



# QUARTERLY REPORT

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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

Hello WCCS family,

This season is shaping up to be a particularly dynamic season for the WCCS, with a full calendar of regional engagement and international collaboration. Thank you for taking the time to read this quarterly report- we are pleased to share a few highlights and reflections from the past months.

The regional events season is already well underway. The American Regional Event was recently held at Life University in the United States, where participants appeared to thoroughly enjoy both the educational program and the opportunity to connect with peers. The event brought together delegates from across the region and fostered a strong sense of community and professional engagement. It is important to recognize that events of this scale require significant effort behind the scenes. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all those involved in organizing and hosting this successful gathering.

Looking ahead, the European Regional Event is scheduled to take place from April 9–12 in Scotland, while the African Regional Event will be held on May 15–16 in Durban, South Africa. Expectations are high for both events, with strong anticipation for impactful programming and excellent regional participation.

Further on the calendar, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in Los Angeles, California, USA, from July 5–10. This will be a key opportunity for members to come together, collaborate, and shape the future direction of WCCS.

Finally, to new and prospective chapters interested in joining WCCS, we welcome your interest and are committed to supporting your onboarding process. Please reach out through our website or social media platforms to access the resources and guidance needed to get started.

Sincerely,

Your presidents  
Nikhita and Lorry-Anne

# SECRETARY UPDATE



Hello everyone,

For this quarterly report, I would like to highlight my responsibilities as Director of Secretariat.

A key part of my role involves coordinating meeting logistics, including identifying a time and day that best accommodates all members. I am also responsible for distributing Zoom meeting links and preparing shared documents to ensure that updates and agenda items can be effectively compiled and discussed in advance of each meeting.

In addition, at the request of our Co-Presidents, I have undertaken the restructuring of our Google Drive. This initiative aims to improve the organization of our documents, making it easier for members to locate and access relevant materials efficiently.

In April, I will also have the opportunity to attend the Regional Event in Edinburgh, taking place from April 9–12. This event will provide valuable academic and professional development through a series of conferences, as well as the opportunity to connect with students from across Europe.

I strongly encourage all available members to participate in the Edinburgh Regional Event.

I look forward to seeing you at these events and continuing to grow the WCCS community!



**LÉA CALDAS**  
SECRETARY

# FINANCE UPDATE



Hi everyone!

During this quarter, several key financial and administrative activities were completed.

First, the annual tax season has now been successfully completed. All required tax documentation and filings were prepared and submitted in accordance with the applicable deadlines. This process required coordination and review to ensure compliance and accuracy.

In addition, a proposal was drafted with the objective of reducing the administrative and financial burden on the chapters. This document is currently under consideration and will be discussed further during the AGM.

Furthermore, we have begun evaluating new platforms that could be used to manage payments more efficiently. The goal is to identify a system that simplifies transactions, reduce the fees and manual administrative work associated with processing payments.

Finally, it is confirmed that the chapter fees for 2026 is set at **\$1,200**. We are still working on the budget for the 2026 AGM but we set the price of **1400\$ CAD** for the early bird.

Further updates regarding the proposal and the potential payment platform will be provided as progress continues.

If you have any question concerning any part of the finance process, please contact me at [finance@wccsworldwide.org](mailto:finance@wccsworldwide.org).



**LORRY-ANNE CROTEAU**  
FINANCE

# INTERNAL AFFAIRS UPDATE



Hi everyone!

This quarter we have been planning the Annual Global Meeting 2026 which will be held in Los Angeles, California. We also had Life University host the Americas Regional Meeting in Atlanta, GA at the end of February. This quarter has been very busy but we have been doing as much as we can to make sure everything goes well with the AGM. We have some new incoming chapters joining us this year and we are very excited for them to join them. We also have Big Brother Meetings coming up!

Let me know if you have any questions about AGM, Big Brother Meetings, or volunteering in your area.

I hope you all have a lovely spring!



**DANIELA LAMASTAS**  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS

# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS UPDATE



**JOSEPHINE PRICE**  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

## ***A Strong Start to the Fire Horse Year – 2026***

Great news! As we enter the first quarter of the Fire Horse year, 2026 is already shaping up to be an exciting time for WCCS. We are strengthening existing partnerships while also welcoming new collaborations that will bring valuable knowledge, stronger team spirit, and greater unity across our network.

