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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome everyone to the second Quarterly Report of the 2025–2026 term of office. We hope you enjoyed the introduction shared in our previous Quarterly Report.

The fall semester has been a particularly challenging period for the WCCS Board of Directors and Team of Officers, as many of us are navigating one of the most demanding semesters of our academic journeys. Nevertheless, we have remained committed to keeping the organization moving forward and actively contributing to the continued growth and progress of the WCCS.

At the start of our term, our Director of Secretary represented WCCS at the Union of International Associations (UIA) Roundtable, held on November 21st in Brussels. This event provided a valuable opportunity for exchange and discussion with representatives from other

international associations, allowing us to broaden our perspectives and explore potential future partnerships.

We were also very pleased to see the strong involvement of our chapters in the World Spine Day activities. The winner of the WFC contest will be announced soon. In addition, we would like to introduce a Chapter Spotlight to highlight chapters that demonstrated exceptional creativity, impact, or engagement during World Spine Day.

Similarly, it was inspiring to observe the level of participation during SDG Week. We greatly appreciate the commitment shown by our chapters and hope to see even more community engagement and volunteer initiatives in the coming months.





Looking ahead to 2026, preparations are underway for the upcoming Regional Event and Annual General Meeting.

Dates and locations:

- **European Regional Event** : 9 -12 April in Edinburgh, Scotland
- **American Regional Event** : 27 February - 1 March in Los Angeles, America

In November, we were honored to host Dr. Patrick Freud as our bi-monthly speaker. His presentation, titled *"The Neurology of Reduced Spinal Motion,"* generated meaningful discussion and engagement among attendees. Our goal is to continue offering bi-monthly speaker sessions that are relevant, educational, and valuable to our members. If you have suggestions for topics or specific speakers you would like us to host, we warmly encourage you to share them with us.

We are excited to share that our Regional Coordinators are making excellent progress, with several new chapters on track to join our organization. We look forward to welcoming these chapters and strengthening our global network.

We also hope to see many of you at the next Annual General Meeting in Los Angeles. In preparation for this event, we have reached out to our alumni community and are delighted by the strong level of interest and positive responses we have received. Their participation will undoubtedly add great value to the AGM experience.

**LORRY-ANNE CROTEAU &
NIKHITA NATHOO**
PRESIDENTS

SECRETARY UPDATE

Hi everyone!

We're happy to share some updates from this quarter.

In November, I had the opportunity to attend the UIA Roundtable in Belgium. It was an inspiring experience to meet people from all over the world and to introduce them to chiropractic and the work of the WCCS. I was honoured to represent the WCCS Board of Directors—thank you to them for trusting me with this incredible opportunity.

Together with Josephine, we selected the conferences that would be most relevant for us, making the experience even more valuable.

This quarter was thrilling with the Sustainable Development Goals, in France we chose the 3rd goal : Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages and the 5th goal : achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

We also took part in World Spine Day by organizing hands-on activities focused on recognizing anatomical structures such as bones, vertebrae, and mastoids. It was great to bring everyone together around interactive and educational moments for this event.

I can't wait to see what 2026 has in store for us and the challenges we'll tackle together.



LÉA CALDAS
SECRETARY

FINANCE UPDATE

Greetings to all,

First and foremost, I would like to thank all members and chapters for remaining actively engaged despite the demands of the fall semester. Your continued dedication and involvement across all aspects of the chiropractic profession are essential to our collective success.

Chapter Fees Update

I am currently working on the framework through which chapter fees will be determined. As discussed during the 2025 AGM, our objective is to implement a reduced fee structure for chapters located in developing countries. Further details will be shared prior to the next quarterly report.

AGM and Regional Events 2026

Planning for the 2026 AGM and Regional Events is progressing well. Registration and payment links for the various events will be made available in the near future.

Tax Season

With the upcoming tax season, I am ensuring that all necessary preparations are in place so that filings can be completed accurately and on time.

Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions or require further clarification.

As many of you may be entering a well-deserved break, I wish you a restful and enjoyable time off. Thank you once again for your continued commitment, and I look forward to reconnecting in the new year.



