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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 WCCS family, welcome to the February edition of the WCCS Quarterly Report.

The 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) is getting closer! Registrations are open with updated prices and deadlines. The selection process for speakers is going really well, we are making it a priority to have a balanced representation of the spectrum of our profession.

One of the goals of our organization is to support chiropractic research; which is why we have launched the first WCCS-AGM Research Poster Competition, all the chapters are receiving instructions on how to apply, please get in touch with your

Head Delegate if you are interested. We are excited to be offering monetary prizes for both first and second place!

One of the WCCS Board of Directors (BoD) priorities is to advance the global chiropractic profession; and we do so by increasing the awareness of who we are and what we do within the international healthcare students world. To achieve this goal we continue to reach out and enhance connections with the three biggest international healthcare students organizations. We just sent out invitations to the International Federation of Medical Students Association (IFMSA), the International Pharmaceutical

Students Federation (IPSF) and the International Veterinary Students Association (IVSA) to attend our 2017 AGM.

As of the 13th to the 18th of March in Washington DC, the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC), the Association of Chiropractic Colleges (ACC) and the American Chiropractic Association (ACA) will get together in one of the biggest international chiropractic conferences of 2017. The WCCS will be highly represented there with 4 BoD members. We’ll have the honor to address the WFC assembly

attendees and we'll have meetings with the Council of Chiropractic Education International (CCEI), the International Chiropractic Regulatory Society (ICRS), the International Federation of Sports Chiropractic (FICS) and many others.

On March 27th I'll be speaking about issues on education at the European Chiropractors' Union (ECU) Convention in Cyprus. My talk will be focused on the challenges of the journey from being a student to being a chiropractor.

As you can see, the WCCS is the global chiropractic students' voice and the main international professional chiropractic organizations want to hear it. That's why we need the constant participation of all our members. If there is any specific topic you want us to cover during these meetings, please reach out to us.

Thanks for dedicating your time and energy to the Organization. We are the future leaders of our profession and the WCCS is the perfect place to get ready for that.



*Dr. Damiano Costa, Chiropractor,
WCCS President*

2017 AGM July 27 – August 3

IT IS ALMOST THAT TIME AGAIN! The WCCS Annual General Meeting (AGM) is just around the corner and is fast approaching. Registration is now open so be sure to register yourself and your chapter as soon as possible to get the most savings for this memorable event! Shout out to AECC to be the first delegation to register!

The Life West College and WCCS Chapter are so thrilled to be hosting this next AGM here in the San Francisco area. We have been working tirelessly to bring you a memorable experience. We have planned every event with the intention of cultivating an environment for the development of relationships, personal growth, and the growth of the chiropractic profession.

One of these very memorable events will be the Alumni Event where esteemed WCCS alumni will be able to share their stories and be able to share how WCCS has helped them become the person they are today! The event will be very affordable for all WCCS alumni so if you know any who want to go to The WAVE, tell them to come a couple extra days earlier to attend the Alumni Event and Gala Dinner! There will be many more fun and memorable events but I can't share them all with you just yet! So make sure you are here to experience it for yourself!

We will be having a few world-renowned speakers coming to help

each delegate in their journey to becoming a chiropractor! One of these esteemed speakers that are coming to the AGM is Dr. Heidi Haavik! Haavik is a chiropractor and a neurophysiologist who has worked in the area of human neurophysiology for over 15 years. Heidi has a PhD in human neurophysiology from the University of Auckland. She was named Chiropractor of the year in 2007 by both the New Zealand Chiropractic Association and the New Zealand College of Chiropractic Alumni Association. She is also the author of The Reality Check which was written for anyone hoping to understand more about how his or her body works, and an approach to putting that knowledge to work in a meaningful way for a happier, healthier life. Dr. Haavik will present some insights into the research that she has been conducting and how it will impact the world of chiropractic!



Brandon Tong - 2017 AGM Convener

Are you guys ready to join us for celebrating the 40th AGM in South Africa?!

