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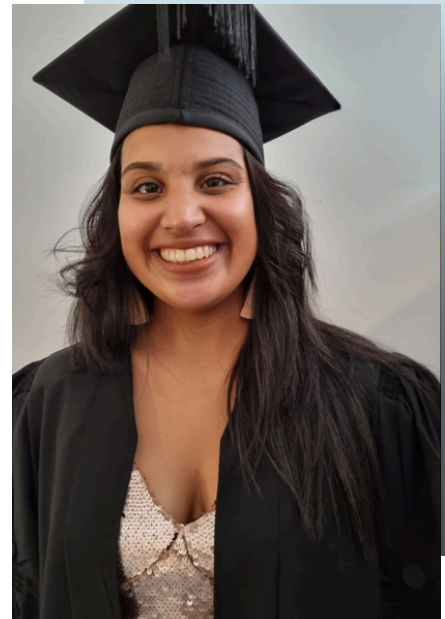
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good day and welcome to the fourth and final quarterly report for the 2023/2024 term of office. They say time flies when you're having fun and no truer words have been spoken, as this year has absolutely whizzed by! These last few months have been filled with regional events, meetings, conferences, and preparations for the soon-approaching AGM.

Regional events provide a wonderful opportunity for chapters to connect on a more personal level. This was exemplified during the European and African regional events. The European Regional event, hosted by IFEC in Paris over the second weekend in April, was well attended with six of our European chapters participating. The weekend was filled with insightful lectures and delicious traditional Parisian cuisine. You can read about the finer details further on in this issue.

The African regional event, also in April, was held in Johannesburg. This weekend-long event featured curated presentations that appealed to students from both African chapters. A highlight enjoyed by all was the presentation by alumnus Dr. Muhammed Yaseen Tagari. More details about the event can be found on page 23.

In April, the Board hosted an engaging "mass meeting" attended by all chapters. We would like to thank all chapter heads for taking the time to engage with us on pertinent topics.



TAMIA ABRAHAMS
PRESIDENT

We are extremely proud of our Director of Public Relations, Michelle Fontana, who was selected for the IFMSA Youth Pre-World Health Assembly in Geneva in May. This was a wonderful opportunity for Michelle to foster new connections and advance the cause of chiropractic within the medical community.

Our long-standing relationship with the World Federation of Chiropractic also saw Michelle attending the 77th World Health Assembly as part of their delegation. We are grateful to the WFC for this unique annual collaboration. Miss Fontana represented us at the highest level in healthcare and should be extremely proud of the professional manner in which she represented our organization.

As the excitement builds and the AGM fast approaches, I encourage you to ensure all your affairs are in order. Stay up to date with all communications,

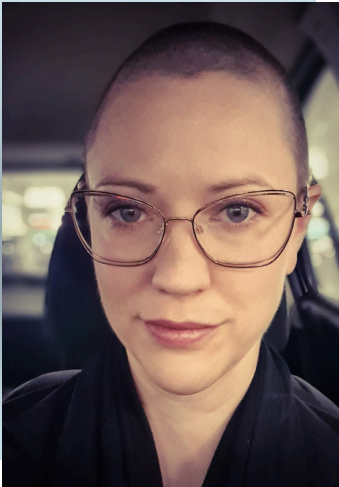
including information about the dress code, proposals, and what your chapter needs to bring to the event. Ensure you are on the WhatsApp groups to stay informed of the latest updates. The UV Chapter is excited to host you and has planned enriching lectures and exciting social events. We look forward to making new memories and welcoming new members to our wonderful organization.

As the curtains draw to a close on this lively term of office, I would like to thank you, my fellow peers. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve you, and I hope I have done it justice. My tenacious and hard-working Board has been stellar! I salute you for your long hours and the passion you have displayed. To the wider Team of Officials, thank you for helping us keep this organization moving forward. Lastly, but certainly not least, to YOU, our chapters! We thank you for your input, passion, and action over this last year. You are the heart of our organization, and without you, we would be nothing!

To all of you reading this, keep being the driving force behind this profession. The future of chiropractic is in your very capable hands (literally) and I am proud to say that the future looks dazzling!



Board of Directors 2023/2024: External Affairs Ammaarah Ebrahim, Internal Affairs DC Édith Scalabrini, Immediate Past President DC Brian Miller, Public Relations Michelle Fontana, Fincance Carolanne Dion, President Tamia Abrahams. Missing on this picture is our valued BoD member Secretary Danielle Tonkin.



DANIELLE TONKIN
SECRETARY

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It's happening! AGM and the end of this year's BoD/ToO term is fast approaching and we at the BoD are very excited to share this experience with those of you who will be attending. The AGM is not just a time where people from all over the world gather to have a week of fun. While that's absolutely a component of it, the bedrock of who we are as the WCCS happens at AGM. AGM is the foundational time of the year where everything that we've been working for over the past 12 months comes together. Proposals are made to update / change the policies and procedures of how we operate, the new ToO and BoD are elected, new chapters are voted in, and so many other things happen at AGM that set us up for success and allow us to survive as an organisation.

Without AGM, we do not have a WCCS. Full stop. Without you, our members, we do not have an AGM. Full stop. So firstly, thank you to those who are able to attend, we're super excited to see you! Secondly, thank you to all of you who have given so much time, energy and effort into your chapters and have done all you can to help support the WCCS and hopefully get to AGM either in person or virtually. To those of you who are not able to make it, you will be missed!

So as we here at the BoD wrap up our 12 months of service, we're doing everything we can to help support those next in line, whomever they may be. We've recognised some gaps in our processes and policies that need to be addressed, we've heard your concerns, and those that we were unable to address we have made note of and will ensure the next team picks up where we've left off.

And a special note to those of you who are reading this thinking to apply for ToO while at AGM. Please do it! But also note that these roles are immensely important, and require dedication, professionalism and a lot of time, energy, and effort to do them properly. This organisation has been surviving for over 40 years, and deserves nothing less than the best from its leaders. So I thank those of you in advance for being willing to accept such a large responsibility and I wish you all the best.

FINANCE

As the saying goes: "All good things must come to an end." In this final quarterly report of my term as the Director of Finances of the WCCS, I want to highlight our most recent achievements and express my gratitude for being part of this exceptional organisation.

First and foremost, I am thrilled to share that I recently graduated from university. My involvement with the WCCS throughout my academic journey has been incredible and it's a privilege to work alongside such a dedicated team of officials. I am confident that the future of this organization is in good hands.

I am proud to announce that we will be welcoming 25 international delegates to our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Veracruz, Mexico, from June 30th to July 6th. With 13 active chapters from around the world and two new applications from the United States, we are poised to strengthen our global presence and financial stability in the coming years.

I would also like to highlight that our Director of Public Relations, Michelle Fontana, attended the Pre-World Health Assembly conference offered by the IFMSA, as well as the World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland, in May 2024. Our organization provided financial assistance to support her attendance.