LORRY-ANNE CROTEAU
FINANCE & CO-PRESIDENT

PUBLIC RELATIONS UPDATE

During my quarter as PR Director, the primary focus has been on strengthening communication and increasing transparency across WCCS. We are in the process of implementing a series of new videos designed to clearly explain what is happening within WCCS, highlight ongoing initiatives, and provide greater insight into our work and objectives. These videos aim to make information more accessible and engaging for our members and wider audience.

As we continue to develop and roll out these communication tools, we are also keen to ensure that our messaging reflects the needs and interests of our community. We therefore welcome any questions, feedback, or topics you would like us to address, as your input will help guide future content and support more effective communication moving forward.

Happy New Year!



NIKHITA NATHOO
PUBLIC RELATIONS
& CO-PRESIDENT

INTERNAL AFFAIRS UPDATE

Cheers everyone,

We have a very fun year ahead of us. Going into the new year we have at least 3 chapters that will be rejoining WCCS!

We also have the Big Brother Program which will begin in January with the help of my fellow board members.

We are also excited to get more information about AGM to everyone in January. Our European RE is being held the weekend of April 11th and the Americas RE is being held the weekend of February 27th.

Make sure to keep track of your Whatsapp and emails for Google surveys on those two events, they will be sure to be a wonderful time.

Overall, we have had a fantastic year and we are looking forward to an amazing new year!



DANIELA LAMASTA
INTERNAL AFFAIRS

AFRICA'S UPDATE

During this reporting period, the African region was actively involved in multiple wellness, sporting, and community service initiatives aimed at promoting spinal health awareness and community engagement.

The region participated in a Wellness Day hosted by KMT Fitness, where members engaged with attendees through spinal health education, wellness discussions, and promotion of healthy lifestyle practices.

As part of a community service initiative, members assisted at a mini market for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA). This involvement supported the SPCA's fundraising and community outreach efforts, while also providing opportunities to engage with the public in an informal setting.

Chiropractic services were also provided at a Soccer and Padel Tournament, where on-site care, injury prevention advice, and recovery support were offered to participating athletes.

In recognition of World Spine Day, the African region conducted a "Sign for Your Spine" campaign, encouraging individuals to pledge their commitment to spinal health. The event included educational activities such as a spinal health quiz and a "Label the Spine" game to reinforce anatomical awareness. Prizes and treats were distributed to increase participation and engagement.

These initiatives contributed to increased public awareness of chiropractic care, reinforced the importance of spinal health, and strengthened community involvement within the African region.

The African region would like to extend warm wishes for a happy holiday season and safe travels, and wishes everyone a happy and successful New Year.



ZEENAT HOOSEN
AFRCIAN RC

AMERICA'S UPDATE

I've been quite active with potential new chapters through our internal affairs, and we truly hope that some of them will be able to join us for the AGM and/or America's RE. Regarding America's regional event, it will take place from February 27 to March 1. The schedule and registration link should be available soon on our website and social media—stay tuned! I have also been working with SCUHS to organize the AGM. We are very happy to see that many alumni are interested in taking part in our alumni night. I've really enjoyed working with everyone involved in organizing the AGM so far, and we can't wait to share the full schedule once everything is finalized.

Happy Holidays!



MEGAN GÉLINAS
AMERICA'S RC

EUROPE'S UPDATE

Hello everyone !

During these 3 months, I did some meetings to organize the European Regional Event, this event will take place from April 9 to April 12 2026 in Edinburgh. Another meeting with Lorry-Anne (Co-president) and Daniela (Internal Affairs) will be done in the beginning of 2026 to discuss about the final part. Tickets will be available soon !

3 regional meetings have been done with all the European chapters and we discussed events and activities.

We will soon be welcoming new European schools to the WCCS, and I am currently in contact with them.

Enjoy your holidays !



LAURINE BARBIER
EUROPEAN RC

WEST-PAC'S UPDATE

As the year comes to a close, the Oceania region reflects a period of reconnection, renewed engagement, and intentional foundation-building.

The New Zealand NZCC Chapter continues to feel the positive impact of the Denmark AGM held in July, where the chapter sent its first two representatives since 2018. This milestone marked an important step in re-establishing a strong presence within the global WCCS community and reaffirmed the value of international collaboration and student leadership.

Following the AGM, a new executive team was elected and has since been focused on strengthening the chapter's identity and long-term sustainability. Efforts are currently directed toward rebuilding visibility through new merchandise, fostering meaningful connections, and planning both local initiatives and the return of a Regional event. While still in early stages, these steps reflect a commitment to thoughtful growth aligned with WCCS values.

