games events. This year the meeting was held in Denver, Colorado.

We were excited to be present – as you would have been – as the influential Mr. Froehlich spoke to the meeting about the important role of chiropractors in the sports medicine team. See elsewhere in this FICS News Dr. Ray's article on the FICS delegation of 37 DCs to the



At SportAccord, Drs. Noirat and Steinbrenner with Peter Liu, Director, World Games Taiwan Organizing Committee and staff members Grace Leung and Janey Hsieh.

World Games in Kaohsiung, Taiwan in July this year.

So, if you have not done so already, please now make the decision to be with us in Montreal. The General Assembly is your opportunity to hear what is happening in FICS and sports chiropractic worldwide and have input. The Symposium will be excellent. The Tom Hyde Dinner gives you an opportunity to toast, roast and thank Dr. Tom Hyde. See the interview with this sports pioneer and leader in this issue of the FICS News.

Finally, on behalf of all of you, grateful thanks to the CCSS(C) for hosting the FICS Symposium, to Life University and Palmer College of Chiropractic for generously sponsoring it, and to FICS Research Commission members Dr. Henry Pollard and Dr. Eduardo Bracher for assisting the CCSS(C) in judging of submissions and program development. I look forward to seeing you in Montreal.

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: On March 3, 2009, in the latest step by the Brazilian Chiropractors' Association (ABQ) to defend the chiropractic profession against efforts by the physiotherapy profession to have chiropractic declared a specialty of physiotherapy (PT), Federal Judge Diana Brunstein has ruled strongly in favour of the ABQ.

Chiropractic is a profession not a technique, says Judge Brunstein, and PT authorities should not seek to declare it a specialty of physiotherapy. An appeal by CREFITO, the regulatory body for PT in the State of Sao Paulo, asking to remove an earlier court injunction against CREFITO, was denied.

The background to this dispute is that the ABQ, representing under 400 chiropractors in Brazil, is promoting legislation to regulate the practice of chiropractic. The response of the national regulatory body COFFITO, representing over 90,000 PTs, has been to claim chiropractic is a specialty of PT. For more information, including Judge Brunstein's judgement go to www.wfc.org/Newsroom.



FRANCE: Dr. Philippe Fleuriau, President, Association française de chiropratique (AFC) reports that there are now 500 chiropractors in France and 511 students attending France's chiropractic college, l'Institut Franco-Européen de Chiropratique (IFEC), which has campuses in Paris and Toulouse.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of IFEC, 156 students are due to graduate, and this will bring the total number of IFEC graduates to 441.

The practice of chiropractic is recognized by law in France but not yet fully regulated—the AFC anticipates that the fully regulatory system will be in place during the summer or fall.



INDONESIA : The Asosiasi Chiropraktor Indonesia (ACI), a national association representing 18 of Indonesia's 25 DCs', was accepted into membership by the Asian Pacific Chiropractic Doctors' Federation (APCDF) at its meeting on February 27-28 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The APCDF is the regional organization for

national associations in Asia and the Pacific (Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, other Pacific islands). The profession is not yet well-established in Indonesia, where all chiropractors but two are expatriates from other countries, but there are current initiatives to establish regulation and chiropractic education. *Contact for more information:* ACI Dr. David Husband at chiro@centrin.net.id.



IRAN: The practice of chiropractic has been regulated by law since 1998 and Dr. Hossein Sabbagh, President, Iranian Chiropractic Association (IRCA) advises that 60 licences have been issued since that time. A WFC delegation visiting Iran last month at the request of the IRCA, and led by WFC President Dr. Stathis Papadopoulos and WFC Secretary-General David Chapman-Smith, met with IRCA members and visited chiropractic offices in Tehran and Esfahan and was very impressed with the standards of acceptance of the profession.

IRCA members come from many colleges, mainly in North America—e.g. CMCC, LACC, Life West, Palmer, Sherman, Texas. Practices are busy, relationships with the medical and other healthcare professions excellent. Chiropractors have a broad scope of practice with full diagnostic rights including ready access to advanced imaging. In what is probably a first internationally Dr. Sabbagh currently holds an appointment on the national medical council—for the past four years he has represented other health professions on the 14-person Iranian Medical Council.


One purpose of the visit by the WFC delegation was to assess the feasibility of holding next year's 5th Annual Eastern Mediterranean Region meeting in Iran. This meeting will now be held in Shiraz, Iran in early April 2010.




JAPAN: The Tokyo College of Chiropractic, formerly known as RMIT Chiropractic Unit Japan, had its 10th graduation on March 19 2009. 27 new graduates formally joined the profession.

Commencement speaker was the Hon Ryuichiro Doi, a senior member of the Democratic Party who heads the Chiropractic Sub-committee of Integrative Medicine Congress Union. He encouraged the graduates by informing them that the party is preparing a manifesto to include chiropractic for the next general election. Among the graduates was Yoshiaki Takeyachi MD, PhD, an orthopedic surgeon, son of Kazuyoshi Takeyachi DC, Vice-President of TCC, and brother of Yasunobu Takeyachi DC, MD, also an orthopedist and a graduate of the National University of Health Sciences, Chicago.