In preparation for the upcoming AGM, I played a pivotal role in coordinating sponsorships and organizing hotel accommodations. All delegates will be staying at the Hilton Hotel in Veracruz. Additionally, I assisted in planning the welcoming event scheduled for the first night of the AGM on June 30th. This event will offer a unique opportunity for delegates, alumnis, and the team of officials to network and share cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Lastly, I am delighted to announce that the WCCS will be financing the development of a completely new website, set to launch in the next quarter. This new digital platform will enhance our online presence and provide a more user-friendly experience for our members and visitors.



CAROLANNE DION
FINANCES



DC ÉDITH SCALABRINI
INTERNAL AFFAIRS

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Dear Members,

As we approach the end of our term, it is time to reflect on our accomplishments and look forward to the exciting events ahead. The conclusion of our term of office is drawing near, and we are proud of the progress we have made together. Your dedication and hard work has been instrumental in achieving our goals, and we thank each one of you for your contributions.

We are excited for the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2024 that will take place at the beginning of July 2024. This highly anticipated event is an excellent opportunity for us to come together, share our experiences, and set new objectives for the future. We are looking forward to welcoming you all and to engaging in meaningful discussions and collaborative activities.

As part of the AGM 2024 schedule, we will be presenting various involvement opportunities. Active participation in our committees is essential for the continued success and growth of our organization. We strongly encourage all delegates to take advantage of these opportunities. Engaging in different committees not only helps shape the direction of our organization but also provides a platform for personal and professional development. We hope to see enthusiastic participation from all delegates in these committees, as your insights and perspectives are invaluable. Let us make the most of this AGM by contributing to discussions and working together towards our shared vision.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and support. We look forward to welcoming you at AGM 2024 and embarking on this exciting journey together.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Dearest member,

As the 2023/ 2024 term comes to an end, I would like to thank each and every one of you for participating in the growth and resurrection of our great organisation. From all of the organising committee members of our Regional events and AGM to everyone that attend, we greatly appreciate your support. This term has been a canon event in the reinvigoration of the WCCS.

Firstly we acknowledge all of the chapters who had participated in the world spine day campaign themed "move your spine" and the successful campaigns that they had carried out. These campaigns undoubtedly contributed to educating the public on

the importance of moving your spine and shined a light on how chiropractic is used as a modality to achieve this. Special recognition goes to the UJ Chapter for winning first place in the WFC's World Spine Day competition.

Next we acknowledge the participants of the Act4SDG's campaigns. Everyone should be proud of their contributions and for being instrumental in making 2023 one of the most successful years of the Act4SDG's campaign. We hope to make an even bigger impact in the years to come.

I would like to thank all of our external stakeholders for supporting the WCCS in this term and helping us strengthen our relationships, spread awareness of the WCCS and aid in our growth as an organisation. Special thanks to the WFC, GHWN Youth Hub, APCJ and FICS. Read more about our external stakeholders below.

Lastly, with a heavy heart, I say goodbye to the WCCS after 6 years of active membership. It's time for me to join the alumni. The WCCS will always hold a special place in my heart, and I am forever grateful for the opportunities and experiences it has afforded me.

We look back at all of the great strides made this year and look forward to opportunities still to come. Starting with the AGM in Veracruz, Mexico.



AMMAARAH EBRAHIM
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS



MICHELLE FONTANA
PUBLIC RELATIONS

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As the 2023/2024 term nears its end, I would like to reflect on our achievements over the past few months. In early April 2024, we successfully partnered with a web development firm to bring our new website vision to life. With the upcoming website relaunch, we are stepping into a new era for WCCS. The primary objective of the new website is to enhance user experience with improved navigation, responsive design, and up-to-date information about our mission and achievements while reflecting our growth and professionalism. It will feature an easy-to-navigate interface and a simple yet powerful design, making it easier for WCCS members to access important documents and streamline event registration and payment processes. The new website is set to launch in

August/ September, and we are excited for you to see the results of our hard work.

In line with these changes, it is crucial to have a logo that aligns with our new website and represents our organisation effectively. While the previous logo has served us well, updating our brand identity is essential to reflect our growth and development. A proposal for the new logo will be presented and voted on at this year's Annual General Meeting.

Looking ahead, the Marketing Committee will have a busy period ahead, with tasks including updating brand guidelines, creating tutorials for future Directors of Public Relations on website management, and much more. If you're interested in creating engaging campaigns and videos, optimising content, or working on various marketing projects, I encourage you to join the Marketing Committee. It's a fantastic way to get involved in the organisation and contribute to both its growth and your personal development by acquiring valuable skills in social media management, content creation, SEO, branding strategies, performance analysis, and project management. These might serve you well in future opportunities. Please reach out to me at publicrelations@wccsworldwide.org to get involved.

Alongside my role as Director of Public Relations, I had the privilege of participating in the Youth PreWHA hosted by IFMSA (International Federation of Medical Students Association) as well as attending the 77th World Health Assembly as part of the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) delegation. If you'd like to learn more about my experiences in these events, I invite you to read my reports in the "Organization Updates and Activities" section. I would like to extend my gratitude to IFMSA for their educational panels and discussions on Public Health, Universal Health Coverage, and Planetary Health, as well as thank the WFC for inviting me to join their WHA delegation and for their ongoing support. We look forward to continuing these valuable relationships.

REGION UPDATES

AMERICA



Hi all,

We are excited to share with you the American regional updates:

CMCC Updates: Shivarny Maheswaran, president of the CMCC chapter, will be attending this years AGM. They confirmed their executive team for the next academic year, with a few vacancies to be filled at the start of the new school year. The CMCC chapter will also hold an information session in August, in coordination with their student council, to reach new students effectively. Additionally, they have booked a booth for their Clubs Connect Day, where they'll engage with the student community. At the CCA NCT (Canadian Chiropractic Association National Convention and Tradeshow), they met representatives from WFC and World Spine Care and discussed potential collaboration for an upcoming event.

UQTR : With the school year over, they are focusing on AGM preparations and finalizing fundraising efforts. The chapter is bringing 8 members to the AGM and is excited to attend.

Cleveland University: Three students, including president Joshua W. Boudar, are planning to attend the AGM. They have been preparing presentations, reports, and travel plans and are eager to contribute to the AGM discussions and activities.

SCUHS: It's fantastic to see SCUHS reactivating their chapter with full force post-pandemic. We're thrilled to have six dedicated members from their chapter joining us at the AGM, and we know they'll bring fresh insight and energy to the group.

UV: Despite obstacles, the UV team has worked hard to prepare for the AGM. Their dedication and teamwork with the Board of Directors have been impressive. They are eager to share their achievements and learn from other chapters.

As the American Regional Coordinator, it has been an honor to serve this past year. I am grateful for the opportunity to work towards bringing fresh energy and reviving established chapters within the WCCS. Our members have showed outstanding dedication, which has been a constant source of inspiration.