In Australia, we are encouraged by the renewed engagement of Central Queensland University, which is currently laying foundations and re-establishing its presence for the year ahead. This period of reconnection highlights the importance of consistency, patience, and support in cultivating strong student chapters.

Looking ahead, we are also eager to extend its reach further into the Western Pacific by building connections with additional chiropractic colleges and organisations. Strengthening relationships across the region remains a priority as we seek to foster collaboration, shared learning, and greater representation within the global WCCS community.

Happy Holidays from NZ (Christmas on the beach :D)



EJ ALTER
WESTERN PACIFIC RC

LC CHAIR



MINA MARBACHER
LC CHAIR

Hi everyone!

This quarter, we've made solid progress in the Legislative Committee. With the SOPPS and by-laws already updated, we've now begun the translation phase. I'll be focusing on translating the SOPPS into Spanish, which I'm really looking forward to, as it will help make our documents more accessible to more members.

We're also working on a guide titled **"How to Do a Proposal"** to help all members clearly understand how to prepare their own proposals for the next AGM. I'm excited to see new ideas coming in and to support everyone throughout the process.

Collaborating within the committee and with the Team of Officials has been a lot of fun, and I'm excited for the steps ahead.

Warm regards,

LC SECRETARY



NICOLA BÜRGIN
LC SECRETARY

The past quarter has been productive for the Legislative Committee. After finalizing updates to our SOPPs and Bylaws, we've shifted focus to making them available in additional languages. To even out the load we decided to split up the effort. I will be looking at translating the SOPPs into French.

We're also developing a practical resource to walk members through the proposal process ahead of the next AGM. I am looking forward to all the wonderful changes that will happen as a result of these simplifications.

Best,

Take care,

LC EDITOR



CAMRYN ARLEDGE
LC EDITOR

Our LC committee has been hard at work for this half of the term. We have set out our goals for the new year and have delegated our tasks for the upcoming proposal season. I personally am excited to see the changes you all as chapters want to see for the WCCS organization next year. Creating a master doc that will layout the basics of proposal writing and some of the key factors that can really help get a proposal passed.

Lastly, each one of us in the committee have dissected the SOPPs and By-Laws so that we may individually take each section to translate into Spanish and French.



ORGANISATION UPDATES AND ACTIVITIES



WCCS COMMITTEES

CHAP (CHIROPRACTIC HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)

The Chiropractic Humanitarian Assistance The Chiropractic Humanitarian Assistance Program (CHAP) is a dedicated committee focused on enhancing community service within active chapters of the organization. CHAP plays a vital role in promoting the importance of giving back to the community, highlighting the significance of spinal care education and awareness.

This year, through various initiatives, the committee encourages chapters to engage in service projects that not only benefit local communities but also foster a greater understanding of chiropractic care. CHAP often collaborates with World Spine Care, combining resources and expertise to maximize its impact in promoting spinal health globally.

By emphasizing community involvement and public education, CHAP aims to strengthen the relationship between chiropractic professionals and the communities they serve, ultimately advancing the mission of promoting better spinal health for all.

Email: chap@wccsworldwide.org.

MARKETING COMMITTEE

The Marketing Committee is searching for passionate individuals to help shape our marketing strategies and enhance our outreach efforts. Whether you have experience in branding, social media, content creation, or enthusiasm for our mission, your input is invaluable! If you want to make a positive impact on others and be involved in campaigns supported by WCCS, including SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) and WSD (World Spine Day). Please reach out at publicrelations@wccsworldwide.org or Instagram direct message us @wccschiro. As a team, we can create new campaigns and elevate our exciting brand!

BIG BROTHER PROGRAM

Dear Members,

We are thrilled to announce that the Big Brother Program will continue its activities in the upcoming term! Our primary goal is to facilitate online meetings among different chapters, both within the same region and globally, allowing participants to share their chiropractic experiences and gain valuable insights.

Through these gatherings, we aim to create a supportive environment where members can discuss challenges, celebrate successes, and exchange innovative ideas. This program fosters the open sharing of knowledge and experiences, ultimately benefiting everyone involved. We are currently finalizing the schedule for these meetings, which are expected to commence later in October. We will keep you updated with specific dates and details as they become available.

