

# FICS Newsletter



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## President's address

Greetings fellow members of FICS,

2005 has been a fantastic year of growth for FICS. Membership has tripled, 3 ICSSD Hands on programs were offered, many chiropractors qualified for full ICSSD degrees and 26 FICS members worked at the World Games in Duisburg Germany with full accreditation.

Our AGM in Milano in October was well attended and informative with many plans and initiatives to begin in 2006. Watch the FICS website for more exciting happenings on the International Sporting campaign in 2006.

**From all of us at FICS, we wish you a Happy Holiday Season and A Happy New Year in Good Health.**

*Daniele Bertamini*  
FICS President

The General Director of FICS, Roland Noirat, has been accepted to the ICSSPE Board.  
The FICS Board congratulates!

## FICS Database

Thank you for your help in 2005! Our database has grown from 250 names in January to 800 names at this date. We have sent out 3 newsletters along with several notices of upcoming sporting events to get involved in over this year.

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 any Board Member or to [debnook@westnet.com.au](mailto:debnook@westnet.com.au)

Respectfully submitted  
Deb Nook  
FICS Database Coordinator



## FICS AGM MINUTES: Committee Reports:

### Membership Commission Report 2005:

We had a very productive year in 2005 thanks to the establishment of a FICS office. My thanks go to Deb Nook who has volunteered her time and expertise to truly get the Membership Commission on track. As a result of this initiative we now have an up-to-date and current membership list with email addresses. This is making it much easier to communicate with the membership and I would urge all of you out there to make sure we are aware of your latest email addresses.

On a more frustrating note we have failed to establish any more National Chiropractic Sports Councils this year and as this is the corner stone on which FICS is built is a great pity. The World Games in Germany this year showed that for a Games to be really successful, a Sports Chiropractic Council in the country where the Games are being held is essential. Otherwise we have key individuals in most countries that are supporting FICS and my sincere thanks to them as they are often isolated and have a difficult and unappreciated role. However we are really in their debt and without their support inoperative as an organisation.

The Membership Commission is also keen to raise dues at the next AGM. FICS desperately needs a new permanent office and this will cost FICS \$15000 a year. However, this will mean telephone support every day and much better communication and efficiency. A small rise in the dues will help cover this essential cost in our opinion, but I welcome your support or otherwise prior to us taking the decision in July next year.

We have 19 NCSC, 532 members and only 9 NCSCs have paid up so please if you have not done so urge your Sports Council to forward your dues to FICS.

Submitted by Tom Greenway-[tgreenway@fics-online.org](mailto:tgreenway@fics-online.org)  
President, Membership Commission

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

### The Public Relations Committee Report 2005:



The Public Relations Committee has been working with Deb Nook to improve communications and assist with the newsletter. The goal is to distribute four newsletters per year. There is a great need for more information from the members to include in the newsletter.

The PR Committee is also working with Scott Craven to update the web site. It will be redesigned in a way that should be easier to use. Again, information is needed and the membership at large is encouraged to submit info for inclusion on the web site. The web site currently includes future ICSSD locations and dates, newsletters, general FICS information, articles of interest, Board members' email addresses, and the World Games report. Everyone is encouraged to look at the web site [www.fics-online.org](http://www.fics-online.org)

Another great job for this committee is collecting a database of affidavits from athletes regarding their appreciation of chiropractic care. FICS needs your help. Many affidavits have been collected at the World Games but we need more. More information on how you can contribute will follow in the next newsletter.

Submitted by Rikke Craven-[rcraven@fics-online.org](mailto:rcraven@fics-online.org)  
PR Commission Chair

### Education Commission Report 2005:

We offered 3 ICSSD programs this year, Bournemouth in January, Milan in October and Toronto in December. We had over 150 enrolled in the three events. We are offering many more ICSSD programs in 2006. Congratulations to the 14 DCs that achieved their ICSSD degrees this year.



Submitted by Brian Nook- [b.nook@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:b.nook@murdoch.edu.au)  
Education Chair

**FICS is committed to better communications**

### **Interfederal Commission Report 2005:**

The ICSSD will be held at CMCC in Toronto, Canada from Dec 9 to 11/05. This is the first time that the ICSSD has been offered in North America. It is designed for chiropractors who wish to participate in FICS sponsored international events. Although not recognized in Canada, the ICSSD does allow the graduate (2 hands on modules, 160 hours of cd review and successful completion of the exam) to work with FICS internationally. It is a great practical learning opportunity for all sports oriented chiropractors. The Canadian response has been very positive.

