

Directing the Course of Chiropractic Education Worldwide

WFC'S MANILA CONFERENCE IS IN CONJUNCTION WITH WHO

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With the expansion of chiropractic and chiropractic education to Europe, Asia, Africa and South America, there has arisen a need for chiropractic educational institutions to meet and discuss those issues. Toward that end, the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC), the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT), and the World Health Organization (WHO) have come together to present the Conference on the Internationalization of Chiropractic Education.

The conference will be held at De La Salle University in Manila, The Philippines, September 29 to October 1. Professor Andries Kleynhans (RMIT) and Dr. Alan Adams (Los Angeles College of Chiropractic) will be the conference program directors. The site for the conference is appropriate, as De La Salle is instituting a chiropractic program developed by RMIT University in Australia.

The purpose of the conference is to give the leaders in chiropractic education a comprehensive introduction to the skills and materials necessary for successful development of chiropractic programs. There will also be a review of how chiropractic curricula is being approached in various countries.

The conference's opening address will be given by Brother Andrew Gonzales, president of De La Salle University, followed by Dr. Chen Ken, a medical officer of the WHO's regional office for the Asia Pacific region. Introductory remarks will be made by John Sweaney, DC, the WFC's immediate past president and chairman of its education committee.

Gerard Clum, DC, president of Life Chiropractic College West, will lead the group to identify the relevant issue and conference expectations, followed by Professor Andy Kleynhans of RMIT Australia presenting the international nomenclature of chiropractic. David Chapman-Smith, secretary general of the WFC, will then present the WFC charter as an international guide for chiropractic educators.

Presenting models of international cooperation will be Drs. Sira Borges (Brazil) and Garry Krakos (Palmer) on Palmer University in Brazil; Drs. Phillip Ebrall and Kazuyoshi Takeyachi on RMIT University in Japan); and Dr. Ebrall on RMIT University in Korea.

The chiropractic department at Technikon Natal in South Africa will be represented by Glynn Till, DC, who heads that department, and faculty dean Hettie Till. They will present their perspectives on the foundations of a chiropractic curriculum. Dr. Alan Adams of Los Angeles College of Chiropractic will showcase LACC's innovative advantage program, and Professor Andy Kleynhans will present the clinical curriculum design of RMIT University.

Chiropractic education abroad will not be allowed to just happen in some random, unorganized manner. The conference is another example of the chiropractic profession coming together to direct

the course of this profession. Views, experiences and terminology will be shared. The important factors for the internationalization of chiropractic education will be identified, and the elements of chiropractic curricula will be clarified.

After the meeting, the formal conference proceedings will be published and made available. Inquiries about the conference may be directed to:

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