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A warm welcome to the World Congress of Chiropractic Students (WCCS) quarterly report.

The WCCS is an international collaboration of chiropractic students representing the global chiropractic student population.

Our active membership consists of students from 25 chiropractic colleges worldwide.

Our purpose is to advance and unite the global chiropractic profession through inspiration, integrity, and leadership.

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President’s Message

Dear friends and colleagues, allow me to welcome you to the November edition of the WCCS quarterly report.

During the last three months, the WCCS Board of Directors has been particularly active in promoting our profession globally. We participated in two world congresses held by international healthcare students’ organizations, which gave us the opportunity to expand the knowledge of chiropractic among future healthcare leaders and policy writers. In more detail, our director Charlotte Cailliau attended the International Veterinary Students

Association World Congress, and director Gerné Jordaan and I attended the International Pharmaceutical Students Federation World Congress. You can view the reports from these conferences in the following pages.

We also received an invitation to attend the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) – Association of Chiropractic Colleges (ACC) Educational Conference in Montreal. Representing the WCCS at this event were; the vice president, Dr. Derek Cardenas; the treasurer, Danielle Wiesner; the Americas Regional Coordinator,

Jenessa Christine and I. I would like to personally thank the WFC president, Dr. Espen Johannessen and the Secretary General, Dr. Richard Brown, for their efforts in reserving us some time to address the leaders of chiropractic education all around the world.

The 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) fever is rising! Brandan Tong and all the Life West Convening Committee are working constantly to create an unforgettable event for all the delegates who will decide to

step forward and take a leadership role in our profession.

It's Regional Events (RE) time! During this time of the year our members come together regionally to enhance connections within students of the same region (Africa, Americas, Europe, Western Pacific) and keep the enthusiasm high for our organization and our goals.

Thanks to everyone involved in organizing these events and to those who decide to invest time, resources and energy to attend the RE and be inspired by the WCCS.

Finally, everything we ever achieved, we are achieving and we will achieve depends on every single one of you, WCCS members. Your dedication, your motivation and your passion are what makes the organization a leader in promoting unity through diversity within our profession. I am grateful to be the president of such a unique, diverse and selfless organization.



Damiano Costa
Chiropractor
WCCS President

International Veterinary Students' Association: World Congress Report



International Veterinary Students' Association 2016

The International Veterinary Students' Association (IVSA) is a not-for-profit non-governmental organization run by volunteer students from around the world. They aim to improve the standard of veterinary education internationally in order to "benefit the animals and people of the world".

The 65th Congress of the IVSA was held between July 24th and August 3rd, 2016 in Vienna, Austria. More than 260 students from 37 different countries came together for a full ten days of lectures, workshops, excursions, general assemblies, as well as, cultural and social events.

Thanks to the growing relationship between our organizations, and thanks to an invitation extended by the IVSA, a WCCS representative was sent for the first time to attend this major annual symposium. We would like to thank the IVSA for this opportunity!

It was immensely interesting and inspiring to learn from all these

student leaders, and to exchange experiences and ideas. The main focus of their discussion topics and policy statements ranged from animal welfare, health, and veterinary education to culture and tradition. Global healthcare topics, such as antimicrobial resistance, were also included.

For the students, the major purposes of the event seemed to be opening their minds, expanding their knowledge and broadening their perspective while also making lifelong friends. This might sound a little familiar to you. During this experience I was particularly struck by the realization that the different student healthcare organizations are working in a very similar manner. I also came to realize how developed the IVSA is and saw ideas that will help the WCCS grow and run more smoothly.

The executive board of the IVSA also offered me the opportunity to give a

presentation to educate 260 veterinary students about chiropractic and the WCCS. It was very well received and raised curiosity and awareness from lots of students. It was very rewarding to see the positive response and their hunger for additional information, it fostered a lot of hope for increased inter-professional communication.

The scale of the chiropractic profession has still yet to meet the other healthcare fields, but we are not to be overlooked. We are all one big family of global healthcare, and strengthening our bonds with our fellow family members should be one of our major focuses to help shape a better and healthier world.