At the same time, we are honing in on our core values, ensuring that all our partnerships align with the vision and principles that define WCCS. This intentional approach allows us to build meaningful, long-term collaborations that truly benefit our members.

Our partnership with World Spine Day continues to grow stronger, and we are excited to soon reveal this year's focus for spine health awareness. In the meantime, we are excited to offer you a unique opportunity to get involved: you can contribute video content that may be featured not only on our WCCS platforms but also on the official World Spine Day Instagram. This is a fantastic chance to showcase your voice and be part of a global movement - very cool indeed!

We are also developing more educational webinars to pool knowledge across borders, creating accessible learning opportunities for students worldwide and strengthening our global chiropractic community.

Looking ahead, the European Regional Event in Scotland next month will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with like-minded students, build friendships, expand networks, and experience a new part of Europe.

The WCCS Board and I are excited for what lies ahead and look forward to making 2026 a remarkable year for all our members.

Yours in chiropractic,

Josephine  
Director of External Affairs

# PUBLIC RELATIONS UPDATE



As we near the end of March, I am pleased to share an update on the progress and collaborations that have shaped the first quarter of this year.

One of the key areas of focus this quarter has been the continued development of AGM content, alongside improvements to the WCCS website to enhance usability and accessibility for members. A major priority has been streamlining the user experience so that important information is easier to find and navigate.

In line with this, AGM tickets, Regional Event (RE) tickets, and chapter fee payments are now all available online and can be conveniently processed directly through our website. This update is part of a broader effort to centralize resources and improve operational efficiency across the organization.

In addition, I am currently working on a mini-series aimed at introducing WCCS, its mission, and the work we do as an organization. This project is designed to provide clearer insight into our structure and activities, particularly for new and prospective members. I am very excited to share this initiative with you soon.

I encourage everyone to follow our social media channels at @wccschiro for ongoing updates, event highlights, and behind-the-scenes content. Be sure to keep an eye out for our latest posts and designs, which showcase the work being done to bring this year's AGM to life.

All the best,

Director of Public Relations  
Nikhita



**NIKHITA NATHOO**  
PUBLIC RELATIONS

# REGIONAL UPDATES

## AFRICA

During this quarter, the DUT WCCS Chapter successfully launched the 2026 “Beyond the Adjustment” series, featuring Dr Angus Haack as the keynote speaker. The event was a significant success, with strong attendance and highly positive feedback, setting a solid foundation for future sessions.

In addition, the chapter is currently preparing for the upcoming Annual Regional Event (ARE), scheduled to take place on the 15th and 16th of May, with planning well underway to ensure a valuable and engaging experience for all participants.

Furthermore, Laurine Barbier, European Regional Coordinator, and I organised two Big Brother Program meetings: the first, held on March 30th, included participation from SDU (Denmark), HSU (England), IFEC (France), and SCC (Scotland); the second will involve BCC (Spain), UZH (Switzerland), and DUT (South Africa), with the date still to be confirmed. Overall, these initiatives reflect the chapter's continued commitment to professional development, international collaboration, and member engagement.

*-Zeenat Hoosen, African Regional Coordinator, WCCS*

## AMERICA

Hello everyone!

I have been working a lot with Internal Affairs to plan the AGM for the last couple of months. We are hoping to have some more information released in the next month. The dates for the AGM are from July 5th to the 11th and an interest form has been sent to the chapters. We also have Palmer Florida who paid their deposit and should be coming to the AGM to hopefully become a chapter! Every month, we had an American meeting with the chapters and the next one would be in April.

I'm working with the European regional coordinator on a proposal to facilitate the accessibility for potential chapters to become an official chapter since financially, it's becoming more difficult for the chapters to stay active and even to become a chapter.

I'm also planning a Big Brother meeting with the Western Pacific Regional coordinator. We should have a meeting with CUKC, Life U, Palmer and NZC, as well as a meeting with SCUHS, CMCC, UQTR, CQU and UV.

Looking forward to seeing some of you at future WCCS events,

*-Megan Gélinas, Americas Regional Coordinator, WCCS*

## EUROPE

Hello everyone !