Dr. Yoshiaki now heads the research department at TCC. He has recently published a paper on *The Credibility of the Miura Report: A Medical Re-evaluation*. This contains a rebuttal of the Miura Report, written by orthopedic surgeons in 1991, critical of the safety and effectiveness of chiropractic, but still having influence with policy makers in Japan.


 **LIBYA:** Dr. Gamal Giroush (Palmer College) of Tripoli, Libya, the country's sole chiropractor, reports two significant developments. First he has two sons at Palmer College who will return to practise in Libya, and second the Ministry of Health, following receipt of technical information from him, the WFC and other organizations, has advised that the government will now move to recognize and regulate the practice of chiropractic.

 **MALAYSIA:** Malaysian Chiropractic Association President, Dr. Vishwadeep Singh Sandhu and colleagues hosted the Asia Pacific Chiropractic Doctors' Federation Assembly in Kuala Lumpur on February 27, 2009—attended by delegates from Australia, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Singapore. For some years there have been plans to establish a chiropractic school in Malaysia which, with Singapore, is one of the most stable countries in Southeast Asia in political and economic terms. At present the only chiropractic schools accredited or applying for accreditation in Asia are in Japan (2) and South Korea. Present at the APCDF Assembly and reporting on a proposed school, were Dr. Graham Hunt and Dr. Michael Haneline, formerly of Palmer Chiropractic College West in San Jose, California. The proposed course, being developed in association with RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia, is to be at the International Medical Uni-

versity at Bukit Jilil, which offers a wide range of health courses. Students will take a five year course (four years plus a one year clinical internship) leading to a BChiro degree and will receive much of their clinical training in IMU's teaching hospitals. IMU will seek to have the program accredited by CCE Australasia.

 **NETHERLANDS:** Sidney Rubinstein, DC PhD, a graduate of the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic, won NCMIC Group's prestigious *Jerry McAndrews Memorial Research Award* at the ACC-RAC meeting in Las Vegas this month. Criteria for the award include both quality and relevance to clinical practice. Dr. Rubinstein, from the Institute for Research and Extramural Medicine, VU University Medical Centre, Amsterdam, received the award for his ongoing work relative to adverse events following chiropractic care to the cervical spine. His most recently published paper in this field reviewed benefits and risks (July/August 2008, JMPT). In Las Vegas he presented results from a new survey conducted in chiropractic practices in the Netherlands—this reported quite common, minor self-limiting adverse events but no serious ones, and is to be published in JMPT in due course.

 **NEW ZEALAND:** Now that there is an established school in New Zealand, the profession is growing more rapidly. Currently there are 385 chiropractors in practice, and NZ Chiropractic College President Dr. Brian Kelly, advises that there are 83 students in the first year class at the school's larger new premises in Auckland. It is now 30 years since the famous *New Zealand Commission of Inquiry into Chiropractic* reported in 1979 and New Zealand Chiropractors' Association President Dr. James Burt reports that the Commission—both memories of it, and current relevance—will be a central focus of the NZCA Annual Convention in Auckland, May 21-23.

 **PHILIPPINES:** Dr. Martin Camara of Manila, understood by the WFC to be the only chiropractor worldwide appointed to a National Olympic Committee was Medical Co-chair of the Philippines Olympic team in Beijing last year. Since 2006 he has also served on the Philippine Institute of Traditional and Alternative Health Care (PITAHC), a government agency preparing for formal recognition and regulation of a number of complementary healthcare

professions including chiropractic. PITAHC has now formed a formal Board of Chiropractic with Dr. Camara, a Palmer West graduate, as Chairman. This is to continue current preparations for regulation of the profession in the Philippines.



UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: On February 27-28 the WFC's 4th Annual Eastern Mediterranean Region meeting was held in Dubai, hosted by the Emirates Chiropractic Association (ECA) representing the UAE's 20 doctors of chiropractic. Most, such as President Dr. Travis Mitchell from South Africa (University of Johannesburg), are expatriates who work for government or private interdisciplinary clinics. Many, such as Dr. Peter Jensen from Denmark who has been at the Zayed Military Hospital in Abu Dhabi for 10 years, stay long term.

Others, such as ECA Vice-President, Dr. Tariq Tawil (Cleveland, Los Angeles), are from the UAE and/or the Gulf region. The UAE, with Cyprus and Iran, is one of three countries in the region that has legislation recognizing and regulating the practice of chiropractic. The meeting was attended by 40 chiropractors representing 10 countries. A seminar on technique and pain management was given by Dr. Mark Langweiler of the Welsh Institute of Chiropractic, Glamorgan University, Wales. Plans were developed for a regional chiropractic organization for the Eastern Mediterranean/Middle East.