REGION UPDATES

AFRICA



Dear colleagues and friends,

Thank you for your unwavering support throughout this journey. We've reached this point so quickly, but I want to acknowledge all the hard work and dedication the African Region put into making the 2023-2024 term a resounding success.

Both chapters, DUT and UJ, were extremely active, and every member played a vital role. Competitions, community service events, World Spine Day, and an inspirational Regional Event made this term exciting and motivational.

Although the African Region will participate in the AGM online, we are thrilled to still be part of this congress and look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Lastly, I'd like to extend my gratitude for this amazing opportunity and wish everyone the best in their future endeavors.

WESTERN PACIFIC



Hi Everyone!

AGM is just around the corner! I hear everyone is getting super excited! Western Pacific chapters and myself will be attending via online, due to both Chapter Chair's being fairly new to WCCS are focusing on fundraising and student engagement! This is to help for future AGM events!

In other news, ACC 5th years are gearing up ready for their final semester. We look forward to hearing how all of our final year students do this year! They are looking forward to external placements and Mission trips to Cambodia and the Philippines!

As the 2023/2024 year comes to an end, I would like to thank everyone at WCCS for the ongoing support of our Western Pacific Chapters!

REGION UPDATES

EUROPE



Dear members,

Where has the term gone? Time has flown by in the blink of an eye. I'd like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all members of our international community, whose passion and dedication have been truly inspiring.

Our European Regional Event in Paris brought together chapters that were highly motivated to participate. Some newer chiropractic schools have shown great interest in getting established, while others are looking to reignite their chapters. Although there's much to be done, our community will continue to move forward with the help of our dedicated members.

Looking ahead, we have a busy but exciting term planned for the European Region. In addition to a Regional Event, we'll prepare for the upcoming AGM 2025, which will take place at SDU in Denmark. Our aim is to provide students worldwide with an unforgettable experience that will impact them forever.

As for me - It's been an honor to contribute to our profession through WCCS. Witnessing the collective effort and passion of our members has been a rewarding experience. Together, we are making a significant impact and I am confident we will achieve greater things in the future, so let's continue pushing onwards and upwards! Here's to an amazing next term!

COMMITTEES UPDATES

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The 45th Annual General Meeting in Veracruz, Mexico is approaching soon. As we all know, proposals play a crucial role in the continuation and improvement of our organisation. The Legislative Committee encourages all WCCS members to review the two following proposals and vote accordingly at the AGM:

The first proposal for the logo change suggested by the BoD includes:

- Reason for Logo Change:

With the upcoming website relaunch, we are stepping into a new era for WCCS. The primary objective of the new website is to reflect the professionalism of our organisation. It will feature an easy-to-navigate interface and a simple yet powerful design because sometimes less is more. Therefore, it is crucial to have a logo that aligns with these principles and represents our organisation effectively. The inclusion of clearer and more distinct symbols such as the world, hands, and spine, will effectively communicate the specific nature of our organisation within the professional field to the outside world.

- Reasons for Colour Change:

The colour Dark Navy Blue has been chosen in regard to the psychological effects it has on people: how it is



Logo options from Proposal 2024-1, created by the WCCS Marketing Committee.

interpreted, what it stands for and how it influences a consumer's perceptions and preferences. Furthermore, it ensures a strong contrast for optimal visibility in marketing material.

The second proposal is in relation to the succession of AGM hosts. The proposal motivates for the submission of an application form for schools that have accepted their nominations. This is to ensure they are aware of the responsibility that they have when planning an AGM amongst other reasons. Make sure to read through the proposal thoroughly on the delegate drive.

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WORK ABROAD COMMITTEE

Dear Members,

The Work Abroad Committee is dedicated to documenting the steps required to become a chiropractor in various countries. This year, we have made significant progress in this endeavor, compiling comprehensive information and creating valuable resources for our members. We are excited to present these advancements at AGM 2024. Our presentation will highlight the steps taken and milestones achieved, providing a clear roadmap for those interested in pursuing chiropractic careers abroad.

The AGM 2024 also offers a fantastic opportunity for members to express their interest in joining the Work Abroad Committee for the next term. Your participation and unique insights can help us continue to expand and refine our resources, making a meaningful impact on our community. We look forward to seeing you at the AGM 2024.



CHAP

CHAP is all about fostering a community of giving back and raising awareness on public health issues! This said, this quarter we ran a clothing drive for the needy during the month of May. During this drive chapters were encouraged to donate gently used garments to those in need within their respective communities. Unfortunately the interaction was not as great as we hoped, but we thank those chapters that got involved! We strongly urge other chapters and it's members to get involved with future CHAP events!

On the 14th of June, we celebrated world blood donor day, where we strongly encouraged WCCS members to go to their nearest blood bank and donate blood. This is a small way we can give back to our community and show them that chiropractic students are aware of their needs and aim to support and uplift the community.

There will be many more initiatives for members to get involved so watch the WCCS socials. To get your chapter involved with CHAP, just participate in the drives. If you see a need in your community and wish to propose this to the committee, email us at chap@wccsworldwide.org! Also get involved with CHAP by helping plan drives in your chapter and for the WCCS as a whole by reaching out to us.

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MARKETING COMMITTEE

The Marketing Committee has been busy this past quarter. Please find down below our recent achievements in more detail:

European Regional Event Highlights

The Marketing Committee has been actively engaged in filming content and collecting participant testimonials during the European Regional Event. We are pleased to announce the completion of a fantastic recap and explanatory video, showcasing the event's highlights and experiences of our members. You can view and share the video [here](#) with anyone interested in joining or supporting WCCS.



 European Regional Event 2024 in Paris, France
World Congress of Chiropractic Stud...

PowerPoint Presentation Template

In preparation for our upcoming "All Chapter" meeting, we designed a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation template. This will ensure consistency and professionalism across all presentations, making it easier for members to share information.

Collaboration with the CHAP Committee

We have been collaborating closely with the CHAP Committee to create engaging posts for our social media channels. This partnership has enhanced our online presence and ensured that we are delivering relevant and timely content to our audience.

New Logo Development

One of our major initiatives this quarter has been the creation of a new logo for the organisation, aiming to reflect our growth and evolving identity. The proposed design will be presented and voted on at the AGM 2024.

We are excited about these developments and look forward to your continued support. As many more tasks will await our Marketing Committee, we're always on the lookout for new members who would like to get more involved in the organisation. By joining, you'll be able to acquire many new valuable skills in social media management, content creation, branding strategies, performance analysis, and project management. Your engagement will contribute to both the organisational growth and your personal development. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please reach out to us at publicrelations@wccsworldwide.org.

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BIG BROTHER PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce that the Big Brother Program will continue its activities in the upcoming term. This initiative aims to facilitate online meetings between different chapters, allowing participants to share their chiropractic experiences and gain valuable insights. Through these virtual gatherings, members can discuss challenges, exchange ideas, and learn from one another's successes. The program is designed to foster a supportive community where knowledge and experiences can be freely shared, benefiting all involved.