We strongly encourage all chapters to seize this unique opportunity to connect, grow, and enhance your chiropractic journey together. Participation in the Big Brother Program not only fosters meaningful relationships but also strengthens our collaborative network, allowing us to support each other in our professional development. Let's make the most of this program and work together to create a vibrant, interconnected community. Your involvement will truly make a significant difference!

WORK ABROAD COMMITTEE

Dear Team,

The Work Abroad Committee is dedicated to documenting the steps required to become a chiropractor in various countries. This year, we will continue compiling comprehensive information and creating valuable resources for our members.

If you are interested in joining this committee, your participation and insights can significantly enhance our efforts and help us expand our resources even further. Together, we can provide guidance and support to those seeking to navigate the complexities of international chiropractic practice. To join, please contact the Director of Internal Affairs, Gabrielle Nepton, at internalaffairs@wccsworldwide.org. They will provide you with more information on how to get involved.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to contribute!



CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

Hello everyone !

We, the French-European Institute of Chiropractic (IFEC) are delighted to be the chapter featured in this quarterly report.

For us, the secret to a successful WCCS is listening, activities, and moments shared together.

In 2025, several events were held, such as cleaning a terrace and adding flowers, sales and activities for Valentine's Day, Candlemas, Easter, and Christmas. Meals are also organized to raise awareness of the association within the school. We also participate in the meal for the general assembly of the French Chiropractic Association and help organize our school's graduation ceremony.

These events allow us to forge links and also enable us to bring as many people as possible to international events, the RE and the AGM.

We are already thinking about the content of the AGM, which will take place in France in July 2027!

All the IFEC chapter wish you all the best and happy holidays!



MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

MATTHEW MIDDLETON, WCCS SCC

UCA Student of the Year: Representing UK Chiropractic – Matthew Middleton

I was honoured this year to receive the Student of the Year Award from the United Chiropractic Association (UCA), an achievement that reflects not only personal dedication but also the collective efforts of the students and staff that have shaped my chiropractic journey. To be recognised by a national professional body within the UK chiropractic community is both humbling and motivating.

The United Chiropractic Association (UCA) is one of the leading professional chiropractic organisations in the United Kingdom, representing chiropractors and students while working closely with regulators, governing bodies, and international partners. Receiving this award from the UCA is therefore especially meaningful, as it recognises contributions that extend beyond academic performance.

I am currently a student at the Scotland College of Chiropractic (SCC), based in Edinburgh, and a member of its first ever student cohort. As a new institution, SCC has a clear mission to deliver high-quality chiropractic education. "To educate, empower, and inspire great people to excel as chiropractors." Being part of the founding cohort has been amazing and provided exceptional opportunities to be actively involved in shaping the student community.

SCC's strong emphasis on early professional involvement has played a significant role in my development and the opportunities I have been able to pursue.

Over the past year, my focus has extended beyond my own studies. I kickstarted the SCC WCCS Chapter and we are extremely excited to be hosting the European Regional Event in April 2026. Another significant project was the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) submission for the college, a demanding process that required collaboration between students, faculty, and administration. Being involved in this work gave me valuable insight into the governance and academic standards that underpin education and reinforce the importance of student representation and leadership within these processes.



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Reflecting on the award, I see it as recognition of commitment and a willingness to engage where students can make a meaningful difference. I have always believed that life gives you certain moments where all it takes is a **"yes"** to change the entire course of your future. Deciding to study chiropractic, leaping into this journey, saying "yes" to starting the SCC Chapter, these were those moments for me and I will treasure them forever. Another guiding belief has been that ***"Professional responsibility begins before graduation, how we show up now as students shapes the clinicians and professionals we become."***

Looking ahead, I hope to continue contributing to chiropractic at both a national and international level, particularly through collaboration and leadership. The WCCS plays an important role in allowing this to happen, giving a platform for students to develop these skills. Being able to share this recognition with the global chiropractic student community through the WCCS is a privilege, and I am grateful for the opportunity to represent SCC, UCA and chiropractic students on an international platform. I can't wait to see what the future holds.

UIA Associations Round Table Europe 2025

21 November 2025

Brussels, Belgium



#UIA25EU

PAST EVENTS

UIA ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

21 NOVEMBER 2025

Hello everyone. I am going to talk about my experience at the Roundtable held in Brussels, Belgium, on November 21st.

