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A Huge First for Chiropractic

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Carlos Ayres, DC, has been appointed president of the World Federation of Chiropractic - a historic first for the WFC and the chiropractic profession. In assuming the presidency, Dr. Ayres (Lima, Peru) becomes the first Latin American representative to serve as WFC president in its 33-year history.

"It is an honor and privilege to represent the Latin American region, now in the office of WFC President," he said. "I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead, including the development of legislation, ensuring consistency of education and accreditation and continued promotion of the WFC's 20 Principles. We've been delighted to see our national association members supporting our #BeEPIC campaign advocating evidence-based, people-centered, interprofessional and collaborative chiropractic and we look forward to continuing this successful campaign."



Dr. Ayres replaces Dr. Vivian Kil, who stepped down in early January 2021 to, according to the WFC, "focus on her full-time clinical responsibilities as the owner of a busy multidisciplinary practice in the wake of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic." She held the office of president since May 2019, and continues to represent the European region on the WFC Board while also serving as immediate past president.

Dr. Ayres recognized Dr. Kil's accomplishments during her tenure, stating: "Dr. Kil has served as WFC President during a time of great global uncertainty and her leadership during the Covid-19 pandemic has been admirable. At a time of challenge, Dr Kil has worked diligently as a global ambassador and has improved recognition for chiropractic in a changing health system. I am grateful to have served alongside her on the Board and have benefited greatly from her wise leadership."

Dr. Ayres is a 1981 graduate of New York Chiropractic College. He has served on the WFC Board since 2011, with previous experience as secretary-treasurer, second vice president and first vice president. In the Latin American region he represents, he served as treasurer and then president of the Peruvian Chiropractic Association; followed by two terms as president of the Latin American Chiropractic Federation (FLAQ).

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