

## ICA Won't Discuss Merger with ACA

Editorial Staff

In a regularly scheduled meeting of the board of directors of the International Chiropractors Association, October 24, 2000, the board made the unanimous decision to decline the published invitation of the American Chiropractic Association to begin formal discussions on merging the two national associations.

The ICA Board did adopt a motion "offering operational cooperation with all chiropractic organizations on issues of common concern to the chiropractic profession," and "pledged to work on areas of agreement with the ACA." Those areas, the ICA indicated, included reform of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners, legislative efforts, and opposing the National Association for Chiropractic Medicine.

ICA President Dr. Robert Hoffman deemed the board's decision as "no surprise to anyone." The ICA Board also passed a formal motion to protest what it called "intentionally misleading information published by the World Chiropractic Alliance (WCA) ... that ICA had officially agreed to merger discussions and that such talks were formally underway."

"This kind of intentional disruption of ICA's activities and the relationship with our members will not be tolerated," vowed ICA President Dr. Robert Hoffman in a statement released by the ICA. "ICA will defend its organizational status and integrity from unsolicited merger attempts from the ACA as well as inappropriate, destructive and intentionally deceptive publicity campaigns by the WCA or any other organization or individual."

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### Dr. Press Contends that DCs Should Direct Anti-Doping Programs

Dr. Stephen Press, vice-chairman of the medical commission for the International Chess Federation (FIDE) and founder and past-president of the International Federation of Chiropractic Sports(FICS), recently attended the 71<sup>st</sup> FIDE Congress and 34th World Chess Olympiad, in Istanbul, Turkey.

FIDE is the world governing body for chess and oversees more than 5,000 competitions worldwide. At the general assembly in Istanbul, Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, FIDE president, announced that in speaking with IOC officials that he was "99 percent certain that chess would be a full Olympic sport within two years."

At the meeting, FIDE's statutes were changed to allow the medical commission to enforce the International Olympic Committee's guidelines on doping. It is Dr. Press' contention that DCs should direct anti-doping programs. At issue are stimulant substances and certain other chemicals, for which some studies indicate the possibility of a boost in cognitive function.

With all of the chess competitions, FIDE's medical commission will need doctors willing to travel around the globe to supervise anti-doping programs. The commission has a sizable budget for 2001. Doctors volunteering for FIDE assignments will receive full travel allowances for room, meals, and even for a practice-coverage doctor. The host organizing committees will be required to compensate doctors at a rate equal to that currently given to the chief arbiter at such meets, currently 6,000 Swiss Francs.

To be eligible, a DC must be a CCSP, take a weekend seminar given by FIDE's medical commission, and pass a test in anti-doping policy. The FIDE medical commission is looking for a college interested in sponsoring the seminar.

Doctors interested in pursuing the certification should contact Dr. Press:

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On the Campaign TrailAUSTIN, TX - Campaign workers for the Bush-Cheney team were treated to two free days of chiropractic adjustments from Dr. Arlan Fuhr, who is president of the Arizona-based Activator Methods. His schedule was booked, as campaign staff and aides lined up for adjustments.

"We had a great time in Austin. It was exciting to be a part of the political buzz that surrounded this election," said Dr. Fuhr.

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Olympic GloryLOGAN COLLEGE, Chesterfield, MO - Logan student Mary Beth Larson-Iagorashvili, finished fourth in the first women's pentathlon Olympic competition in Sydney, Australia. The pentathlon events are pistol shooting, horseback riding (12 jumps), 200-meter freestyle swim, fencing, and a three-kilometer run.

Mary Beth tied for first place in fencing, and third in the swimming event. The Associated Press released an article and photo of her and teammate Emily DeRiel, who won the silver medal. The photo showed the women waving the flag and jogging around the track after the pentathlon concluded.

Mary Beth is in her final year of school at Logan. She looks forward to competing in the pentathlon at the 2004 Olympic Games in Greece.

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Life West Student of the YearLIFE WEST, Hayward, CA - The Life West Alumni Association has named Susie Baca its "2000 Student of the Year." She received her award at the college's Science, Philosophy, and Art Day.

The award is in recognition of outstanding academic performance, involvement in college activities, and organizing Spanish Life Talks, a free monthly program of information and education in Spanish to patients at the college's Health Center. She was also involved in lobbying for the chiropractic profession this past March in Washington, D.C.

Susie and her husband, Hank, reside in Atwater, California and have two children, Henry and Karyn.

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