

1991 European Chiropractor's Union Conference

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The Chiropractic Association of Ireland (CAI) is hosting the 1991 ECU conference May 24-26 at the Conrad Hotel in Dublin, Ireland.

The CAI was formed 6 years ago with 9 members; today there are 19 full members and 1 associate member. The CAI is working on legislation to protect the title "chiropractor" and permission for CAI members to take x-rays. The CAI seeks to raise public awareness of chiropractic and to attract students to train in Irish colleges.

The ECU is the umbrella body of all the national associations in Europe. They monitor and advise on legislation in the EC and nationally; they sponsor research and fund education both through the two colleges and by holding annual conferences such as this.

The main theme of this conference is aimed at covering all the relevant aspects of vertebral instability from a chiropractic stand point: starting from aetiology and progressing through to prognosis. This topic will be dealt with by five DCs: the legendary Dr. Raymond Sandoz; Dr. Alan Breen, director of the Anglo-European College of Chiropractic Research Department; Dr. Fred Carrick (neurology diplomate program); and Drs Silvano Mior and Daniel Muhleman. The surgical side will be given by Dr. J.P. O'Brien, a consultant surgeon in spinal disorders.

The doctor/patient relationship will be discussed by DCs P. Girardin, president of the Swiss Society of Analysis and Bioenergy Therapy and P. Jaquet. Psychologist C. Main and Consulting Anaesthetist C. Spanswich will also speak.

An important part of the conference are the trade stands which will cover not only the technical know-how necessary for a practicing chiropractor but also the back-up facilities, supports, etc.

The Conrad Hotel is situated in the heart of Dublin next to the beautiful St. Stephens Green. The hotel is a short and beautiful five minute walk to the main shopping and cultural centers, including the National Gallery and National Museum, the Irish Parliament (the Dail) and Trinity University (the home of Ireland's greatest treasure "The Book of Kells").

The entertainment program includes a tour of Europe's oldest building, Newgrange, a 5,000 year old burial chamber and engineering masterpiece that pre-dates the Egyptian pyramids.

Dr. Mark A.P. Cashley, the ECU conference organizer, says Newgrange is "an inspiration to our small association (ICA) reminding us of just what is possible with a small bit of unity and effort."

Other social programs will include: a golf tour; and a "literary pub crawl," following the footsteps and words of James Joyce, George Bernard Shaw, Oscar Wilde, and William Butler Yeats.

The official language of the conference is English.

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