

FCER Appoints Dr. Steven Wolk as Executive Director

Editorial Staff

The Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research (FCER), recently appointed Steven Wolk, Ph.D., as the new executive director. The appointment came after Brian E. Cartier, who served 11 years as executive director, tendered his resignation.

Mr. Cartier is leaving FCER to accept the position of executive director of the National Court Reporters Association, located in the greater Washington, D.C. area.

"We are sorry to lose Mr. Cartier, however, we recognize that this is an exceptional professional opportunity for him," said George B. McClelland, D.C., president of FCER. "During his service as executive director of FCER, the foundation has experienced unprecedented growth as a result of his leadership."

"The board of trustees has great faith in the ability of Dr. Wolk to accept the diverse responsibilities of executive director," Dr. McClelland continued. "We look forward to this transition with tremendous excitement. Dr. Wolk's extensive experience in chiropractic research, as well as an intimate knowledge of FCER will be of significant value to the future of the foundation."

Dr. Wolk joined FCER in October 1986 as the Director of Research with responsibility for managing the Awards and Grants program. He was promoted to deputy executive director for education and research to oversee FCER's expanding programs in April 1990.

"FCER has established itself as the premier educational and research organization in chiropractic," said Dr. Wolk. "The potential for greater contributions to the advancement of chiropractic is unlimited. With the continued support of the board of trustees and FCER's exceptional staff, we will attain new heights of professional excellence."

Before joining FCER, Dr. Wolk spent 18 years in academia as a professor at the University of Maryland and as a department chair at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. He received his M.A. at Glasboro College in Education and his Ph.D. in educational psychology from Temple University in 1972.

Dr. Wolk's accomplishments are numerous throughout the chiropractic profession. His professional service accomplishments include serving as the program chair on the chiropractic forum in a special primary interest group for the American Public Health Association between 1987-1989. He also served on the advisory committee to the American Chiropractic Council on Technic in 1990.

Dr. Wolk's has had much experience in giving presentations to the chiropractic community, especially on the subject of chiropractic's cost-effectiveness. He made a conference presentation at the meeting of the American Public Health Association concerning chiropractic's cost-effectiveness for workers' compensation claims in November 1988. He also gave testimony before the New Hampshire State Legislature Committee on Commerce, Small Business, and Consumer Affairs

concerning the cost-effectiveness of chiropractic care in March 1989.

Dr. Wolk applied his abilities to pen when he appeared in many professional publications. His article, "Research Grant Application Priorities and Guidelines: A Communication to the Colleges of Chiropractic from the Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research," appeared in The American Journal of Chiropractic Medicine in December 1988.

Among his many other numerous articles, his recent series of articles titled, "The Scientific and Ethical Dimensions of Chiropractic Research," brought much attention to the chiropractic community. His four-part series: Scientific Standards for Chiropractic Research; Research Priorities for Chiropractic; and Ethical Considerations in the Conduct and Reporting of Chiropractic Research appeared earlier this year in Dynamic Chiropractic.

During his tenure at FCER, Dr. Wolk has served on the editorial boards of the Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics, Chiropractic Sports Medicine, Chiropractic Technique, and the American Journal of Chiropractic Medicine. Recently, he became a member of the site visitation team for the Council on Chiropractic Education.

As members of the chiropractic community, we are delighted to welcome Dr. Wolk in his new position as executive director at Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research. His many years as educator and administrator insure that the needs and rights of the chiropractic community will be addressed and that the education of the masses (concerning chiropractic) will be forthcoming.

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