

The following is the 3rd quarter 2016 update on WNF activities.

WNF Membership

We are pleased to report that we had 100% of full members renew for the 2016/2017 fiscal year. Year-over-year the WNF membership grew by over 40%. WNF membership spans all world regions and twenty-two countries.

For a full listing of WNF members and sponsors [please check out our website](#). Increasing membership continues to be one of the key initiatives of the WNF.

Naturopathic Numbers

One of the initiatives of the WNF has been to assess the global naturopathic environment. The initial findings reveal that:

- Naturopathy is practiced in all world regions and in over eighty (80) countries.
- Based on current estimates there are between 75,000 and 100,000 naturopaths globally.
- There are over 90 naturopathic educational institutions that meet the WHO standards
- There are at least eighty (80) national and close to 100 associate naturopathic organizations representing naturopathic practitioners. There are over thirty (30) countries have no naturopathic organizations and there are ten (10) countries that have multiple national organizations.
- There are over twenty (20) naturopathic research organizations globally.
- The WNF currently has [48 members and sponsors](#).

Check out the [WNF Numbers 2016 Report](#).

Marketing Update

The WNF social media is growing at a tremendous pace. Please let the naturopathic community know about any educational events, updated research or successes from your organization by linking to the WNF [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts.

WNF Projects and Committees

Collaboration efforts with the **World Health Organization (WHO)** continue to move forward. The WNF was asked to provide the WHO with a list of naturopathic experts from around the globe to participate in updating the Naturopathic Benchmarks.

The first phase of the **Naturopathic Roots Report** was published in June. [Click here to access the report](#). The second phase of the Committee involves collecting curriculum information, historic references and books on naturopathic history, philosophy and theory. After analyzing the information, the Committee will be creating White Papers on the core aspects of naturopathy – history, philosophy, principles and key theories. If you would like us to include your written works in our analysis, please send us an email at survey@worldnaturopathicfederation.org

The aim of the **Professional Mapping Committee** is to look at the link between regulation and education. A survey will be sent to naturopathic schools and organizations addressing this question. Please take the time to fill it out.

Other active WNF committees include Research, European Collaboration, Education and the WNF Support Committee. [To learn more about WNF committees and projects, please visit our website](#)

Global Naturopathic Initiatives / Accomplishments

There are a number of key naturopathic initiatives happening around the globe including:

- To learn more about key WNF activities, [please check out our website](#).
- A number of European countries are working collaboratively to address challenges common to the practice of naturopathy in Europe.
- Our full member from Portugal asked WNF for support in their efforts for [exemption of VAT with positive results](#).
- The WNF is working with Latin American naturopathic organizations to support collaboration.

The WNF looks forward to working with member organizations in advancing the practice of naturopathy within their country.

WNF Policy Statements and Support Documents

Over the last year the WNF has started to create policy statements including a policy statement on federations and natural medicine.

We currently have created a draft Question and Answer document looking at the difference with the terms naturopath and naturopathic doctor. We welcome your input on this document. The closing date for input is November 15th, 2016. [Click here for the document and for other WNF Policy Statements](#).

The WNF has created a Support Committee that will continue to work on policies to guide the global naturopathic profession and on documents to support the formation of naturopathic organizations, especially in those countries new to the practice of naturopathy. To learn more about the [WNF Support Committee click here](#).

Next Steps for the WNF

Over the next few months the WNF will be focusing on increasing membership, planning for the 2017 WNF General Assembly, fundraising to support our collaboration with the WHO, working with key countries to support unity and continuing the work of the WNF Committees.

Fundraising

Fundraising is an essential aspect of all non-profit organizations. Over the next few months the WNF will be ramping up our fundraising efforts, especially as it relates to raising funds for our collaboration efforts with the World Health Organization (WHO).

2017 WNF General Assembly “Uniting the Naturopathic Profession Globally”

We hope you will join us on July 11th and July 12th, 2017 in Arizona, USA. The 2017 WNF General Assembly is being hosted by the [American Association of Naturopathic Physicians \(AANP\)](#). To ensure that all WNF participants can attend the AANP conference, the WNF General Assembly will consist of two – four hour meetings, the first on the 11th and the second on the 12th. 2017 WNF General Assembly.

Interested in Volunteering for the WNF?

The WNF is currently looking for a few volunteers to help with our key initiatives including assisting the Naturopathic Roots Committee, Research and Membership Committee, as well as assisting with our social media plans. If interested, please email us at info@worldnaturopathicfederation.org