

News in Brief

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DC Graduates From Oxford

Anne Jensen, DC, MSc, recently became the first chiropractor to graduate from the University of Oxford in Oxford, U.K. Dr. Jensen graduated from New York Chiropractic College in 1993 and practiced in New York for several months before moving to Queensland, Australia, where she practiced for 11 years.

She then enrolled at the University of Oxford, receiving a postgraduate diploma in sports performance in 2006, and a master's degree in evidence-based social intervention in 2007.

When asked about her motivation to attend the prestigious university, Dr. Jensen said, "I was interested in doing clinical research for chiropractic, but after several solo attempts, I knew I needed more formal education - I had to 'learn' how to do proper research. So I thought, why not go to a university that has a reputation of being a 'gold standard' in academia?"

For her thesis at Oxford, Dr. Jensen performed a randomized controlled trial evaluating the efficacy of neuro-emotional technique (NET) in treating people with a common anxiety disorder: arachnophobia. According to Dr. Jensen, results will be published later this year. She has been accepted to complete her PhD degree through Oxford in evidence-based health care, with research focusing on depression and anxiety.

Dr. Jensen also will be teaching a psychology course at New Zealand College of Chiropractic and will assist in the teaching of a course on research methods and neurology.

Virginia Associations Schedule Historic Joint Convention

Both of the state chiropractic associations in the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Virginia Society of Chiropractic (VSC) and the Virginia Chiropractic Association (VCA), have agreed to hold a combined annual convention later this year. The historic event, themed "Cooperation Works," will be held at the Omni Hotel in Richmond, Va., from Sept. 26-28, 2008.

According to a joint press release from the associations, the primary goal of the convention is to "celebrate the next 100 years of chiropractic in Virginia." Both groups are working in harmony and sharing equally in the planning, marketing, expenses and proceeds of the event.

"[We hope] it will signal real movement toward a more unified chiropractic profession in Virginia for 2008 and beyond," said Dr. Bill Ward, VCA president. VSC President Dr. Brad Robinson added that he hopes the convention will be "the largest chiropractic event ever in Virginia."

Complete program, speaker and schedule details will be released soon. For more information, contact Julie K. Connolly, VCA executive director (vcacentral@hughes.net) or Joe Foley, DC, VSC secretary (joefoley@vschiro.org).

WFC Announces Newest Corporate Associate Members

The World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) has announced its newest corporate associates for the first quarter of 2008. Currently, the WFC boasts more than 80 corporate associate members representing chiropractic vendors and organizations, as well as numerous individual contributors.

- Douglas Laboratories is the WFC's newest Gold-Level corporate member. The company manufactures and sells nutraceutical products exclusively to health care practitioners.
- ScripHessco has joined the WFC corporate sponsors at the Silver Level. ScripHessco is a full-service distributor of equipment and supplies for the chiropractic market.
- BioMedLaser Corporation is a new Silver-Level member. The company provides cold-laser therapy systems for wound care, pain management, nerve pain and veterinary medicine.
- Vibration Health Solutions, Inc. is a Bronze Level corporate member for 2008. It offers low-impact, true vertical vibration equipment based on speaker technology.
- ACIGI Relaxation/FUJIIRYOKI is a medical massage chair manufacturer with U.S. headquarters in Fremont, Calif. It joins the WFC corporate sponsors as a Bronze Level member.

WFC President Dr. Gerard Clum thanked all of the federation's associate members at the recent Parker Seminar in Las Vegas. "The World Federation of Chiropractic appreciates the support of so many outstanding organizations around the world," he said. "It is this support that has helped to increase the public recognition for the contribution made to health and well-being by the chiropractic profession."

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