The Union of International Associations (UIA) is a non-profit, non-governmental research institute that has been impartially documenting the nature and evolution of international civil society since its foundation. It strives to maintain one of the most comprehensive sources of information on international associations, their organizational structures, and their meeting activities. Its goal is to bring international associations together in order to support and promote global civil society cooperation.

We wanted to participate in this event to introduce who we are and to explore potential opportunities for collaboration with other organizations.

I also attended several conferences, including:

From Problem to Progress: Conflict as Creativity for International Organisations, presented by Dr. Gordon Barrett and Professor Daniel Laqua.

Dr. Gordon Barrett is a research fellow in history whose research focuses on the politics of science, technology, and medicine in modern East Asia, with particular interest in the role of non-state actors, from transnational activist networks to international organizations. Professor Daniel Laqua is a professor of modern and contemporary history and an associate professor at Newcastle University. He has published extensively and is well known in his field. He has also written about the UIA in one of his publications.

VAT and Related Issues Concerning International Associations, presented by Philippe Noirhomme and Fanny Meite from Ryan Tax Consulting.

Philippe Noirhomme is a certified tax adviser who works with Ryan Tax Consulting. He spent 11 years in a consulting department and authored a book on VAT in 2010.

Navigating the Changing Funding Landscape for Associations: Exploring Alternative Solutions, presented by Joost Visser and Jan Lichots. Joost Visser is the CEO and co-founder of TIAO, a Brussels-based service provider that supports individuals and organizations seeking to bring positive change to their communities.



PAST EVENTS

WORLD SPINE DAY

16TH OCTOBER 2025

World Spine Day was a resounding success, marked by strong engagement and enthusiastic participation across numerous chapters worldwide. Many chapters actively took part in the celebrations and entered the competition, demonstrating a shared commitment to promoting spine health awareness and education within their communities. The collective efforts of participating chapters significantly amplified the reach and impact of this year's initiatives, fostering greater visibility, collaboration, and public engagement around spine health.

World Spine Day is an annual global awareness day dedicated to highlighting the importance of spinal health and the prevention of spine-related disorders. Observed each year on October 16, it brings together healthcare professionals, organizations, and communities to promote evidence-based approaches to spinal care, encourage healthy lifestyles, and raise public understanding of how spinal health contributes to overall well-being.

In the IFEC chapter, they organized a recognition of spinal bones. Students and teachers thus faced off against each other. Hot tea bottles were also available for purchase on World Spine Day.



PARTNERSHIP ORGANISATIONS

The WCCS continues to maintain relationships with other organisations such as the GHWN youth hub, the International Federation of Sports Chiropractic and World Spine Care through the World Federation of Chiropractic and the International Chiropractic Regulatory Society.



We appreciate the support and recognition that this partnership has given us. It has enabled us to contribute to important conversations about key issues in our field by highlighting the unique perspectives and insights of chiropractic students through collaboration with this journal. Our ongoing collaboration is deeply valued as it allows us to share our knowledge and expertise with a broader audience and engage in meaningful discussions with thought leaders in the field.



Fédération Internationale de Chiropratique du Sport, known as (FICS) is an organisation with a worldwide membership. As the leaders in Sports Chiropractic, they strive to provide equitable access to sports chiropractic care, education, mentoring, and research to all athletes and sports chiropractors regionally, nationally, and internationally. FICS has developed student clubs at chiropractic schools across the globe and allows for student development in the field of sports chiropractic through their mentorship and scholarship projects.



The Global Health Workforce Network (GHWN) Youth Hub is an interprofessional community of practice, hosted by the Health Workforce Department at the WHO. The focus of the hub is to systematically include youth issues related to employment, practice and the work environment in the health and social care sector. Through advocacy, research and capacity building, efforts, the The Global Health Workforce Network (GHWN) Youth Hub is an interprofessional community of practice, hosted by the Health Workforce Department at the WHO. The focus of the hub is to systematically include youth issues related to employment, practice and the work environment in the health and social care sector. Through advocacy, research and capacity building, efforts, the



The World Federation of Chiropractic is an international consulting body representing chiropractic to the international health care community. The WFC is a non-state actor in official relations with the World Health Organisation. The relationship between the WCCS and the WFC allows for the student chiropractic body to be represented on a greater global platform and to a wider healthcare network.