

The second quarter of 2016 has been extremely busy. We have some exciting news to share with you.

WNF Membership

We have reached the milestone of having full members in all 7 of the world regions. The number of full members has grown from ten national naturopathic organizations in June 2015 to now twenty-two. We are also very proud to announce that we have our first corporate sponsor – BioLonreco. There are also new educational and non-profit sponsors. [Check here for a full listing of members.](#)

WHO has Agreed to Collaborate with the WNF

We are extremely excited and pleased to announce that the meetings with key officials from the World Health Organization were very successful and the WNF is in the process of exploring the scope of official collaboration with the WHO. The collaboration will likely involve working on Benchmarking documents for the naturopathic profession and being part of a project exploring terminology used in Traditional and Complementary Medicine. The WNF may also have an opportunity to provide the WHO with specific information on the naturopathic profession including educational frameworks, sizing of naturopathic profession worldwide and an overview on naturopathic research. The collaboration process will take at least two years. We will keep you abreast of the progress.

WNF Executive Committee Meeting

We had a very successful WNF Executive Committee meeting in Stuttgart Germany on June 12th, 2016. In total there were fourteen (14) countries represented. There has been some change to the Executive Committee and the WNF Officers. [Check out the website for more information.](#)

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.

Projects and Committees

The *Naturopathic Roots Report* was published in June. [Click here to access the report.](#) The report will be instrumental for organizations working with government, insurance providers or when looking to clarify the educational framework of the naturopathic profession. If you have any questions about the *Report* email info@worldnaturopathicfederation.org.

The aim of the *Professional Mapping Committee* is to look at the link between regulation and education. You will soon receive a survey addressing this question. Please take the time to fill it out.

Please check out [our website](#) as the *Research Committee* highlights [key naturopathic researchers](#), [naturopathic research institutions](#) and published naturopathic research.

The WNF is looking at supporting a number of new initiatives, including the WHO collaboration. The *WNF Fundraising Committee*, spearheaded by Dr. Michael Cronin, ND has the task of raising the required funds. Please let him know if you would like to be part of the committee or if you have any fundraising ideas.

[To learn more about WNF committees and projects, please visit our website](#)

Stay tuned for information on the 2017 General Assembly.