

FICS Newsletter



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President's address:

Greetings fellow members of FICS,

Our organization has seen new interest and growth over the past six months. We are excited about the increased interest in our ICSSD Programs, growth in new memberships as well as many newly qualifying for the ICSSD certificate. FICS has seen many of our members involved in the World Games in July.

Our commitment is to provide continuing education, and better communications with our members as well as others involved in sporting events. The key to this communication is that you provide us with an updated version of all addresses especially email. We appreciate your assistance.

We encourage your feedback on these newsletters, suggestions for meetings and hands on seminars or any comments you would like to share.

Daniele Bertamini
FICS President

FICS AGM:

The General Assembly will be held in Milan on Saturday October 8th at 17:00.

Contact AIC aic@associazionechiropratici.it
or Tom Greenway mail@tgreenway.demon.co.uk for more information

Please mark your calendars to attend!

World Games 2005 – Duisburg, Germany



FICS would like to thank the following DC's for their time and effort as a delegate to the World Games in Duisburg, Germany:
Back row - Brian Nook (AUS), Alex Steinbrenner (GER), Gary Patterson (AUS), Stale Hauge (NOR), Tim Stark (AUS), Paul Cheung (UK), Tino Bos (GER), David Lourie (AUS), Sven Paris (GER), Simon Lawson (UK/RSA) and Eckard Kohne (RSA).
Front row - Bill Bonsall (USA), Clive Bridgeham (USA), Charmaine Korporal (RSA), Sheila Wilson (USA), Sherri LaShomb (USA), Lotte Langhoff (DEN), Tim Ray (USA), Rikke Craven (DEN), Paul Patterson (AUS) and Ulrik Sandstrom (UK).
Not pictured - Tom Greenway (UK), Timo Kaschel (GER), Thomas Jeppesen (UK), Keith Overland (USA) and Doug Clark (UK).

Extracted from the World Games website:

“Handiwork” – The 26 chiropractors at the 2005 World Games

At the 2005 World Games in Duisburg altogether 26 chiropractors are skilfully removing painful disorders of the musculoskeletal system of their patients.

Every day, an average of 130 athletes are treated at their “clinic” at MSV Arena, at Marientor Theatre, at Koenig-Pilsener Halle Oberhausen, Landschaftspark Nord and Rhein-Ruhr-Hall. They come from eight different countries but they all have one thing in common – all 26 are trained chiropractors with a university level education followed by a residence period and a postgraduate sports chiropractic program. This is a job description that does not yet exist in Germany – chiropractic is solely offered by physicians (chiro-therapists) or traditional healers with postgraduate qualifications. The situation in Switzerland, Great Britain or the United States, however, is quite different. This is where Alexander Steinbrenner, Doctor of Chiropractic, has completed his studies. He is one of only 60 chiropractors in Germany and President of the German Federation of Sports Chiropractic.

At the 2005 World Games in Duisburg he is one of those 26 chiropractors who are trying to help the participating athletes by their gentle, manual adjustment. The definition of chiropractic derives from Greek, with “chiro” (cheiros) meaning treatment by hand and “practice” (praktos) having done. But the results are not always achieved in the twinkling of an eye. Apart from a detailed case history, chiropractors are testing for the exact cause of the respective disorder. At the 2005 World Games these are most often caused by the shoulders or the rib cage, ankle joints or by bruises and pulled muscles. “With the help of manual procedures we adjust joints and are thus able to resolve restrictions in the neck or back without having to pull or jerk”, explains Alexander Steinbrenner. Chiropractors neither administer medication nor do they do surgery – in case of need they refer the patients to the respective specialists.

The FICS team (Fédération Internationale de Chiropratique du Sport) have treated up to a maximum of 186 athletes from 24 sports and 35 nations on a single day. “Many of them came to see us afterwards showing us their medals and thanked us. This is a great way to appreciate our efforts”, says Alexander Steinbrenner. At the 2005 World Games he is not only working hand in hand with the two “Chefs de Mission”, Dr. Timothy W. Ray (USA) and Dr. Brian C. Nook (Australia), and the 23 colleagues from FICS but as a volunteer, too.



FICS Database

We are progressing in compiling our comprehensive database of all individuals, educational institutions and organizations associated with FICS.

This database is essential in order to develop a proper communication procedure for our organization.

It will grant us the ability to communicate with any subgroup individually or all contacts at once. This database will also facilitate the dispersal of this newsletter and other pertinent information.

We anticipate producing newsletters on an ongoing basis and transmit them via electronic delivery.

The FICS newsletter will be produced from contributions of the FICS Board, FICS members, FICS president, Chiropractic Institutions, sports federations and any other resources that would pertain to improving FICS's communications with those related to the sporting arena.

The goals for this project are to better communicate the role FICS has in providing world-class chiropractic care for athletes, to increase the awareness that FICS provides postgraduate educational advancement such as the ICSSD program and aid the initiation of continuing educational programs.

Please email your comments, information or article for the next newsletter or names and addresses of any other contacts that should receive this newsletter to debnook@westnet.com.au

Respectfully submitted
Deb Nook
FICS Database Coordinator

FICS 2005 Membership dues

2005 Dues notices will be distributed to FICS's individual members. Country (NCSC dues have gone out, thank you to those countries that have paid their dues for 2005) If your country's sports council or federation is recognized by FICS, your dues to that country include the membership fee for FICS.

Please email your National Chiropractic Sports Council representative to verify that your country dues include FICS dues.

Need the contact's email address?

Check the website for the country listings, or just let me know and I can provide their information to you.

More information to follow.

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Not a member, but want to become one?? Just email your country President and ask how to join!!



Students in the ICSSD program

Notice of ICSSD courses coming in 2005/2006

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.fics-online.org

Milano, Italy

October 7-9 (2005)

Upper Extremity

Registration form from aic@associazionechiropratici.it

ICSSD Exam will be given to those meeting the qualifications.

Contact AIC aic@associazionechiropratici.it

AGM on October 8th, 17:00

Toronto, Canada

December 9-11 (2005)

Lower Extremity

Contact Gordon Lawson maxlawson@rogers.com

ICSSD Exam will be given to those meeting the qualifications.

Torino, Italy

January 6-8 (2006)

Lower Extremity

Registration form from: aic@associazionechiropratici.it

ICSSD Exam will be given to those meeting the qualifications.

Contact AIC aic@associazionechiropratici.it

Melbourne, Australia

April 22-23 (2006) **Upper or Lower Extremity (to be determined)**

ICSSD Exam will be given to those meeting the qualifications.

Norway

June 2-5 (2006)

Upper Extremity

Contact Stale Hauge stahaua@online.no

ICSSD Exam will be given to those meeting the qualifications.

AGM date and time to be determined.

Toronto, Canada

Dec 8-10 (2006)

Upper Extremity

Contact Gordon Lawson maxlawson@rogers.com

ICSSD Exam will be given to those meeting the qualifications.

Australia, 2007

Upper or Lower Extremity (to be determined)

ICSSD Exam will be given to those meeting the qualifications.