We encourage all chapters to take advantage of this opportunity to connect, grow, and enhance their chiropractic journey together. Let's make the most of this program and continue to build a strong, collaborative network.

BIMONTHLY SPEAKER SERIES

Dr Elise Hewitt, DC

We were honoured to hear from Dr Hewitt from Logan University on June 4th, where she gave her presentation on Modern Paediatric Chiropractic Care. Dr Hewitt is part of the faculty at Logan University and also is a board-certified paediatric Doctor of Chiropractic and one of the foremost authorities in the specialty of chiropractic paediatrics. She is an alumnus of the



University of Colorado and a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Western States Chiropractic College (now UWS), and served for 10 years as President of the Paediatrics Council of the American Chiropractic Association (ACA). Dr. Hewitt currently serves as the Founding Program Director for Logan University's Master of Science in Chiropractic Pediatrics program. In addition, she treats children in her paediatrics-only practice, is a member of the prestigious NCMIC Speakers Bureau, serves on the Editorial Board for the Journal of Chiropractic Medicine (JCM) and is a peer reviewer for several science journals. Dr Hewitt was honoured to be named 2023 Academician of the Year by the ACA, and 2019 Pediatric Chiropractic of the Year by the ACA Pediatrics

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Council. In 2017, she received the Rising Star Award from the American Public Health Association's Chiropractic Health Care Section, and was named Oregon State's 2016 Chiropractor of the Year.

During her presentation she explored the role of chiropractors in paediatric health. She discussed the aetiology of joint dysfunction in children, explained what the latest literature says about the safety of manual therapies in children, and introduced attendees to research regarding common, non-musculoskeletal childhood conditions that may improve with chiropractic care. Throughout her presentation Dr. Hewitt divulged clinical pearls from her 36 years of experience in paediatric practice and post-doctorate education and absolutely wowed us with the amazing detailed information about such a unique topic. It was truly an amazing experience and we send our sincerest thanks again to Dr Hewitt for her time and shared knowledge.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

Dear Members,

The AGM 2024 is just around the corner, taking place from June 30 to July 6, 2024. We are beyond excited to welcome our members to this significant event whether it is in person or virtually!

The AGM represents a significant milestone for the WCCS, wherein individuals from different parts of the globe come together not just for fun, but also to establish the bedrock of our organization. This annual event defines us as a community and serves as the cornerstone of our efforts over the past 12 months. It's during the AGM that we present proposals to update our operational procedures, elect the new ToO and BoD, vote in new chapters, and accomplish other important tasks that pave the way for our success and longevity. In addition to the speaker and workshops planned, it promises to be a week filled with insightful discussions, valuable networking, and memorable experiences.

To ensure you have all the necessary information, we will be sharing specific details about the event in our WhatsApp group. It is essential for all participants to join the group to stay updated on schedules, venues, and other important announcements.

We look forward to seeing you there and making this AGM a success together.



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PAST EVENTS

AFRICAN REGIONAL EVENT

A Regional event is a gathering that welcomes chapters from various regions and parts of the world. Each region hosts this event annually before AGM, organising educational and motivational sessions featuring speakers, workshops, and social activities. In the African region, there are only two chapters: the University of Johannesburg (UJ) Chapter and the Durban University of Technology (DUT) Chapter. Both alternate the hosting responsibility and this year, it was the UJ Chapters turn to host the regional event from April 12th to 14th. All active members from both the UJ and DUT chapters were invited. The event included a series of talks by professionals in the field, workshops aimed at educating and inspiring students, and additional social gatherings providing opportunities for students to interact with peers from other universities.

At this Regional Event, we were privileged to hear from multiple guest speakers:

Dr Fathima Ismail - Research Ethics, Who cares?

Dr. Ismail, the current Head of the Chiropractic Department at the University of Johannesburg, delivered an insightful presentation on the significance of ethics. Through interactive group activities, she prompted students to analyze various articles and abstracts with ethical

dimensions. Her session underscored the broader relevance of ethics not only in research but also in everyday decision-making.

Dr Muhammad Yaseen Tagari - Chiropractic for the Combat Sport Athlete

Dr. Tagari, also a lecturer at the University of Johannesburg, shed light on sports chiropractic, particularly its application in combat sports. His presentation broadened our understanding of sports chiropractic beyond traditional team settings, illustrating its relevance across diverse sports contexts. Dr. Tagari shared techniques for approaching and treating combat sports athletes, emphasizing the role and importance of a ringside chiropractor.



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Diedre Ras- The layer effect of treatment on patient outcome

Mrs. Ras, a qualified biokineticist, highlighted the significance of assessing patient nerve supply through 2-point discrimination and dermatome evaluation. Her workshop on kinesiology taping techniques emphasized the benefits of such interventions. Ras highlighted how nerve assessment can provide valuable insights into patient functioning and outcomes.

Dr Siobhan Wilcox- Empowering Moms to Take Back Their Power

Dr. Wilcox is a qualified chiropractor and biokineticist, and also holds a degree in physical education. Dr. Wilcox discussed the importance of natural pregnancy for maternal and infant health. She provided guidance on musculoskeletal health during pregnancy and postnatal care, as well as advice on infant feeding practices.

Dr Jaqui Bunge- The importance of a detailed history in paediatric chiropractic

Dr. Bunge, a chiropractor specializing in pediatrics, shared real-world insights into pediatric patient care. Highlighting the unique challenges of treating children and infants, she discussed conditions ranging from colic to jaw issues that affect feeding. Dr. Bunge's presentation heightened interest in pediatric chiropractic by revealing the diverse conditions encountered in practice.

Dr Michael Pritchard- Case Studies

Dr. Pritchard, President of the Chiropractic Association of South Africa, presented various case studies to illustrate clinical practice scenarios. Using radiographs and patient presentations, he explored different approaches to patient management. His session provided valuable insights into navigating diverse clinical challenges encountered in chiropractic practice.



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EUROPEAN REGIONAL EVENT

This year's European Regional Event took place in Paris, France, hosted by the IFEC Paris Chapter. Convenor Florian Allix and his team organized a weekend brimming with motivational and educational lectures, hands-on workshops, and engaging social activities. In this article, Florian offers an in-depth look at what it takes to organize such an event, sharing both the exciting highlights and the behind-the-scenes challenges.

Hello! I'm Florian Allix, a 5th-year student at IFEC Paris in France and a proud WCCS member. This year I had the privilege of organising the European Regional Event (RE) 2024 alongside other members of my chapter. Let me take you behind the scenes and offer you a candid look at our journey leading to the event:

Our journey began during the 2023 AGM in Trois-Rivières, Canada, where Alice (our current president) and I (then secretary) accepted the nomination to host the next European RE. Neither of us had any experience organising an event of such magnitude, but we were excited for the opportunity to do so.

As we flew back to France, our vision of how it would work was still somewhat elusive, and we weren't quite ready to dive headfirst into the planning process. Looking back, our first mistake was procrastination. We definitely should have started planning immediately.