As most of you will remember, we thought of hosting the AGM at a game lodge outside Johannesburg, but after a few site visits and careful thought, we decided against it for a couple of reasons. Being so far away from Johannesburg makes it difficult dealing with emergencies and speakers' transport, and we were also concerned that you may start suffering from "cabin fever". But, you guys can still expect to experience our wildlife and nature with the day off, as well as a true African township tour. It's really difficult not to spill the beans! The accommodation is to be finalized soon and we are doing our best to ensure an amazing congress together with speakers varying in practice, philosophy, and other topics.

I highly recommend for you to extend your trip and experience the African bush veld! Please feel free to contact me for any suggestions.

We are looking forward to hosting you in South Africa!



Nerina le Roux – 2018 AGM Convener

Research Poster Competition - \$1000 CAD Prize!!

The World Congress of Chiropractic Students (WCCS) is delighted to launch a Research Posters Competition for the 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM). This year the first place prize is being sponsored by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE). All WCCS members participating to the 2017 AGM interested in this competition are invited to submit abstracts describing their chiropractic research at <http://www.wccsworldwide.org/proposalsdiscussion-topics-2017-agm.html>.

The poster abstracts (max 250 words) should include: objective, methods, results, and conclusion. Students are welcome to submit their thesis project as part of this competition.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS: Poster presenters will bring a printed poster of their research to be displayed on poster boards throughout the AGM. Poster presenters will be asked to stand by their poster to answer questions about their research during designated break times during the conference. Experimental studies involving human subjects (eg. comparative trials, pilot studies, cohort studies, and surveys) must have IRB/ethics board approval or exemption as determined by the author's institution. There are no specific measurements for the poster, but it has to be easily

readable (minimum 24"x36" – 61x91cm)

SUBMISSIONS INFORMATION

1. **Abstracts:** Abstracts must be written in English and are limited to 250 words maximum (word count does not include title, authors or affiliations). Do not include: references, tables, graphs, figures, pictures, video, etc. A work is eligible if it has been presented at another meeting or if it has been published, or will be published, by the time of the conference in July 2017.

2. **Author responsibilities:** Authors are responsible to check for accuracy at the time of abstract submission. Abstracts will be published as submitted by the corresponding author. It is the responsibility of the primary author to ensure that all requirements are met. The primary author will be the contact person responsible for submission of all required materials and all correspondence. Only authors are allowed to present their material at the conference.

3. **Attendance:** For all abstracts accepted to the conference, presenting authors must be registered by July 1st 2017 to be included in the program and proceedings.

4. **Acceptance Process:** All submissions will be evaluated for completeness, strength of

contribution, and relevance to the chiropractic profession by the WCCS Board of Directors. All submission must respect the purpose and values of the WCCS. Notification of acceptance will be sent to primary authors within a month after the abstract is sent.

EVALUATION AND PRIZE

The evaluation of the poster will be made by an unbiased panel to be defined.

The prize for the best poster is of 1000CAD. The winner will be announced at the Gala Dinner. Over

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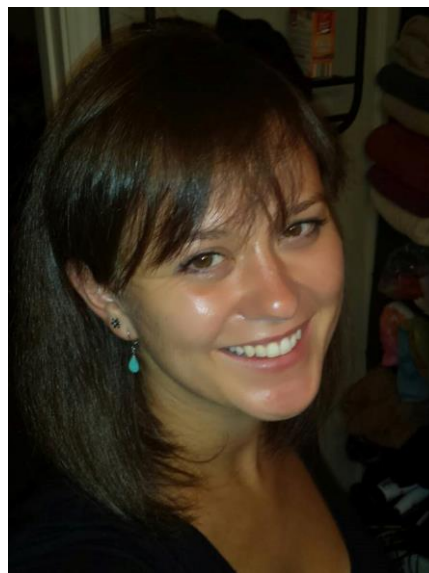
Timothy Saltys - Chiropractic Student

January 27th and 28th we (Emily Styer, Life University and Timothy Saltys, Life Chiropractic College West) had the pleasure and honor of representing the World Congress of Chiropractic Students at the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners' (NBCE) Student Leadership Forum. The forum's



Timothy Saltys and Emily Styer

intention was to allow for more transparency of the workings, goals and vision of the NBCE towards the students that it serves - and it delivered! There were an additional six students in attendance, with two representatives from each of the following associations: the Student American Black Chiropractic Association, the Student American Chiropractic Association and the 2016 NBCE Scholarship winners.



