

## News in Brief

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### New President of the New Zealand College of Chiropractic

With the recent departure of Dr. Brian Kelly to Life Chiropractic College West to fill the position vacated by the college's first and only president, [Dr. Gerard Clum](#), New Zealand College of Chiropractic (NZCC) was in immediate need of a president of its own. That position was filled last month by Dr. Eric Russell, a 1986 graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic. Dr. Russell took over as president of NZCC in February.

"The New Zealand College of Chiropractic has a great reputation for supporting vitalism throughout the curriculum, rigorous and innovative academic instruction, and progressive subluxation-based research," said Dr. Russell upon being named president. "These competencies that have distinguished the New Zealand College as an academic leader in our profession are very dear to me, competencies that I personally strive to develop and uphold. These characteristics, coupled with a culture of love and certainty are what make the New Zealand College unique and what, quite frankly, made me fall in love with their students, faculty, administration and institution as a whole."

Dr. Russell has considerable and varied experience within the chiropractic educational and leadership arenas. He is an associate professor of chiropractic techniques and philosophy and the director of institutional philosophy at Parker College of Chiropractic. He also chairs the board of directors of the ICA Council of Chiropractic Philosophy and is a past president of the Chiropractic Society of Texas, former member of the Board of Directors of the International Chiropractors' Association (ICA), and past president of the Texas Palmer College of Chiropractic International Alumni Association.

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### Honorary ACBR Diplomate Awarded to Dr. Doug Lawson

At a Calgary, Alberta, Canada seminar in December 2010, the [American Chiropractic Board of Radiology](#) awarded Dr. Douglas Lawson an honorary diplomate of the ACBR. Presenting the award was Dr. John Taylor.

Dr. Lawson's participation within the profession has been extensive, to say the least; for example, he chaired the Canadian Chiropractic Examining Board and the College of Chiropractors of Alberta's Radiation Protection Committee, and served as vice president of the Alberta Chiropractic Association and secretary-treasurer of the Calgary Chiropractic Society. He was named Chiropractor of the Year by the College of Chiropractors of Alberta (1998) and the Calgary Chiropractic Society (1981), and received the Medal of Merit from the Canadian Chiropractic Association in 2003. He also served as a psychometric consultant for the Canadian Chiropractic Examining Board and the College of Chiropractic Sports Sciences (1995-2004 and 2004-2005, respectively), and currently serves the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association in that capacity.

Dr. Lawson's recent research interests have focused on psychometric analysis, item response theory, assessment, team learning, cognitive psychology, continuing competency, exam validity, and exam defensibility. He has also published and lectured extensively on radiation protection, quality assurance, and X-ray technology.

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