As the summer passed and the new school year approached, we became more aware of the importance of planning. Alongside Alice and other IFEC Paris chapter members, as well as the WCCS Board of Directors (BoD), we began our preparations. I assumed the role of "Regional Event Convenor," initially unsure of what it entailed. The convenor's main responsibilities include organizing the event, overseeing preparations and follow-up tasks, and serving as a communication bridge between the BoD, the convening team, and the hosting institution. This involves forwarding information



Convenor Team: Victorine, Florian, Alice and Laurine from IFEC Paris.

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from the BoD, creating an information package, overseeing the budget, finding sponsors, securing speakers, and more. Although planning is time-consuming and stressful, it is incredibly rewarding. It teaches setting priorities, organizing timelines, improving communication and teamwork, delegating tasks, and handling unexpected challenges. The BoD provides checklists and guidelines to assist, and everyone is eager to help, so I was never alone.

At this year's European Regional Event, we welcomed students from six European institutions: University of Zurich (Switzerland), Southern Denmark University (Denmark), McTimoney and AECC (UK), IFEC Paris, and IFEC Toulouse (France). We offered a comprehensive tour of our institution, conducted by chapter members and clinicians, showcasing our facilities and the way chiropractic is taught and practiced in France. Participants enjoyed and learned from guest speakers:

- **Anais Badon (DC)** shared insights into paediatric chiropractic from her practice in Spain.
- **Audrey Yargui (DC)**, a member of the FICS commission, along with **Quentin Courthéoux (DC)**, conducted a workshop, sharing their experiences in caring for athletes during international competitions.
- **Sylvain Pigeon (DC-MSc)** led a workshop focusing on the latest research on chiropractic adjustments, including directional preference and adjustment specificity.
- **Florian Barbier (DC-PhD)**, a doctoral student, presented the initial results of his thesis on the psycho-organisational risk factors of neck pain and its associated disorders in workers. His dynamic presentation and faultless French accent captivated the audience.



Audrey Yargui representing FICS and giving a presentation about caring for athletes during international competitions.

Regional Events are enriching experiences, aiming to provide a platform for chiropractic students to connect, learn, and engage in international exchange on topics like research, education, techniques and more. It's needless to say that the conversations, friendships and connections between students don't just happen during the conferences. They continue during breaks, meals, and often even after getting back home. A look into the past shows that WCCS friendships often last a lifetime, bringing with them social and professional opportunities for collaborations and personal growth. It's evident that these

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events offer an undeniable social aspect alongside their educational value. Therefore, we made sure to organise various outings and activities after congress hours. This included a guided tour of Paris, a 100% authentic Parisian apéritif at the Seine with a spectacular view of the Eiffel Tower and a great night full of socialising, fun and dancing!

As a convenor team, dealing with the unexpected, setbacks, and technical glitches can be incredibly frustrating. Despite planning every detail, we encountered numerous challenges. However, such is the nature of live events. And nevertheless, we managed to navigate through these challenges and provide our fellow chiropractic students with a memorable and enriching weekend. Witnessing the appreciation from the attending students, whether for a taste of our culture or for the interchange on chiropractic topics offered, made all the hard work worthwhile. It's an experience I can recommend to any chiropractic student out there, and I urge all WCCS members to continue bringing to life this spirit through your hard work within the organisation as well as in organisation and attendance at such events.

I would like to express my gratitude to the WCCS as an organisation for making events like these possible, to the attending students for exceeding our expectations, and, above all, to the members of the WCCS IFEC Paris chapter for all the hard work you've put in this RE!

PS: Make sure to watch the Recap Video from our European Regional Event 2024 in Paris [here](#) for more insights about this weekend.



European Region represented by six European Chiropractic Universities: UZH, SDU, AECC, McTimoney, IFEC Paris and IFEC Toulouse.

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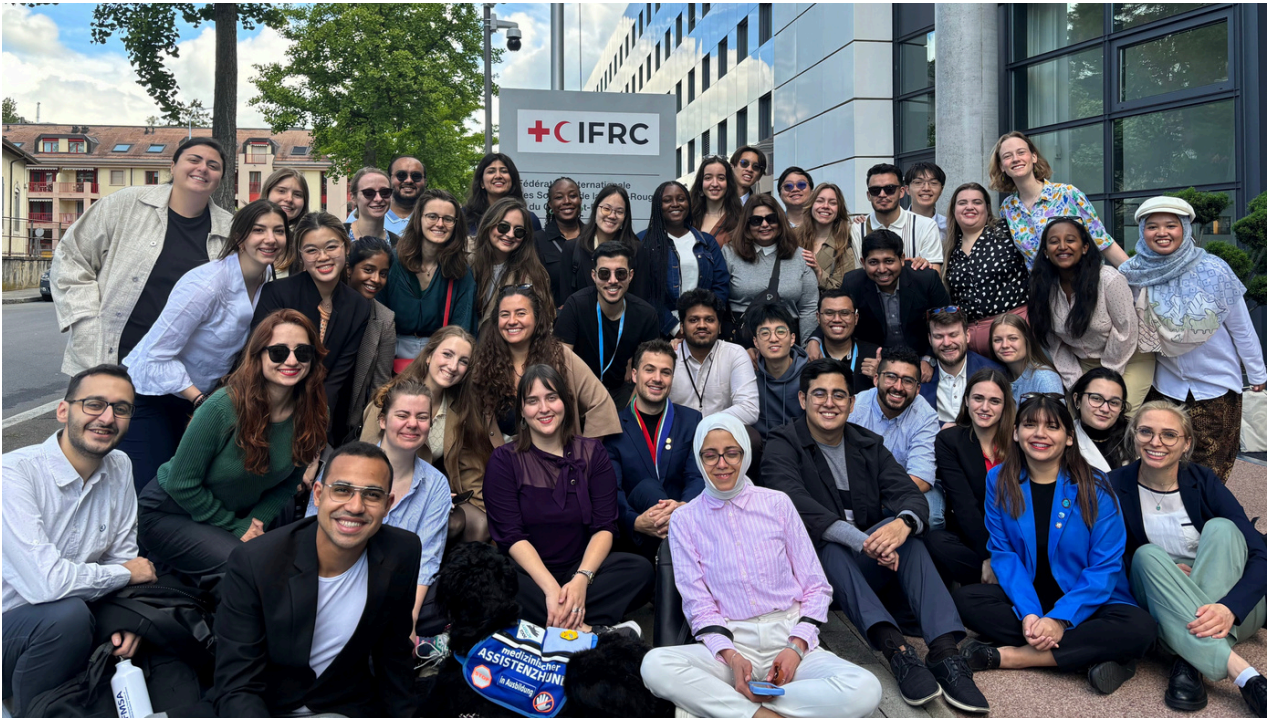
12TH YOUTH PRE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

This year, our Director of Public Relations, Michelle Fontana, after a rigorous application process, was selected to participate in the prestigious Youth PreWHA 2024 hosted annually by the International Federation of Medical Students Association (IFMSA) in Geneva, Switzerland.

