

WHO to Publish Text on Chiropractic

JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN WFC AND WHO

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The World Health Organization (WHO), a co-sponsor of the May 27-29, 1993 World Chiropractic Congress in London, announced that it will publish its first text on chiropractic, Chiropractic in Occupational Health. The principal editor will be Dr. John J. Triano, director of the National College of Chiropractic (NCC) spinal ergonomics and joint research laboratory.

The text is the result of an agreement recently signed by the WHO and the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) after a 12-month negotiation period. The project will be jointly-funded by WHO and WFC, with an additional agreement with the Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research (FCER) to provide loan funding.

Dr. Mikhail Mikheev, chief medical officer at the Office of Occupational Health of the WHO in Geneva, Switzerland, and Mr. David Chapman-Smith, LL.B.(hons), the WFC's secretary-general, will be jointly responsible for the overall project management.

The text will consist of approximately 12 chapters, half by DCs and half by occupational health experts from other disciplines including biomechanics and medicine. As principal editor, Dr. Triano will have final decision on content and choice of authors. There is a three-year writing and consulting process scheduled for the text, including two interdisciplinary scientific review meetings and collaboration with WHO occupational health centers in all world regions. The first scientific review meeting will be at the London World Chiropractic Congress on May 26, 1993.

WFC President Dr. Christoph Diem, said: "There are two exciting aspects to this project. The first is the final text, which will document an important role for chiropractic in occupational health under the authoritative name of WHO. The second -- extremely important -- is the consultation process under WHO. This will give chiropractic important new contacts and levels of acceptance in major occupational health centers worldwide."

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