UNITED STATES: At the profession's premier annual US research meeting, the Association of Chiropractic Colleges Research Agenda Conference (ACC-RAC), held this year from March 12-14 in Las Vegas, Dr. Anthony Lisi, Director of Chiropractic Services, Veterans' Health Administration, reported on the steady growth of chiropractic services within the VA's 150 hospitals across America. There are now chiropractors at 36 of these facilities— that is gradu-

ally expanding and will expand quickly if current legislation before Congress promoted by the American Chiropractic Association is passed—as is anticipated.

Many VA doctors of chiropractic, including Dr. Lisi, are on staff and fully integrated into the VA and hospital system. Others are on contract for between 10-40 hours weekly. Many of the VA facilities, including the one at West Haven Connecticut, where Dr. Lisi practises and which provides clinical training for Yale Medical School students, provide clinical training opportunities for chiropractic students. Over 400 students have trained at VA facilities to date—from colleges such as Cleveland, Life, Logan, National, New York, Northwestern, Parker, Southern California, Texas and the University of Bridgeport.

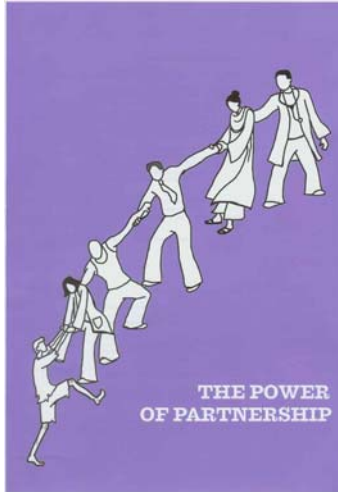
At ACC-RAC the ACA President, Dr. Glenn Manceaux reported the main new challenge facing the profession this year. As of January 1 Blue Cross-Blue Shield removed doctors of chiropractic from the physician status under their reimbursement plan for federal employees. This has particular significance because of the possibility of the federal employees' plan being used as a basis for President Obama's proposed new national healthcare system.

Recent good news includes the growth in profile and respect of the Chiropractic Healthcare Section of the American Public Health Association and, as one sign of this, a major article featuring Dr. Paul Dougherty in the March issue of *The Nation*—the APHA's widely read and influential monthly newsletter. Dr. Dougherty of New York Chiropractic College, and President-Elect of the APHA Chiropractic Healthcare Section, is also the ACA representative on the US Bone and Joint Decade. In the article he of the major public health role of the chiropractic profession in the large field of prevention and management of bone and joint disorders.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AS OF MARCH 31, 2009

Dr. Rand Baird, Chair, WFC Associate Member Committee

WFC Salutes All Corporate Associate Members as we Start Another Year Together



Please welcome our very first new corporate associate member of 2009: **Santa Cruz Holistics**, based in Watsonville, California. Co-founders Peter Mackeonis and Lisa J. Foster provide the **GLOtoSLEEP™** mask, a healthy and natural alternative to sleeping pills. As the wearer gently gazes up

at four rows of photo luminescent bars set in recessed eye pieces, the body's natural sleep system is encouraged to convert the brain's troublesome Beta waves to calming Alpha waves, so restful sleep can follow.

GLOtoSLEEP™ fully charges in about ten minutes with a light bulb or sunlight, and the 'glo' typically lasts from 6 to 8 hours. This drug-free product is made in a medical-grade facility from hypoallergenic materials and is so soft and lightweight it can be worn comfortably all night to help your patients get a good night's sleep every night. GLOtoSLEEP™ masks are reusable and the packaging is recyclable.

For further information call 1-831-840-3729 or e-mail: peter@glotosleep.us The company website is: www.santacruzholistics.com. Santa Cruz Holistics joined the WFC at the Bronze level for its first year.

Enzyme Formulations Inc.
www.enzymeformulations.com

Special mention is made this quarter of a renewal by a special patron of the WFC. **Dr. Howard Loomis, DC**, is known throughout the profession for his generosity, philanthropy, and clinical skills as a pioneer of enzyme nutritional therapies and manufacturer of fine enzyme formulations. While his and the **Loomis Institute of Enzyme Nutrition** located in Madison, Wisconsin is not a

mega-size corporation compared to some, it renewed its membership with the WFC for the third consecutive year at the highest Platinum Level. Thank you Dr. Loomis. *Dr. Loomis will be acknowledged at the WFC Congress in Montreal.*

Several other corporate members renewed their commitments to the WFC in the first quarter of 2009. Renewals included:

Platinum —\$10,000

Activator Methods—USA
Cleveland Chiropractic College—USA
Enzyme Formulations—USA
Foot Levelers—USA
Human Touch LLC—USA
Parker College of Chiropractic—USA
Standard Process—USA

Diamond —\$5,000

Logan College of Chiropractic—USA
OUM Chiropractic Program—USA

Gold—2,500

Biofreeze/Performance Health—USA
Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College—Canada

Silver—\$1,000

Anglo-European College of Chiropractic—UK
Canadian Chiropractic Protective Association—Canada
Dee Cee Labs Inc. — USA
New York Chiropractic College—USA
Palmer College of Chiropractic—USA
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