The contact between chiropractic and medical students was initiated long ago. Since IFMSA organised its first-ever Youth PreWHA in 2013, a few WCCS members have had the opportunity to apply and attend the preparatory event leading to the World Health Assembly (WHA). They have learned from high-level speakers and developed their skills in speech, leadership, and advocacy. Representing the WCCS, Michelle had the chance to broaden her horizon on topics such as public health care, universal health coverage, and many others that go beyond the university curriculum. The event featured many interesting high-level speakers and interactive workshops on Public Health, Universal Health Coverage and Primary Health Care, Youth Engagement, Digital Health Summits, and more. Some of her favourite sessions included:

- **Outbreaks, Epidemics, and Pandemics by Dr. Ana Hoxhaby Dr. Ana Hoxha** (Epidemiologist, Alert & Response Coordination - WHO Health Emergencies Programme). This session provided background knowledge on infectious disease emergencies and emphasised the importance of aligning our health system to be resilient and capable of withstanding these challenges.
- **Building Back Better – Health Systems Resilience and Strengthening by Mahdu (IFMSA Academic Coordinator on Universal Health Coverage)** This session highlighted the concept of resilience, the importance of preparedness and recovery in the health system shock cycle, the challenges facing health systems resilience and strengthening (HSRS), and the need for a primary health care-oriented system to combat re-emerging public health emergencies of international concern.
- **What Makes Successful Advocacy? by Dr. Arwa Hani (IFMSA Liaison Officer to WHO)**. This workshop explored what makes advocacy efforts successful and the skills and strategies needed to enhance advocacy plans. Participants analysed past powerful advocacy campaigns like "Me Too," "I Can," the "Ice Bucket Challenge," and more.
- **Profit Over People? Commercialising Health by Prof. Sharon Friel**. This panel discussion explored the concept of commercial determinants of health, critically analysed the role of the private sector in global health promotion, and identified necessary directions toward valuing people above profit.

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12th Youth PreWHA delegation at the International Federation of Red Cross in Geneva, Switzerland.

- **The Art of Small Talk by Inês Costa Louro (IFMSA Vice-President for External Affairs).** Participants practised their networking skills, public speaking, and elevator pitches. Effective advocacy requires expertise, good planning, and strategy, as well as the ability to represent stances fluently and pitch ideas to high-level stakeholders.
- **WHA Simulation by IFMSA.** Participants explored the inner workings of the World Health Assembly from different global health actors' perspectives, consolidating the skills and knowledge gathered over the past weeks through case studies.

This opportunity is immensely valuable to the WCCS and all participants because it offers the chance to network and create connections, potentially leading to more interprofessional collaborations in the future. It provides the opportunity to educate other health care professionals about chiropractic and its role in achieving common public health goals and universal health coverage. Participants gain insights into policymaking, meet high-level health care professionals, and possibly change their future career paths. The event also provides opportunities to meet high-level speakers and advocate for the chiropractic profession. I'd like to take the opportunity therefore to thank IFMSA for organising this event and creating the possibility to connect and work in an interdisciplinary way.

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77TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

After the preparatory Youth PreWHA week, our Director of Public Relations, Michelle Fontana, had the privilege to attend the World Health Assembly (WHA) as part of the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) delegation. The delegation included notable figures like DC Richard Brown (WFC Secretary-General), DC Deborah Kopansky-Giles (WFC Past Council Member), Dr. Julie-Lyn Noel (EUROSPINE Director of Education), Dr. Anthony Woolf (Past Chair of the Global Alliance for Musculoskeletal Health), and Jamie Greenawalt (President of Foot Levelers Inc.).

The WHA, the highest decision-making body of the World Health Organization (WHO), convenes annually in Geneva with its 194 Member States to set policies, appoint the Director-General, supervise financial policies, and approve budget. The week-long event includes committee meetings focused on technical, health, financial, and management issues, and plenary sessions where all WHA delegates convene to hear reports and adopt resolutions proposed by the committees. Alongside the WHA schedule, numerous side events unite member states, health sector actors, civil society, and persons with disabilities to discuss inclusive health systems and advancing health initiatives.

This year's assembly was themed "All For Health, Health For All" and began on



Director of Public Relations Michelle Fontana at the 77th World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland.

May 27, 2024, with speeches from Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and the election of Dr. Edwin Dikoloti of Botswana as President of the Health Assembly. Over the course of the next five days, Member States discussed various important healthcare issues:

27 May 2024: Agreement on three key resolutions: a Global Infection Prevention Strategy aiming to reduce health care-associated infections (HAIs) by 2030, a resolution to enhance rehabilitation services and addressing workforce shortages, and a resolution to strengthen diagnostic services across various diseases and improve access and technology transfer.

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28 May 2024: Approval of an \$11.1 billion four-year strategy to tackle health challenges such as climate change, aging, migration, pandemics, and equity. Key initiatives include improving primary health care, financial protection, and health emergency responses. Launching of an investment case to support this strategy, aiming to save 40 million lives and improve the health of 6 billion people.

29 May 2024: Adoption of WHA's first-ever resolution on social participation, enhancing public involvement in health decisions. Call for a global strategy on emergency, critical, and operative care by 2035. Approval of a resolution to integrate mental health support in emergency responses. Celebration of 50 years immunization success and discussion of the economic importance of health, emphasizing innovative financing and universal health coverage initiatives.

30 May 2024: Approval of several key resolutions, including a groundbreaking agreement on ethical transplantation practices, a new global action plan for infection prevention and control, and a commitment to recover lost progress in maternal, newborn, and child survival. Approval of a resolution to mobilize action against antimicrobial resistance and discussion of the potential and governance of artificial intelligence in health care.

31 May 2024: The WHA addressed climate change's health risks, restructured economies for health, leveraged sports for well-being, tackled antimicrobial resistance, supported increased WHO funding, addressed the health emergency in Ukraine, advanced polio eradication, maintained smallpox virus stocks for research, reviewed WHO's emergency responses, and strengthened laboratory biosafety.

Next to the plenary and committee sessions, Miss Fontana attended several side events focusing on non-communicable diseases, rehabilitation, and health workers' well-being, aligning closely with chiropractic expertise and topics for the 2025 UN High-Level meeting.

Engaging in these kind of events offers an invaluable experience, and the importance of this involvement can be encapsulated in several key areas:

- **Advocacy:** Representing the chiropractic profession and youth, fostering interprofessional collaboration to achieve our common goal for accessible and safe healthcare for all.
- **Knowledge Enhancement:** Gaining insights into policy-making and strategic thinking, enhancing understanding of global health and how one can contribute to this vital field.

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- **Networking:** Opportunities to connect with global health leaders, policymakers, and professionals, fostering beneficial collaborations.
- **Professional Development:** Developing relevant skills by attending workshops and sessions, encouraging to think outside the box and learning to effectively advocate and represent both themselves and the profession to high-level healthcare professionals.