For the first three months of the year, I worked with Scotland Chiropractic College (SCC), which will be hosting the European Regional Event this year from 9th to 12th of April.

I am in contact with three future chapters in England and Germany, some returning to the WCCS and others new.

Once a month, meetings are held between European chapters. The next one will focus on the upcoming RE in Edinburgh and potential issues surrounding the event.

Zeenat (African RC) and I are organizing two Big Brother Program meeting, the first will be held on March 30th with SDU (Denmark), HSU (England), IFEC (France), and SCC (Scotland), and the second will be held with BCC (Spain), UZH (Switzerland), and DUT (South Africa), with the date still to be determined.

Megan (Americas RC) and I are considering a proposal for new chapters and their participation in AGMs before becoming members.

I look forward to seeing some of you at WCCS events

*-Laurine Barbier, European Regional Coordinator, WCCS*

## WESTERN PACIFIC

In the Western Pacific, this quarter has been spent enjoying the final months of the Southern Hemisphere summer while returning to regular routines. Across the region, our most active chapters include NZCC and CQU, where the focus has been on re-establishing and empowering chapters for 2026 and the years ahead. With three confirmed representatives attending the AGM this year, we are very excited to further strengthen our connection with the global chiropractic community.

In March, we held our "Big Brother" meeting with the Americas. It was great to see familiar faces and make new connections. With the start of a new year comes new members, and the opportunity to connect with other WCCS members around the world truly brings the vision of a more unified chiropractic profession to life. During the meeting, we shared what inspired us to pursue chiropractic and brainstormed solutions to challenges faced by different chapters.

Looking ahead, the next step is preparing our chapters for the formalities of the AGM and spreading the message that these events are designed to develop the next generation of chiropractic leaders. While travelling and meeting new people is a significant benefit of WCCS, there is also meaningful work and personal growth involved in shaping this space into one that is truly for students, by students. This is where leadership, entrepreneurship, and effective communication come together, fostering both professional and personal development.

*-EJ Alter, European Regional Coordinator, WCCS*

# COMMITTEE UPDATES



Hi everyone!

This quarter, a large part of our work has focused on preparing for the upcoming AGM proposals. We have been helping to set up the proposal process, coordinating submission deadlines, and supporting members so that everyone understands the requirements and timeline.

As a committee, we have also started drafting our own proposal regarding the financing of the Team of Officials (ToO) members. The proposal is still in development, and we are currently working through different aspects to find a solution that supports both the organization and future ToO members.

Another highlight for me this quarter will be the upcoming Regional Event in Edinburgh. I'm looking forward to attending, meeting many of you in person, and exchanging ideas with students from different chiropractic programs. I'm looking forward to seeing how the proposals develop over the coming months and to the discussions leading up to the AGM.

See you soon!

*-Mina Marbacher, Legislative Chair, WCCS*

## LC CHAIR



## LC SECRETARY



Hi everyone!

This quarter, we mainly worked on getting everything ready for the AGM proposals and setting clear deadlines so everyone knows when to submit. At the same time, we drafted our own proposal, focusing on financial support for members of the extended team of officials.

Now we're looking forward to the RE in Edinburgh in three weeks – it'll be a great chance to catch up and exchange ideas. We're also already thinking ahead to the AGM in summer, which will be an important moment for planning what's next.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

*-Nicola Bürgin, Legislative Committee Secretary, WCCS*



## WCCS INTERNAL COMMITTEES

### **CHAP (CHIROPRACTIC HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)**

The Chiropractic Humanitarian Assistance Program (CHAP) is a dedicated committee focused on enhancing community service within active chapters of the organization. CHAP plays a crucial role in promoting the importance of giving back to the community.

This year, through various initiatives, the committee is encouraging chapters to engage in service projects that not only benefit local communities but also deepen the understanding of chiropractic care. Recently, the DUT chapter successfully organized two community service events, showcasing their commitment to making a positive impact. Additionally, the American regional event is planning a similar initiative, further reinforcing our dedication to community engagement and service.

