

World Federation of Chiropractic - Country Update

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Canada - The Canadian Chiropractic Association (CCA) has recently entered into an agreement with the government funded Medical Research Council of Canada (MRC) to support a chiropractic research chair in a public university for a five year period. This is one direct benefit of the CCA's strategy in recent years of creating and supporting a national consortium of Canadian chiropractic research centers. In another important development, the CCA and the Consortium are participating in a multidisciplinary group calling for an Institute of Alternative and Complementary Medicine as part of the federal government's new Canadian Institute for Health Research (CIHR) that begins operations on April 1, 2000. (The CIHR will be similar to the National Institutes of Health in the U.S.)

The CCA now has 4,300 members out of Canada's 5,000 chiropractors. The profession is experiencing a period of rapid growth. There are 860 students in Canada's two colleges (620 at the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College in Toronto and 240 at the Université du Québec Ài Trois-Rivières) and more than 1,000 Canadians at U.S. chiropractic colleges.

Ethiopia - Dr. Mulatu Baffa, a Palmer graduate, is the first Ethiopian chiropractor to return to that country to practice. He is the president of the Ethiopian Chiropractic Association. In 1997, he was joined by Cleveland graduate Dr. Zewde Worko, who had been in practice in Los Angeles for 10 years. At the invitation of the Minister of National Defense, Dr. Worko has established a chiropractic and rehabilitation clinic at the National Defense Forces Hospital in Addis Ababa. The clinic has been most successful, and this year, Dr. Selam Aklilu, an Ethiopian who is a graduate of Cleveland Chiropractic College, Los Angeles, has joined Dr. Worko.

Several other Ethiopian chiropractors in California have formed a support group for the Ethiopian Chiropractic Association. Their contact person is Dr. Fethi Shami of Los Angeles, who can be reached by telephone (310-673-8802); fax (310-673-2599); or e-mail (fshami@aol.com).

Morocco - La FÉdÉration Marocaine de Chiropratique and the WFC are now in consultation with King Mohammed VI and the Moroccan government concerning chiropractic legislation. Moroccan nationals who are chiropractors or chiropractic students are encouraged to contact Dr. Jelloul Belhouari at 93 rue d'Agadir Angle (Agadir-Bd Zerktouni), Casablanca, Morocco; tel. (011-212-2-297-341); fax (011-212-2-132-950).

A further contact is the MFC's member in the U.S., Dr. Sidi Lemnoui, who can be reached at: c/o Flagler Chiropractic PA, 1240 South A1A, Flagler Beach, FL 32136; tel (904-439-9001); fax (904-439-9002); e-mail (lemnoun@ibm.com).

Portugal - In response to recent efforts by the Portuguese Order of Medicine to enact legislation that would restrict many nonmedical health care providers from practicing, chiropractors in Portugal have now formally established the Portuguese Chiropractic Association (PCA). Eleven of the 14 members of the PCA met recently with the leadership of the European Chiropractors' Union (ECU) to discuss strategy and learn from the ECU's experience in this area. The new association

can be contacted through Antonio Alves,DC, executive director, Portuguese Chiropractic Association, Rua da Torre, no1-1oC, 6300 Guarda, Portugal.

Slovenia - Dr. Uasuhiro Todo, president of the Slovenian Chiropractic Association, has announced that there will be five chiropractors in practice in Slovenia by the end of the year.

Dr. Todo's wife in 1993 became the first chiropractor to practice in Slovenian. Knowledge and acceptance of chiropractic is steadily growing here. Dr. Todo notes that many of his patients in his practice in Ljubljana are physicians.

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