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DC Certificate Working Party Established

As agreed at the last GC meeting in Brussels, a Working Party has been set up to look into the issuing of DC certificates in Europe.

The WP, set up by ECU President Øystein Ogre, comprises EAC Dean Martin Wangler, Stathis Papadopoulos and Vivian Kil. This is a contentious area that is being carefully considered by the group. The WG will present a report in May at the AGM

Student Reps invited to GC meeting

Francine Denis is the member of EC responsible for dealing with the European Student Chapters and the WCCS. At the EC meeting in Vienna it was agreed that student representatives would be invited to the GC meeting on 28 May.

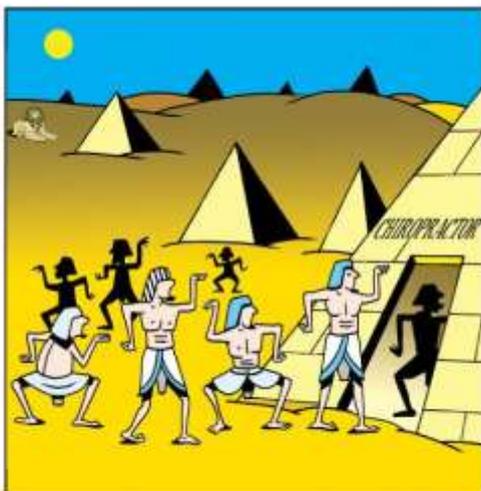
BOOK NOW: Early Bird Deadline Fast Approaches for ECU Convention

The Early Bird Deadline for registering for the ECU Convention in Dublin is 31 March, 2014.

After this, the cost of registering rises, so all ECU member associations are asked to make a big push for their members to register as soon as possible.

So far this year, registrations are up significantly on the same point last year. Our professional conference organiser, Netherlands-based GCS reports a steady flow of registrations but with an exciting programme and a theme of "Celebrating Diversity" there is something for everyone and chiropractors of all persuasions will be able to enjoy both the plenary and the workshop sessions.

Dublin is an exciting city to visit and there is a wide range of well-priced accommodation. The Convention starts on 29 May, but there is a welcome reception the evening before to which all are welcome!



Timo stays on as GCA President

Contrary to the report in *Backspace*, Timo Kaschel is staying on as GCA President.

Josef Heinemeier has been appointed Vice President and Treasurer, while Merle Diedrichsen is GEP coordinator.

The appointments were announced following the GCA AGM in March.

Plans for chiro education in Poland

Representatives of the University of Gdansk recently visited the UK to discuss a potential chiropractic programme in Poland. Accompanied by PCA President Ark Mazur, heads of the physical education department met with senior figures from AECC and ECU secretary General, Richard Brown.

EC Spring Meeting: Report

The Executive Council held its Spring meeting in the Austrian city of Vienna. Attended by Oystein Ogre, Francine Denis, Vasileios Gkolfinopoulos, Richard Brown and Claire Wilmot. Here the main outcomes of the meeting are reported.

1. It was agreed that the EC would write to the AFC notifying of a failure to comply with the ECU Constitution and a remaining liability for ECU dues for 2014.
2. In light of the withdrawal of the AFC from the ECU, Norway would be approached, inviting it to host the 2016 ECU Convention.
3. It was agreed that explanatory reports should accompany the distribution of ECU Financial Statements. This would create a greater level of transparency and assist GC members when making decisions in relation to financial requests.
4. A brand new ECU website is currently being produced with a view to launching prior to the ECU Convention.
5. The future of the EAC in its current form was debated at the EC meeting and it was agreed that formal proposals would be submitted for discussion in Dublin.
6. It was agreed that the ECU would correspond with ECCE in respect of pursuing contributions from those educational institutions not affiliated with any ECU GC member.
7. It was agreed that FICS should be endorsed by the ECU as the recommended sports chiropractic body in Europe.
8. Correspondence from Paolo Valente, President of the Portuguese Chiropractic Association (APQ) regarding the training of non-chiropractors by chiropractors was discussed.
9. It was agreed that every effort should be made to welcome back those nations that had previously left the ECU. It was noted that the relations with the DCA (Denmark) were cordial and a meeting held in December 2013 had been very positive.

Unfortunately, a meeting arranged with the President of the Austrian Chiropractic Association, Christian Domittner was cancelled at short notice due to a family bereavement.

As well as its traditional pre-GC meeting in Dublin on 27 May, the EC will hold its next formal meeting in October at the Hilton Hotel in Athens (location of the 2015 ECU/WFC Joint Convention).



Oystein and Philippe attend ECU CEN Meeting

In February, Oystein Ogre and Philippe Druart attended a meeting in Brussels to discuss the utilisation of the CEN Standard in unregulated environments.

Despite correspondence with EU leaders, a response from Dimitri Angelis (DG SANCO) has indicated that the EU is unwilling to promote the CEN TC394 standard at this time. However, a contact has been made and further correspondence be ongoing.



Deadline Dates for ECU GC Meeting

Our next GC meeting (the AGM) will be held at the CCD, Dublin, Ireland on Wednesday, 28 May.

The deadlines for receipt of financial requests and amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws (12 March) has already passed.

The deadline for submission of agenda items is six weeks prior to the meeting (16 April, 2014).

Claire Wilmot will be circulating a Country Report Survey Monkey Questionnaire. Please complete it promptly. It would also be appreciated if all GC members would confirm attendance at the GC meeting along with any observers as early as possible.

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