We are extremely proud of the ongoing efforts from our chapters and look forward to seeing even more impactful initiatives in the future. If your chapter is interested in organizing a community service event, CHAP is here to provide support and guidance. We also encourage chapters to share their community service activities with us, including pictures, so we can highlight their amazing work and inspire others to take action.

Together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference in spinal health worldwide.

Email: [chap@wccsworldwide.org](mailto:chap@wccsworldwide.org).



## WCCS INTERNAL COMMITTEES

### WORK ABROAD COMMITTEE

Dear Members,

The Work Abroad Committee is committed to documenting the steps required to become a chiropractor in various countries. This year, we will continue to compile comprehensive information and create valuable resources to support our members.

If you are interested in joining this committee, your participation and insights would be greatly appreciated and can significantly enhance our efforts. Together, we can provide essential 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](mailto:internalaffairs@wccsworldwide.org). Gabrielle will provide you with more information on how to get involved.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to contribute!



### BIG BROTHER PROGRAM

The Big Brother Program continues to thrive and make significant progress in fostering global connections within the chiropractic student community. As of March, the program has seen a notable increase in engagement, with numerous chapters coming together, some for the first time. This has created invaluable opportunities for students to connect, share experiences, and build lasting relationships.

We are also excited to announce the successful launch of our international meetings. These cross-continental gatherings are providing an incredible platform for students from around the world to collaborate, exchange ideas, and enhance their chiropractic journeys. The program's expansion into these global interactions is a testament to the growing strength and unity of the international chiropractic student community.

We are eager to continue this momentum and create even more opportunities for students to learn, grow, and connect across borders.

# ORGANIZATION UPDATES AND ACTIVITIES

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AGM 2026 in Los Angeles, USA

Hello everyone,

The AGM planning is progressing well. We now have a draft schedule in place. For our activity day, we are planning a beach day, which will also include a beach cleanup as part of our community service efforts. We also have an alumni panel on Wednesday which will be really fun!

We have a lot of diversity within the speakers coming to the AGM and we are really excited to have them.

We hope to see you there!

#### AGM Registration Now Open!

We are excited to announce that individual delegate registration for the AGM is now open! This is your chance to network with peers, attend engaging discussions, and be part of the global chiropractic community.

### How to Register?

Simply head over to the Events section of the WCCS website and complete your registration!

#### Important Registration Deadlines:

- Early Bird (April 1 – May 1): \$1400 CAD
- Regular (May 2 – May 23): \$1600 CAD
- Late (May 24 – June 12): \$1700 CAD

#### Additional Fees

- Gala Night: \$160 CAD
- Welcome Event: \$90 CAD

#### Online Participation

- Online Member: \$200 CAD
- Online Observer: \$350 CAD

Observer fee (non-WCCS member): 1600\$ CAD  
Only the congress (SCUHS): 500\$ CAD

#### Registration link

<https://wccsworldwide.org/event/agm-2026-los-angeles-usa/>

## REGIONAL EVENT REPORTS

### AMERICAN RE: FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 1, GEORGIA, USA

*A weekend full of learning, laughter and lots of exploring.*

The American Regional Event (ARE) 2026 was held at Life University in Marietta, Georgia, USA on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February till the 1<sup>st</sup> of March.

The students from UQTR were hosted by the Life University chapter. The weekend began with a tour of the school and lectures in chiropractic philosophy, upper cervical technique, and an extremity workshop. The following day the students heard a lecture on pediatric chiropractic and new theories on how children's brains work. The students then got to watch the girls rugby crush their opponents and even caught the beginning of the men's game. The students also had the opportunity to test out Life U's force plate lab (PAT lab - silicone body weight mannequins with sensors inside the spines) to practice adjustment skills in a more realistic manner.

After a nice coffee break, the students sat down with a seasoned doctor who walked them through who to talk to patients about chiropractic. The evening ended with an alumni Q&A and dinner which was wonderful and very insightful. The last day the students explored Atlanta and got to know what it was like to be in a true Southern U.S. city. Overall, the WCCS students all truly enjoyed their time together and are excited to do it again but in LA for AGM.