For us as chiropractic students, and WCCS members, the first step towards that future would be to continue to grow, learn, share with each other, and with other healthcare students with a different perspective, such as veterinary students from the IVSA.

With this in mind, we hope to see some representatives of the IVSA and other student healthcare organizations at our next AGM in San Francisco! Together we shall go further.



Charlotte Cailliau - WCCS Board of Directors

International Pharmaceutical Student's Federation: World Congress Report

The International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF) was founded in 1949 by eight national pharmacy student associations in London. Ever since, this organization has grown to represent over 350,000 pharmacy students and recent graduates in over 70 countries worldwide. IPSF is a nongovernmental, non-profit and non-religious organization.

The Federation aims to equip the future pharmacy workforce for a professional life in a local and international setting and increase their involvement in global health. Through collaborative approaches it strives to strengthen the interprofessional commitment to health and combating global health threats.

The IPSF have numerous activities and campaigns throughout the year, with the World Congress at the forefront. The daily schedule of the Congress is divided into a General Assembly. It is here where all the representatives from the different member countries come together to discuss different topics. Educational symposiums and workshops are held throughout the day.



Damiano Costa, Gerné Jordaan, IPSF 2016

During the 62nd IPSF World Congress in Harare, Zimbabwe, it was astounding to see how a student-run organization is able to represent over 300,000 active members.

From Damiano Costa (WCCS President) and myself, Gerné Jordaan (WCCS Board of Directors), we would like to thank the IPSF executive board for the invitation to attend the World Congress. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to educate and inform the public of WCCS and our mission and vision, but also to be educated and informed from a pharmaceutical perspective.

May this organization be blessed and may it thrive in the years to come. I hope our paths cross again.



Gerné Jordaan - WCCS Board of Directors

Alumni Article

Dr. Stanton Hom

I remember sitting in awe of the WCCS executive board at my first WCCS in 2008. Mexico City, the UNEVE team and Dr. Jaime Pinillos changed my life forever that year.

There we were, the delegation from the Southern California University of Health Sciences (SCUHS), kind of superstar status in the US with the ICA and ACA on campus, totally humbled at the leadership and level of excellence in the room. It was so incredible to see the generations of chiropractic, to see the strength of just a few hundred chiropractors in

a country and the possibilities of a profession not yet acknowledged as 'legal'.

I cannot believe that was almost 10 years ago.

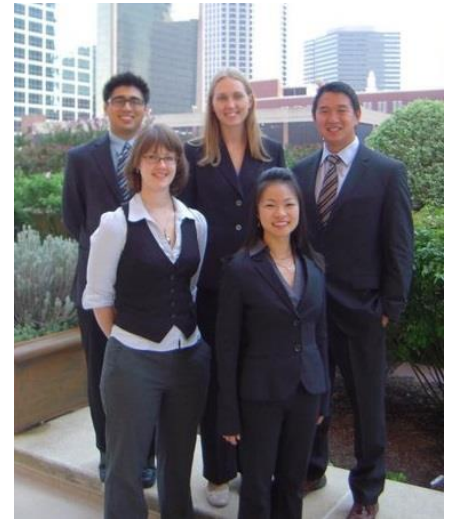
The following year, in New Zealand, the world of vitalistic chiropractic blew our hearts and minds open. I came from a vitalistic practice as a patient, and was then immersed in an 'evidence-based' school in the states; who would have known that a school could exist that simultaneously vibrated with both vitalism and academia.

As a delegation, we decided then that we would throw our hats in the ring, not only to serve the WCCS, but to put our brand of leadership into the WCCS epigenome and into the global world of chiropractic. In Dallas in 2010 the WCCS officially incorporated as a non-profit organization, completed a vision process that birthed our purpose statement and core values, and unanimously adopted definitions for both chiropractic and subluxation.

In 2011 SCUHS hosted the WCCS AGM in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. We did so for one primary reason; the profession in Brazil was under attack. The political agenda of Brazilian medical groups and nearly 100,000 physical therapists was to dissolve and absorb the chiropractic profession.

One highlight of Rio was the beginnings of the Philosophy Night. Our delegation wanted to create this informal time where students could communicate more closely with the leaders in our profession.

