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General Assembly 2019
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March 27 and 28, 2019 Melbourne Australia

Thank you to our host, NHAA: [11th Herbal and Naturopathic International Conference](#)

The theme for WNF's third General Assembly, Bridging the Gap, focuses on moving naturopathy forward, uniting the profession through collaboration, research, educational standards, and much more. For information on the agenda, accommodations, or a list of members planning to attend, please visit the [WNF GA page](#).

To register for the 2019 WNF General Assembly email info@worldnaturopathicfederation.org

International Naturopathic Practice Survey

In October the WNF, with the support of Endeavour College of Natural Health, will conduct an International Naturopathic Practice Survey.

This survey will involve fourteen full WNF members, spanning five world regions. The member organizations are from **Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, India, Nepal, New Zealand, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom** and the **United States**.

The purpose of the survey is to provide an overview of the demographics of naturopathic patients and the therapies utilized by naturopathic practitioners. This is the first survey that the WNF has conducted that will be translated into multiple languages and that is being supported by an outside research organization.

If you are a participating country, we encourage you to inform your members to stay tuned for the emails encouraging their participation. The results of this survey will be included in the Health Technology Assessment on Naturopathy.

Health Technology Assessment (HTA) - Naturopathy

A Health Technology Assessment (HTA) is the gold standard that governments and the WHO use when evaluating a profession and determining how it compares to other health professions. The HTA outlines the safety, efficacy, costs and practice of a profession. The information used for a HTA primarily includes research and documents that were created from within the profession itself.

The WNF has started the process of conducting a HTA on the naturopathic profession. Many of the past and current research projects will become part of the HTA-Naturopathy including:

- The two global surveys that have been conducted by the WNF
- The WNF White Paper on naturopathic philosophy, principles and theories
- Global naturopathic regulation document
- Document comparing naturopathic education and credentials
- Research on naturopathic researchers
- International Naturopathic Practice Survey
- Collecting and analyzing the books written by naturopathic practitioners
- Collecting and analyzing the peer-reviewed articles written by naturopathic practitioners

The HTA-Naturopathy will include a number of chapters outlining the practice of naturopathy as it relates to key conditions such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, digestive conditions and others. The goal is to have the HTA-Naturopathy completed by the end of 2019.

We will be asking WNF members and sponsors to assist in this process as we proceed. Stay tuned. This is a very important project for the global naturopathic profession and it's completion is required prior to applying for official collaboration with the WHO.

Global Naturopathic Regulation

The WNF document outlining the global naturopathic regulatory situation will be published in October and posted on the WNF website under publications.

This document will be a tremendous asset for anyone involved in discussions with the government or for those organizations and government officials looking to understand the breadth and depth of naturopathic regulation globally.

WNF Committee Reports

Membership Committee

Chair: Tina Hausser, Heilpraktiker, Naturopath

With the addition of 4 new members in the last quarter, the WNF has grown to a total of [70 members](#). Please welcome; Full member, Greece; Educational members, EUNAM Institute (Italy) and Škola Klinické Naturopatie (Czech Republic) and Associate member British Columbia Naturopathic Association (Canada).

Terminology Committee

Chair: Tina Hausser, Heilpraktiker, Naturopath

The first draft of the WNF Terminology Document is on track with 14 definitions already defined and peer reviewed by the committee members. The 4th meeting in August focused on wording and modern use of the terms.

The goal is to define the selected terms, specific for the naturopathic profession, to better communicate with other health professions and facilitate inter-professional collaboration. This last quarter will give the definitions the final shape before sending out as the compiled WNF Terminology Document draft to all WNF members for review within end of December.

Education Committee

Chair: Tom Greenfield, ND

The WNF Education Committee has completed the WNF document [Recommended Minimum Standards for Naturopathic Education](#). This publication provides correlation between education and credentials of naturopathic practitioners worldwide for outside agencies to compare the naturopathic profession with equivalent healthcare professions. It is a working document, and will continue to be refined as new data becomes available.

Corporate Sponsorship

Sponsorship is essential to the growth and sustainability of the WNF. We encourage all members to reach out to potential Corporate Sponsors in their country. The WNF will be creating support materials for corporate sponsorship in the upcoming weeks. If you are able to assist, by donating funds, for members struggling to find the resources to join us in Australia, please contact the [Assistant Secretariat](#).

Anti-Microbial Resistance Working Group

Anti-microbial resistance (AMR) has been identified as a global health issue by the World Health Organization. It is imperative that the naturopathic profession is recognized as part of the solution on global health issues.

Thanks to the support of Atrium Innovations, the WNF has formed a Naturopathic Anti-microbial Working Group. The purpose of the AMR Working Group is to educate the public on the role of naturopathy with respect to AMR and to provide a detailed research-based resource for naturopathic practitioners on AMR. Stay tuned for more information on this important WNF initiative.

A Call for Naturopathic Books

The WNF is collecting and analyzing books written by naturopathic doctors.

We encourage you to ask your members to send us information on any books that they have written.

We require the name of the author(s), the country it was published in, the title of the book, ISBN number and a link to the book.

Please send the information to books@worldnaturopathicfederation.org

Upcoming Conferences

- October 19, 20, 2018 Xalapa Veracruz, Mexico - AMPENATURA presents a Naturopathic Forum

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