## HIGHLIGHTS

### American RE 2025: Kansas City





# ALUMNI FEATUURE

## FEATURING DR AMALIE NØDDESKOU



### **Meet Amalie Nøddeskou**

My name is Amalie, I am a Danish chiropractor graduated from the University of Southern Denmark in June 2024 with a Master's degree in Clinical Biomechanics (chiropractic). My path into chiropractic started early, inspired by growing up close to the profession and seeing how much of a difference it can make for people in everyday life. Before beginning my chiropractic studies, I studied English Language and Literature at the University of Oxford. It was a valuable experience, but it also helped me realise that I wanted a more practical, people-centered profession. Leaving Oxford, I was 100% sure that chiropractic was the right path for me.

### **Why Chiropractic?**

Growing up as a child of a chiropractor, chiropractic treatment always seemed like pure magic to me. Seeing patients coming in, barely able to walk from pain, and walking out feeling much better, fascinated me and sparked an interest in chiropractic from a very young age. Now, I love how the profession combines a high academic level of knowledge and diagnostics with hands-on treatment, and I couldn't imagine a better way to spend my working hours. Getting to work with a broad spectrum of different patients, taking the time to listen, and adapting treatment to the person in front of me with the huge toolbox of treatment options we have as chiropractors, I'm always kept on my toes academically, emotionally, and in my hands-on skillset.

### **Getting Involved with WCCS**

Having seen how much one of my friends from Oxford got from engaging in all sorts of societies at uni, I was inspired to do the same at SDU. Therefore, I decided to run for a spot on the Academic Study Board of Clinical Biomechanics and became involved in different student organisations (like WCCS) from very early on. Being part of these added so much to my student experience and gave me insight into our course's structure, politics, and rules, along with a lot of friendships and connections I wouldn't have made otherwise.

Since WCCS at SDU became inactive during the COVID-19 lockdown, I decided to take on the task of restarting it, as I felt the international perspective and awareness of the wider chiropractic community were important to maintain as a student.

Restarting WCCS, I learned a lot about leadership, organisational work, and planning, organising, and running events. From this involvement, attending the WCCS conference in Canada was a natural extension.

It was such a valuable opportunity to meet students and young chiropractors from different countries, exchange experiences, and gain insight into how chiropractic education and practice vary across healthcare systems. And it really opened my eyes to how much we can learn from each other by drawing inspiration from how chiropractic is taught and practised in different places. The conference reinforced the importance of international collaboration and gave me both professional inspiration and motivation to continue engaging within WCCS.

### **Young board member of the Danish Chiropractors' Association (DKF)**

Just a month after having finished my post-studies internship, I received a phone call from the director of the board of DKF, asking if I was interested in running for the board. I had already from early on thought that this would be an interest of mine at some point as it still baffles me how few people know how much we as chiropractors can help with.

We have only just started the work, but I hope to be able to ensure a broader understanding of our important role in the health system so that the regular Dane would consider a chiropractor, and not necessarily a general practitioner, when they're seeking treatment for back pain (or any other biomechanically induced type of pain).

### **Advice for Members and new Graduates**

Before offering any specific advice on getting involved or taking on these kinds of roles, my most important advice is to follow your passion—however cliché that might sound. You'll find that when you do things you genuinely find interesting, your days seem to "expand," giving you the energy and motivation to do more, and to find the time to do it.

So get involved. It gives back a million times over and creates so much energy and joy. It feels so good to be part of something—to do something, to change something, or simply to learn along the way. Even if it sometimes means learning from your mistakes, or feeling like you are laying the tracks while the train is already moving because you are not completely sure you are doing it right. Try anyway. It'll all work out in the end. And when you're genuinely interested and engaging in societies, committees, and organisations through this interest and passion, doors tend to open – just waiting for you to give them the last push if they're leading the way you hope to go.

And last thing: you're right on your way into what I think is the best profession in the world. You'll be making a huge difference for sooo many people. And you'll learn so much both during and after your time at uni. So enjoy the process, enjoy your time at uni, get involved, keep learning, stay conscientious, and be kind. Then I'm sure you'll find that the things you hope to achieve aren't all that far away.

## PARTNERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

The WCCS continues to maintain relationships with other organizations 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.



Fédération Internationale de Chiropratique du Sport, known as (FICS) is an organization 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.

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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 Organization. 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.

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