We realized that the different factions in the profession, when asked candidly and intimately, actually had more similarities than differences with regards to the philosophy of chiropractic.



SCUHS delegation photo - 2010

I cannot express enough the value of the WCCS. Our world is becoming more and more polarized, we are so fortunate to have an organization that honors our diversity while at the same time honoring the uniqueness of our beautiful profession. No other such organization exists within chiropractic, and from the looks of it seven years into practice, it's not happening soon. The WCCS is one of our most valuable organizations and we are only just getting started.

Many subscribe to the idea that success in practice and in life depends on your philosophy. While for some of us that means honoring Universal Intelligence, Innate Intelligence, and Subluxation, I will repeat now what I said at the AGM in Perth in 2012. The highest values

in human beings are those that bring us together, those that are strong in purpose and vision, and those that are inclusive.

Gratitude and appreciation are hardwired into our neurology. The future of our profession, and humanity at large, are dependent upon our generation of chiropractors recognizing this. It has been amazing to see where this new leadership has brought our great organization, with over 500 attendees at WCCS events last year this alumni is sincerely proud of your hard work and dedication.

Thank you for being a part of that higher vibration, and see you at the 2017 AGM at Life West!



Dr. Stanton Hom – Past WCCS President

An update from the Western Pacific Region

The WCCS Western Pacific chapters have been busy since the AGM in Paris 2016. Amongst exams and semester breaks the chapters have been stepping up and stepping out into their local and school communities by organizing multiple fundraising and connection events targeted around health and chiropractic.

As a region one of our goals has been to increase our communication and connection with one another so we have been meeting every 4 -6 weeks via skype. This has increased our connection, communication and we have been able to support one another and share resources.

RMIT held a speaker evening with graduates who were involved in the WCCS who are now doing well in practice and in the professional world. During Spinal health week, put on by the CAA, Murdoch performed spinal health exercises and shared information in the school clinic and at local businesses about spinal health.

For annual collective focus TCC reached out to the acupuncture students to help them understand more about chiropractic, as chiropractic is not the 1st choice for

Japanese people they hope to strengthen their relationship with the acupuncture students and get to know each other better.

NZCC has grown the chapter by inviting guest speakers to their chapter meetings. They have also been busy fundraising, recently holding their annual trivia night, which this year being the largest ever with 180 people attending. They included a raffle to win a mission trip to serve the people of Haiti. NZCC is ready and excited to host the regional event in March 2017 with an amazing line up of speakers including Bruce Lipton and Heidi Haavik in sunny Auckland City.

CQU has been in discussion with the head of the medical student association where they talked about including chiropractic in their allied health program.

This year Macquarie held the regional event Enhancing Connections in Sydney. A few words from chapter chair and convener Maddison Davis, "Our executive committee is pleased to report that the event was a major success and an overall fantastic experience for everyone involved, the organizers, the guests and the speakers.

We felt the connections were indeed enhanced very quickly and friendships have been made with numerous chances to mingle and socialize over lunch and dinner where food and drinks were provided. Our weekend was filled with inspirational speakers from prestigious individuals through the chiropractic profession such as Dr. John Sweeny who is a retired president of the WFC. We were lucky enough to have a practical skills workshop run by experienced chiropractic practitioners and podiatric specialists. This allowed us a fantastic chance to learn something new and extra outside the class putting us ahead of the rest.

The number of people that participated and showed up for the weekend was below our expectations. It is and has always been a challenge for us to spark interest in people and get them involved. This has since become our number one priority and we are working hard to address this. Overall EC has been a brilliant experience for us and we look forward to the next opportunity to host the region in the future.”

This year every school was involved in promoting and celebrating World Spine Day on the 16th of October, either via a large social media presence with a ‘#spineselfie’ challenge, with videos

demonstrating the Straighten Up exercises, or by getting out in the local community and universities to share the chiropractic and spinal health message.

The region is getting very excited about the upcoming AGM in San Francisco with chapters beginning to select and prepare delegates for August 2017.



Jessica Croft - WestPac Regional Coordinator

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