



Meeting Notes

May 13, 2015

Athens, Greece

Welcome and Overview

by Dr. Phillip Donato, noting appreciation for the General Chiropractic Council hosting the meeting and the purpose of the ICRC in exploring diversity and commonality among international chiropractic regulators.

- a. Opening remarks
 - i. Ms Suzanne McCarthy, Chair- General Chiropractic Council
 - ii. Dr J Michael Flynn, Past President - World Federation of Chiropractic
- b. Introductions given by all present
- c. Apologies: FCLB, NBCE, David Howell, David Chapman Smith
- d. 2014: Myrtle Beach Discussion

Highlight topics, by Dr Phillip Donato, included: CCEI update, Canadian exam discussion regarding the Ethics testing, WFC-unregulated conduct, 21st Century patient needs and required practitioner competencies e.g., team care skill sets, aging population demographics, research literacy

- e. 2015: Additions to the Agenda - none

Jurisdiction Matters

- a. Each jurisdiction presented a short report on its current issues/challenges/changes
- b. Updates given by
 - i. General Chiropractic Council – UK
 - ii. New Zealand
 - iii. Zimbabwe and Botswana
 - iv. Uganda
 - v. Canada
 - vi. Australia
 - vii. Canadian Chiropractic Examining Board

UK Regulatory Trends & Emerging Matters

Mr. Paul Philip, Past Executive Director –General Medical Council and CEO of the Solicitors Regulatory Authority

Slides available, topics included - professionalism (professional conduct = trust), regulation proportionality, fitness to practice and idea that regulators are not only a complaint body and that patient safety is not simply ensured by resolving a complaint.

International Mobility/Portability

- a. CCEI Standards and Competency Reviews Update – Dr. C. Lesley Biggs, Past President - CCEI gave presentation “Framework for International Chiropractic Accreditation” slides available. New Framework will be sent out to all chiropractic stakeholders shortly for consultation purposes.
- b. WCCS, International Mobility Committee - Mr. Costas, slides available.
- c. Need for international tracking system of chiropractors moving out of country after disciplinary actions - World Federation of Chiropractic
- d. FCLB’s CIN-BAD and Passport Projects- Dr. Lisa Richard (on behalf of FCLB), slides available.
- e. Discipline of Registrants/Licensees for Professional Misconduct in Unregulated Jurisdictions: Policy Recommendations – Dr. Phillip Donato, Past Chair - Chiropractic Board of Australia, slides available **ACTION: that Dr Donato together with Dr. Flynn co-ordinate the development of a policy to reflect this subject and return to the next ICRC meeting.**

Adverse Injury Event Reporting

Developing a Europe-wide incident reporting and learning system for chiropractors - Professor Haymo Thiel, DC, PhD (UK), slides available.

Specialities

Accreditation, Regulation and Management of Chiropractic Specialists

- i. Dr. Lisa Lothe, PhD, FEAC, Registrar - European Academy of Chiropractic, slides available.
- ii. Dr. Lisa Richard for CFCREAB and FCLB.
- iii. Dr Francois Hains, President - College of Chiropractic Sciences (Canada), slides available.

Continuing Professional Development

- a. South Africa- Dr. Charmaine Korporaal, Vice President - Chiropractic Association of South Africa and Senior Lecture/Clinic Director - Department of Chiropractic & Somatology, Durban University of Technology, slides available.
- b. UK General Chiropractic Council - Ms Penny Bance on behalf of Mr. David Howell, slides available.
- c. New Zealand – Dr. Kristin Grace, DACBR, Chair- New Zealand Chiropractic Board, slides available.

ICRC Model Proposal/Succession

- a. Dr. Donato began the discussion by passing leadership of the ICRC from himself to Dr. Lisa Richard.
- b. Discussion on the future of ICRC and the structure it should have:
 - i. Clear support in meeting;
 - ii. Clear sharing and collaboration.
- c. Support for small and unregulated jurisdictions
- d. Clear that the ICRC will not be a decision making body
- e. Discussion on ICRC being recognised by other bodies and members
- f. Overall agreement that the ICRC needs to be formalised and meet regularly because the faces around the table are in constant flux and the collaboration possible via ICRC is important to international chiropractic regulators.

Discussion on Location of next meeting

- a. May 2016 in Geneva to be held in conjunction with World Health Professions Regulation Conference
- b. May 2017 in Washington D.C. in conjunction with next WFC Congress

Steering Group

Going forward the Steering group will be comprised of all those able to attend teleconference/skype meetings.

Concluding Remarks

Ms. Suzanne McCarthy, Chair - General Chiropractic Council

Close of meeting