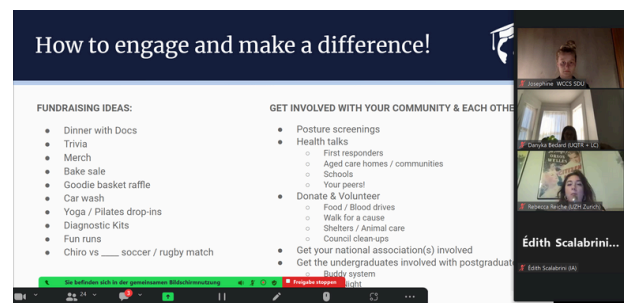


Our Director of Public Relations Michelle Fontana with WFC Secretary-General DC Richard Brown.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the WFC for supporting chiropractic students and providing the opportunity to attend this high-level event, empowering the next generation of chiropractic professionals and advocates.

CHAPTER MASS MEETING

On April 24th, the Board of Directors hosted a virtual “mass meeting” for all chapters. The aim of the meeting was to reintroduce and reinforce the concept of the WCCS to all existing and potential new chapters. The board presented to the students on the benefits, aims and objectives of the organisations as whol, followed by an open floor for questions and discussions. The attending chapters had an opportunity to ask their questions, voice their opinions and grievances and connect with each other. This was a highly successful exercise as the chapters felt heard and were able to share their opinions with their fellow peers.



We encourage the next team of officials to keep this meeting on their calendar, as it fosters a greater sense of community and allows for open communication to occur. Furthermore it allows those in leadership positions to have their ears to the ground and actively listen to struggles and triumphs of the members that make up the WCCS!

We thank all attendees for contributing and hope you now better understand our dynamic organization and the opportunities you can seize!

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MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Hi all, I'm Jean-Christophe Moreau, a 5th year chiropractic student at Trois-Rivières, Québec, Canada.

I chose to pursue a doctorate in chiropractic because I love taking care of others and establishing meaningful helping relationships. Chiropractic allows me to make a tangible difference in people's lives by relieving their pain and promoting their overall well-being. By integrating my knowledge of healthy lifestyle habits, I can holistically advise my patients and help them achieve a better quality of life. The recognition and gratitude from patients for improving their health is an immense source of motivation for me. It's this passion for well-being and the positive impact I can have on people that led me to this career.

I decided to get involved as co-president of my university's WCCS committee for several reasons: my engagement in the WCCS is driven by my curiosity and desire for perfection. Discovering different perspectives within the chiropractic world enriches my own point of view, which in return allows me to better advise my patients in different aspects of life. Diversity is a strength in chiropractic, and I want to use this richness for the well-being of my patients. As co-president, I can contribute to this diversity and excellence in our practice while sharing this passion with my peers from all around the world. So far, the various events of the WCCS have ignited a flame that motivates me to continue my involvements and enrich my chiropractic knowledge. The meetings and friendships I have forged through the WCCS have brought me something unique from a personal, student, and professional perspective.

I aspire to establish a private practice in Montreal, either by partnering with a friend or acquiring an existing clinic. This fall, I will embark on a short second-cycle program in sports chiropractic to specialize in meeting the needs of this clientele. I am determined to develop my practice and become a leading figure in sports chiropractic for elite athletes, both in Quebec and across Canada.



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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Hi, my name is Dr Damiano Costa, DC. I graduated from the Madrid College of Chiropractic in 2015 and am currently practicing in my own office and serving as a board member (secretary) on the Association of Italian Chiropractors.

Why I choose to study chiropractic:

I chose to study chiropractic because it fulfilled my desire for a deeper understanding of the human body, to become a skilled healthcare provider, and to explore the world.

Why I joined the WCCS:

I got involved with the WCCS driven by my curiosity to explore the world. I wanted to meet people from different corners of the globe who share my passion for chiropractic. I aimed to travel, experience diverse cultures, and connect through the common language of our profession.

How I benefited being part of WCCS:

Being part of the WCCS enabled me to forge friendships with people worldwide. My perspective on life and chiropractic expanded exponentially thanks to this organization. I found a welcoming and respectful environment to share and discuss my views on our profession and its future while actively listening to other students. Additionally, I served the WCCS in two leadership roles, as vice president and president, for two years. This experience helped me develop my leadership skills, which now serve me as



DC DAMIANO COSTA
ALUMNI, MADRID COLLEGE
OF CHIROPRACTIC, SPAIN

a member of the current board of directors of the Association of Italian Chiropractors. During my time as a WCCS board member, I introduced chiropractic to other healthcare student associations, such as the International Pharmaceutical Students Federation (IPSF) and the International Federation of Medical Students Associations (IFMSA).

My advice to current/ prospect members/ new graduates:

If you are in the WCCS, make the most of your time by getting involved in as many current projects as possible. If you have ideas to advance and unite our profession, speak up and make them happen—the WCCS is the perfect place to do so!

If you are not in the WCCS, know that it is a safe space where you can meet amazing people from around the world who are eager to know you and your views on chiropractic. Plus, the WCCS is a lot of fun!

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APC JOURNAL

The March issue of the Asia Pacific Chiropractic Journal titled "The importance of evidence based practice and clinical competence in chiropractic" has been written by our Director of External Affairs Ammaarah Ebrahims.



This well written editorial published in the Asia Pacific Chiropractic Journal offers insight into what the future of chiropractic and medical care looks like from the perspective of a young chiropractor entering the clinical environment. The writer offers her opinion on the importance of clinical competence and the use of evidence based practice in the age of information. This article is a must read.

The importance of Evidence-Based Practice and clinical competence in Chiropractic care

Ammaarah Ebrahim

Narrative: We live in an Age where Medical misconceptions, misinterpretations of research findings, and the dissemination of unverified claims have the potential to undermine evidence-based practice and compromise patient care.

By ardently embracing evidence-based practice, nurturing clinical competence, nurturing critical thinking, and fostering collaboration, we can safeguard the sanctity of patient care and fortify the edifice of modern medicine against the perils of misinformation

Indexing terms: Chiropractic; World Congress of Chiropractic Students, WCCS; critical thinking; information literacy.

Introduction

In the annals of Chiropractic history, the figure of Daniel David Palmer looms large, his legacy shaping the trajectory of the profession. As we navigate the contemporary landscape of healthcare, it is imperative to confront the implications of Palmer's controversial views and practices and their resonance in the present era.

The historical veneration of seasoned doctors' authority, juxtaposed with the modern surge in accessible information, has ushered in a paradigm shift where patients can scrutinise and fact-check their healthcare providers more readily than ever before. This transformation necessitates a resolute

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commitment to evidence-based practice and clinical competence in chiropractic care, transcending the shadow of Palmer's controversial legacy.