Emily Styer - Chiropractic Student

The first day of business on the Friday could not have got off to a better start with it being everybody's first time at the NBCE, it was incredible to witness the view of the Rocky Mountains in the not so far distance. After being greeted by the NBCE team, the presentations began. We learned about the structure and role of the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing boards and as well as the NBCE, the history of the NBCE and how it brought about standardized testing across the US for the Chiropractic profession. Detailed presentations were given on all the resources that go into creating, pricing, administering and scoring each of the parts of the NBCE examinations. It was fascinating to hear how the NBCE was the first of its kind among health professions to implement a national standardized practical test of the caliber of Part IV. It set a new standard for other professions to follow. The end of the business day allowed the attendees to truly connect and engage with the staff members by interacting in a focus group/Q&A panel in which we

believe much progress was made by had earnest discussions on multiple topics from concerns over past computer-based testing administrations to confusion over what the examination scores really mean to pricing of the examinations.

On the second day we were introduced to the International Board of Chiropractic Examiners (IBCE). The IBCE is laying the foundation for standardized testing around the world. Its purpose is not only to test Chiropractors who graduated from a Chiropractic college outside of the US to see if they meet NBCE standards, but to also help other nations establish their own testing, as they seek to gain their government's recognition of Chiropractic as a health care profession. A couple of languages that the IBCE has translated its tests into for use abroad includes Korean, Japanese and Portuguese.

At the end of Saturday's business session we were greeted by a guest speaker - Dr. Tim Ray. Dr. Ray has made a name for himself in the field of sports Chiropractic and most notably for his work with athletes at multiple Olympic Games over the decades, across the globe. He detailed exactly how the International Federation of Sports Chiropractic (FICS) fits into Sports Accord, the umbrella organization for all international sports organizations. Dr. Ray shared many stories of his successes as well as failures, and gave a very honest notion to what it means to be a sports Chiropractor - turns out it is not always as glamorous as it is

made out to be. Nonetheless, in his mind it is worth every moment as there is nothing that connects people and breaks down barriers more than sports. Plus, athletes love Chiropractors for the incredible hands on, relevant, results driven care they have to offer!

Washington DC 2017 WFC/ACA/ACC

NCLC wasn't enough, this year the ACA also hosted the bi-annual meeting of the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) and a meeting of the Association of Chiropractic Colleges (ACC). Also meeting in Washington DC during the same week was the International Federation of Sports Chiropractic (FICS), the International Chiropractic Regulatory Society (ICRS), many members of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE), and more.

The WCCS was a part of nearly all of



Damiano Costa, Charlotte Cailliau, Danielle Wiesner, Derek Cardenas

This year there was a very special meeting in the world of chiropractic. Every year the American Chiropractic Association (ACA) hosts their National Chiropractic Leadership Conference (NCLC) in Washington DC. It is both a large conference and a lobbying event for chiropractic. As if convening the

these events this year! One highlight of the conferences was when WCCS BoD members Charlotte Cailliau and Danielle Wiesner gave a speech at the WFC Assembly of Nations. In their speech they had a chance to address both the WFC executive council and the national chiropractic associations from around the world. Charlotte and Danielle helped some

of the professions most committed leaders understand how much students care about degree portability, unity in the profession, research in chiropractic, and serving our communities.

As a result of their presentation the WCCS was approached by representatives of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners, who eagerly and graciously offered to sponsor a \$1000 CAD scholarship to whichever WCCS delegate wins the 2017 Research Poster Competition! You can find more details about the research poster competition on page 3 of this WCCS News!

The WCCS had an opportunity to speak to the international advisors of the International Board of Chiropractic Examiners (IBCE) and to work with the ICRS on topics like international mobility, worldwide regulation, and accreditation. The IBCE is now helping some countries set up their own board exams, which chiropractors can then use to help push regulation and integration for chiropractic in those countries.

Our next international event will be the World Health Assembly, where 4 of our members will be able to attend as delegates of the WFC. We would like to thank the WFC for

their continued support of the WCCS!



Dr. Derek Cardenas D.C. - Vice President

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