

WNF Membership

The WNF Membership continues to grow. We currently have 26 full members and a total of 51 members and sponsors. [Click](#) for a full listing.

WNF Update

2017 WNF General Assembly (GA)

The GA was a huge success. There were twenty-five attendees, from fourteen countries spanning six world regions. The following was accomplished as a result of the GA:

- New WNF members and sponsors were approved
- The WNF [Policy statement on Regulation](#) was approved
- [Bylaw changes](#) were approved
- The document on Defining the [Global Naturopathic Profession](#) was approved and then followed by a media release the following week.
- Each country had an opportunity to provide an overview of the status of naturopathy in their country. These updates have been consolidated into a [Professional Highlights document](#).
- The 2-year and 5-year WNF Strategy was approved
- The WNF financials and budget were approved

2019 WNF General Assembly

We are pleased to announce that the 2019 WNF General Assembly will be hosted by NHAA in March of 2019 as part of their 100th Anniversary conference in Melbourne Australia. Details to follow.

WNF White Paper

At the GA the WNF White Paper on naturopathic philosophy, principles and theories was endorsed. On September 18h, the [White Paper](#) was approved by the WNF Executive.

Chair of the Naturopathic Roots Committee, Tina Hausser, commented "*The White Paper document will provide an unified voice for the international naturopathic community on our roots, naturopathic philosophies, principles and theories, with the aim to clarify the core concepts that compose the foundation of naturopathic education and practice.*"

WHO Collaboration

During the General Assembly, Dr. Iva Lloyd provided an overview of the criteria for WHO collaboration and outlined the success to-date. Also, Dr. Michael Smith highlighted what is required to work at the level of the WHO.

On August 1st, the WNF was asked to comment on a WHO technical document on clinical research in traditional and complementary medicine. This was the first time the WNF was asked to participate on a WHO document.

It is a great opportunity for the naturopathic profession to illustrate its strength in the area of research. When the document is released by the WHO we will share it with members.

International Research Consortium

We are pleased to announce the International Research Consortium of Naturopathic Academic Clinics (IRCNAC). During the General Assembly, Amie Steel from Endeavour College (Australia) made a proposal that was approved by the Executive. This consortium will help to strengthen naturopathic research globally and will provide an opportunity for sharing knowledge between naturopathic educational institutions.

Research Committee

The WNF Research Committee is committed to addressing the question, "*To what degree is naturopathic practice supported by research.*" The pool of research backing naturopathic practice is much greater than most people believe, also, there are a number of prolific naturopathic researchers. Over the next few years the WNF Research Committee will be engaging in a number of specific research projects that outline the breadth and depth of naturopathic research. [Click](#) to learn more.

Upcoming Naturopathic Conferences

- Nov. 9th - 11th AYUSH Conference 2017, Dubai
- Nov 29th - Dec. 1st Ibero-American Meeting of the Naturopathic Profession, Mexico City

WNF Committees

There are a number of active committees in the WNF.

Naturopathic Roots Committee

The next project for the Naturopathic Roots Committee is about naturopathic terminology. Our goal is to identify and define key naturopathic terms, such as terrain, emunctories, functional imbalances, therapeutic hierarchy etc.

Professional Mapping Committee

The second part of phase one of the Professional Mapping Project project to map the international naturopathic landscape is soon to start with initial collection of documents such as Acts, regulatory and educational framework documents for analysis of policies, frameworks and infrastructures that inform naturopathic education and regulation globally. This project will continue throughout 2018.

Regional Support Committees

Four world regions – Europe, Latin America, Africa and Western Pacific have formed committees to address the opportunities and challenges that are unique to their world region. To learn more about these initiatives check out the website

Professional Formation Committee

The Professional Formation Committee, chaired by Lawrence Chanza (Zambia) will be focusing on creating support tools to assist those organizations that are new. The aim of the committee to utilize the strength and experience of existing organizations as we build the naturopathic community.

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