

2nd Quarter Update

2021



WNF Special Meeting

Due to global travel restrictions, plans for the WNF's 4th General Assembly, set for June 2021, hosted by our Full member in France, Organization of Natural Medicine and Health Education (OMNES) were postponed for a year.

In its place, the WNF held a virtual Special Meeting on May 19, 2021. Representatives from 21 countries, 48 members in all, joined via ZOOM. In addition to the usual business of an Executive meeting (approving new members, committee up-dates), attendees welcomed three new executive members, reviewed the activities in the last two years, approved the organization's financial report and accepted a new Strategic Plan.

Based on the successful completion of the 2019-2021 plan, the Strategic Plan sets targets for membership numbers, sponsorship dollars as well as the launch of a new Environmental Health website, and establishing new external alliances.

Thank you to everyone who took time to attend. Details of the meeting may be found in the Members Section on our website.



WHA74

The 74th World Health Assembly was held virtually May 24 – June 1, 2021. Tina Hausser (1st VP), Jon Wardle (Secretariat) and WNF President, Iva Lloyd, attended the event and we would like to provide you with some highlights:

- For the first time, WHA documents have specifically put TCIM directly in as a requirement for their patient-centred and universal health care agenda.
- The key areas of focus for the WNF are being echoed by the WHO – NCDs, AMR and Environmental Health

Discussions on the pandemic, vaccine efforts, future preparedness plans and a recommitment to universal health care were a major focus of the WHA.

3rd World Traditional Medicine Forum



The 3rd World Traditional Medicine Forum was held virtually the last weekend in May. The talks outlined the role of Traditional Medicine in both global healthcare and COVID-19. The Chair of the WHO, Dr. Zhang Qi had a very informative opening keynote address. The presentations for the event can be found here: [Report Videos - World Traditional Medicine Forum \(wtmforum.com\)](#)

Universal Health Coverage

The focus of the WHO is on universal health coverage and ensuring equitable health-care for all by 2030. It is a lofty goal which they acknowledge will require participation from everyone in order to accomplish. They recently released the WHO Handbook on social participation for Universal Health Coverage. [Please take a look.](#)

LinkedIn

The WNF has set up a [LinkedIn](#) page so that naturopaths/naturopathic doctors can stay better informed of WNF activities. We would appreciate it if you could let your members know that they can follow the WNF on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

Health Technology Assessment Update

We are proceeding nicely with the Health Technology Assessment (HTA). Thank you to all members that have participated in writing sections of the HTA or that have proof-read different chapters. We are on track to have the HTA published in the fall of 2021. We will keep you abreast of our progress.

Environmental Pollutants Campaign

We will be starting the [Environmental Pollutants](#) social-media campaign in the next month. We will be doing two-post a weeks with the aim of educating the public on the health-risks associated with environmental pollutants. We encourage you to share these posts on your social media.

Introducing New Executive Members

At the WNF's Executive's Special Meeting on May 19, 2021, three new Executive Committee members were approved:

Asia: Representing India, Suhas Vinchurkar, replaces Dhananjay Arankalle for the balance of the current term to be completed in 2022.

Europe: Maité Diharce (France) is the new European representative assuming the seat Erika Brajnik from Slovenia held for the last 3 years.

Latin America: Carina Behrens Muniz from Uruguay replaces Blanca Morgando (Mexico) for the balance of the term to be completed in 2022.

Please welcome our three new committee members. And on behalf the Executive Committee, thank you to Blanca, Dhananjay and Erika for their service to the WNF.

Cyber-safety and the WNF

A recent email, appearing to be from the WNF, prompted us to review our email and website security measures. We want to assure members that we do not share your email address with anyone. If you receive an email that appears to be from the WNF, asking for funds, or marketing/selling something – it is SPAM and should be immediately deleted. If something appears suspicious, please do not respond to the email – forward it to info@worldnaturopathicfederation.org

We also recently removed all email addresses from our website and installed a contact page. If you have any concerns about the communications you are receiving from the WNF, please [contact us](#).