The shadow of controversy

Daniel David Palmer, the founding figure of chiropractic, espoused theories and practices that continue to provoke controversy and debate within the healthcare community. Central to Palmer's teachings was the concept of '*subluxations*', purported misalignments in the spine believed to underpin a multitude of ailments. He was also famously an opponent of vaccination. Palmer's unorthodox approach, while embraced fervently within the chiropractic sphere, has encountered skepticism and criticism from mainstream medical authorities, with some of his claims standing at odds with established scientific evidence.

In an era where a seasoned doctor's word was once deemed as good as gold, Palmer's unconventional views held sway, shaping the early identity of Chiropractic care. However, the contemporary landscape presents a stark departure from this historical reverence, characterised by an explosion of information across myriad subjects, including healthcare. Patients now possess the means to easily verify the validity of their healthcare providers, underscoring the exigency of upholding evidence-based practice and clinical competence in chiropractic care.

Embracing Evidence-Based Practice

The proliferation of information in the digital age has engendered a paradigm where evidence-based practice assumes unprecedented significance in safeguarding the integrity of Chiropractic care. Embracing evidence-based practice necessitates the judicious integration of the latest research findings, clinical expertise, and patient values in the decision-making process. It demands an unwavering commitment to critically appraising available evidence, eschewing unfounded claims, and upholding the sanctity of scientific inquiry in the delivery of Chiropractic care.

The imperative of evidence-based practice extends beyond the mere assimilation of research findings; it encompasses a culture of intellectual rigour and a steadfast dedication to patient-centred care. By grounding our clinical decisions in a robust foundation of evidence, we not only safeguard the well-being of our patients but also fortify the legitimacy of Chiropractic care in the broader healthcare landscape.

Nurturing clinical competence

The pursuit of clinical competence stands as the bedrock of exemplary Chiropractic care. Cultivating clinical competence demands a commitment to continuous learning, professional development, and the relentless pursuit of excellence in patient care. It necessitates a mastery of the latest diagnostic and therapeutic modalities, an astute understanding of patient needs and preferences, and a willingness to adapt to the evolving currents of healthcare practice.

By nurturing clinical competence, we fortify ourselves against the perils of misinformation and uphold the standards of care expected by our patients and the broader healthcare community. It is incumbent upon us, as chiropractors, to espouse a spirit of continual improvement and an unwavering dedication to the art and science of healing.

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Escaping the shadow of Palmer

The controversial legacy of Daniel David Palmer looms over the chiropractic profession, casting a long shadow that continues to influence public perception and professional discourse. To transcend this historical legacy, Chiropractic as a whole must ardently embrace evidence-based practice and clinical competence. This imperative requires a paradigm shift, one that prioritises the rigorous evaluation of evidence, the cultivation of clinical acumen, and the relentless pursuit of patient-centred care.

Escaping the shadow of Palmer demands a steadfast commitment to critical thinking, intellectual humility, and the willingness to subject our practices to the crucible of scrutiny. By aligning ourselves with the principles of evidence-based practice and clinical competence, we not only elevate the standard of care within chiropractic but also engender trust, respect, and legitimacy in the broader healthcare arena.

Nurturing critical thinking and information literacy

In order to inoculate the medical community against the insidious influence of misinformation, the cultivation of critical thinking skills and information literacy must be prioritised. Medical education and professional development programs should emphasise the art of discerning credible sources, critically appraising research, and scrutinising claims in an era fraught with misinformation. Equipping practitioners with the tools to navigate the labyrinth of information is pivotal in safeguarding the integrity of evidence-based medicine.

Collaboration and advocacy

Combatting misinformation in medicine cannot be a solitary endeavour. It demands collective action and unwavering advocacy for the principles of evidence-based practice and clinical competence. Interdisciplinary collaboration between medical professionals, educators, researchers, and policy-makers is indispensable in fortifying the foundations of evidence-based medicine. By fostering a collaborative ecosystem that champions the rigorous pursuit of knowledge and the dissemination of accurate information, we fortify the bulwarks against the encroachment of misinformation.

'There are in fact two things, science and opinion:
the former begets knowledge, the latter ignorance'

Hippocrates

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Conclusion

As the custodians of patient well-being and the torch-bearers of healthcare excellence, Chiropractors must confront the historical implications of Palmer's controversial legacy with unwavering resolve. By ardently embracing evidence-based practice, nurturing clinical competence, and advocating for transparency and patient-centred care, we can extricate chiropractic from the shadow of controversy and project it as a venerated cornerstone of evidence-based healthcare.

Let us stand as champions of truth, stewards of evidence-based practice, and guardians of patient well-being, resolute in our commitment to the relentless pursuit of knowledge and the preservation of healthcare integrity.

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The Asia Pacific Chiropractic Journal along with its editor Dr Phillip Ebrall, a WCCS alumn, have been avid supporters of the WCCS and continuously and consistently afforded the WCCS the opportunity to publish editorials authored by WCCS members in the journal.

The APCJ is been instrumental in the continuity of the WCCS and we are extremely grateful for this platform upon which student voices may be heard. We look forward to working with the APCJ for many years to come. The WCCS has contributed to the journal each quarter. All WCCS editorials may be viewed under the WCCS tab in the journal or may be found on the WCCS website. Happy reading!



The International Federation of Sports Chiropractic is an international specialty chiropractic organisation working to make chiropractic care accessible to all athletes around the world. The FICS student clubs and student commission have engaged with the

WCCS over the term to strengthen our relationship and educate members on sports chiropractic by offering to present at our AGM and all AGM's for the foreseeable future. We thank our former public relations director and current FICS student commission liaison, Dr Tagari, for engaging with us.

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The Global Health Workers Network youth hub is a subsidiary of the World Health Organisation. The WCCS is an active member of the youth hub steering committee and is actively involved in youth advocacy. The relationship between the WCCS and the GHWN Youth Hub allows the WCCS access to many youth advocacy toolkits and research participation opportunity. It also allows us to foster interprofessional relationships with members of adjacent healthcare professions and gives our members access to global health seminars. The WCCS is committed to increasing its involvement with the youth hub as the WCCS continues to grow its membership.



The World Federation of Chiropractic is an international chiropractic organisation and has supported the WCCS for many years. Firstly, we take this opportunity to thank Dr Richard Brown for continuously supporting and advising the WCCS. We congratulate Dr Kendra Da Silva on her new position as WFC president and wish her the best of luck in this role. Dr Da Silva has been a champion of the WCCS for many years and has supported the organisation both locally, in her home country of South Africa, and internationally. This year the WFC has graciously extended an invitation to the WCCS to attend the World Health Assembly as part of its delegation and have generously chosen to be a sponsor for the AGM. The WFC have played a vital roll in ensuring the continuity of the WCCS.



We are extremely proud of our Director of Public Relations for attending the IFMSA Youth preWHA event. Ms Fontana has shown great passion for interprofessional collaborations as is seen by the effort made to foster good relations with the International Federation of Medical Students Association (IFMSA). We hope to continue the relationship with IFMSA and start working on joint projects in the future.