

The World Naturopathic Federation (WNF) has had a very successful first year. Our accomplishments include the following:

WNF Membership

We currently have thirty-three (33) members and ten (10) sponsors. Of those, seventeen (17) are full members. Our membership spans fifteen (15) countries and 6 of the 7 world regions. We currently represent organizations from the following countries: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, DR Congo, Egypt, France, Hong Kong, Germany, Mexico, Nepal, New Zealand, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, Spain, United Kingdom, Uruguay and the United States of America. Not a bad start for our first year! Expanding membership and sponsorship of the WNF remains our top initiative. [Check out the website for a full listing of our members.](#)

World Health Organization Update

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Zhang Qi, Coordinator of Traditional Medicine and Taina Nakari, WHO External Relations Officer from the World Health Organization (WHO) have agreed to meet with the WNF Executive during the World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland in May of this year. Creating a solid relationship with the WHO is a primary focus of the WNF. Having the WHO recognize the WNF as a collaborating partner will help the naturopathic profession on many levels. We will keep you informed of the outcome of those meetings.

WNF Board Meeting

The next WNF General Assembly for all WNF members will be held in June of 2017. In June of this year the full members of the WNF will be meeting in Stuttgart Germany. The aim of the board meeting is to further understand the challenges of naturopathy world-wide and to select the new WNF board.

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 response rate to the *Naturopathic Roots Committee* survey was over 30%. The results are quite impressive and indicate almost 100% agreement on the naturopathic principles worldwide. 100% of the schools indicated that naturopathic history, principles, philosophy and theories are taught as part of the naturopathic curriculum. We will be writing a white paper that will be presented at the 2017 WNF General Assembly.

The *Professional Mapping Committee's* project, spearheaded by Jill Dunn of New Zealand has been approved as a PhD initiative. The project will explore the regulatory and educational framework of naturopathy worldwide. Next month a survey will be sent to all naturopathic professional associations and regulatory bodies. Please take the time to fill it out.

Over the next few months the *WNF Research Committee* will be using social media and our website to highlight key naturopathic research from around that world. Please let us know if you would like us to highlight anything from your organization.

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

Stay tuned for information on the June 2017 WNF General Assembly in South Africa.