Submitted by Gordon Lawson

### **FICS Treasurer Report 2005:**

2005 was a very busy year for the FICS Finance Commission. Dr. Sherri LaShomb has taken over the position of treasurer from Dr. Richard Rosenkoetter, who was invaluable in this process. Dr. Rosenkoetter is to be congratulated for his many years of service to FICS. The FICS accounts have been moved from Atlanta, Georgia to Lewiston, New York. For those of you who do not know where Lewiston is, it is a very small village just north of Niagara Falls and on the border of Canada. We have also successfully opened an on line credit card account, which will assist FICS in collecting dues and allowing our membership to pay for merchandise and ICSSD programs with their credit cards. We are working with Dr. Alan Palmer and CEPA to offer our members' discounts from different vendors. Watch for this information in future newsletters.

Our goals for 2006 are to develop sponsorships for FICS, improve our percentage of dues collection, and continue our fiscal responsibility. If any members would like to assist on this commission, please contact me directly. We are especially in need of members who would like to work on sponsorship for FICS. I look forward to meeting more of you in Norway at our next Annual General Meeting.

Submitted by Sherri LaShomb-[docsherriatc@hotmail.com](mailto:docsherriatc@hotmail.com)  
FICS Treasurer

### **Games Commission Report 2005:**

This year the Games Commission had been working for successful participation at the 7th World Games which concluded on July 24, 2005. This was the culmination of several years of effort from the FICS board of directors and many individual members of FICS. Each are to be commended for their team work and diligence in bringing about the extraordinary accomplishment of these games.

During the games 82 countries participated in 40 sports. The FICS team was made of 26 Chiropractors from 8 different countries. 12 of these FICS members had not worked with FICS at an International event prior to this one. During our stay we saw an average of 130 patient contacts from 35 countries each day. By the end of our mission FICS doctors had rendered just short of 1000 treatments.

The influential efforts of this FICS team goes beyond the athletic improvement their patients experienced. The implications of this team's success extend so much farther than just these games. In Germany where there are only 60 credentialed Chiropractors, our mission of greater acceptance runs much deeper. When daily television coverage and a half million spectators watch doctors with "FICS Chiropractor" on their shirts treat athletes, this is a huge milestone for the German Sports Chiropractic Council. The importance of having colleagues from the German medical community see first hand the value of chiropractic in a field setting is colossal for Chiropractic as well as in a country like Germany who is still discovering the benefits of chiropractic care.

Our efforts brought numerous letters of recommendation from International Sports Federations. This is enormous for FICS in seeking future acceptance of Sports Chiropractic in International sport. The significance of representatives from the International Olympic Committee witness lines of athletes waiting to be seen by a sports chiropractor states volumes in our continuing efforts to be recognized within the Olympics and other International venues.

It is moments like these in which we should feel proud to witness a step forward in our recognition and uplifted to be a part of this success. This is not just a success of those who participated at these games. It is for all of us. For those who work behind the scenes; from paying membership dues in support of FICS efforts, in recognition of those who got the doors of opportunity like this one shut to them in years past, to each of us who work for what we believe in everyday in our offices. This was certainly a step forward in achieving the goals of FICS' mission statement to promote and advance the principals of sports chiropractic within the realm of International sport, one in which each of us share and will continue to see a benefit.

Respectfully submitted,  
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FICS Games Commission



## FICS 2005 Membership dues

2005 Dues notices have been distributed to FICS's individual members. 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.

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## Notice of ICSSD courses coming in 2005/2006

**CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

[www.fics-online.org](http://www.fics-online.org)

### Toronto, Canada

December 9, 10, 11 (2005) **Lower Extremity**  
Contact Gordon Lawson [maxlawson@rogers.com](mailto:maxlawson@rogers.com)  
ICSSD Exam will be given to those meeting the qualifications

### Torino, Italy

January 6, 7, 8 (2006) **Lower Extremity**  
Registration form from: [aic@associazionechiropratici.it](mailto:aic@associazionechiropratici.it)  
ICSSD Exam will be given to those meeting the qualifications  
Contact AIC [aic@associazionechiropratici.it](mailto: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  
Contact CAA

### Sandefjord, Norway

June 2, 3, 4, 5 (2006) **Upper or Lower Extremity**  
Contact Stale Hauge [stahaua@online.no](mailto:stahaua@online.no)  
ICSSD Exam will be given to those meeting the qualifications  
AGM June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Time to be determined

### Toronto, Canada

Dec 9, 10, 11 (2006) **Upper Extremity**  
Contact Gordon Lawson [maxlawson@rogers.com](mailto:maxlawson@rogers.com)  
ICSSD Exam will be given to those meeting the qualifications

### Australia or New Zealand, 2007 **Upper or Lower Extremity (to be determined)**

ICSSD Exam will be given to those meeting the qualifications