

WNF Membership Renewal

Best wishes for the New Year. And with the start of 2018, we remind you it will soon be time to renew your WNF membership. Currently, we have 29 full members and a total of 57 members and sponsors.

NEW! **Simplified membership renewal in 2018**

In a few weeks, you will receive an email asking you to confirm your membership information. If there are no changes, there is no form to complete to renew your membership!

During the first week of March you will receive a PayPal invoice (our preferred method of payment). That's it, no additional paperwork.

Thank you for supporting the WNF. We look forward to a year of exciting developments.

WNF Update

Supporting Naturopathic Regulation:

The WNF supports the global regulation of the naturopathic profession. When requested, the WNF is pleased to respond to regulatory proposals on behalf of its members. Recently, the WNF wrote a letter to the government of Slovenia in response to regulatory changes that were being proposed. The concern in Slovenia is that the government was recommending that the use of ALL Traditional and Complementary Medicine be limited to medical doctors.

Humanitarian Efforts

The WNF was pleased to be able to provide some support to the Puerto Rico Association of Naturopathic Physicians (PRANP) after the devastation of the hurricanes in September which they are still dealing with the aftermath. The WNF sent them face masks, batteries and flash lights and other supplies. The WNF Corporate sponsor, BioLonreco also graciously donated products to address mold-related concerns. Fernando Janer from PRANP stated:
Thank you to everyone who contributed. I was delighted to feel the international solidarity, as well as impressed by the variety of very useful supplies that arrived. Some have been used right away, some will be used in upcoming community clinics.

WNF Committee Reports

Terminology Committee

As a subcommittee of the Naturopathic Roots Committee, the Terminology Committee was formed in November 2017 to define Naturopathic terms, which are unique for the profession and also to define terms that are commonly used in health care, but defined differently in different health professions. The purpose of this initiative is to create bridges and increase collaboration with other health care professionals by getting a better understanding in the core concepts of each professional identity. [Click](#) to learn more.

Research Committee

The WNF Research Committee has a number of active projects aimed towards clarifying the research supporting the naturopathic profession. For an up-date on their work, [click](#). In January you will be receiving a survey that will be exploring the attitudes that Traditional and Complementary Systems of Medicine have towards Intra-professional Collaboration. The WNF is spearheading this initiative along with EuroCam and the International Association of Human Values. Please take a few moments to fill it out.

Educational Committee

The WNF Educational Committee had a productive initial meeting in November. The goals of the Education Committee are to act as a platform that will enable naturopathic schools worldwide to share information, and to allow the WNF to collect and collate data on naturopathic institutional programmes in each country. Follow this [link](#) for details.

WNF Outreach:

In November, Jon Wardle, WNF Secretariat and Iva Lloyd, WNF President were invited to attend the 1st AYUSH Conference in Dubai as representatives of the WNF. The conference was a great opportunity to interact with our naturopathic colleagues from India and to learn more about how India embraces and promotes all aspects of T&CM.

Naturopathic Journal Articles:

One of the goals of the WNF is to provide updates in different naturopathic journals. We are pleased to announce that to-date the WNF has had two articles published in the NDNR:

- [THE ROOTS OF NATUROPATHY: INTRODUCING THE WNF WHITE PAPER](#)
- [WNF: STATUS OF THE WORLD NATUROPATHIC FEDERATION](#)

If you are aware of a journal that would welcome an WNF article, please [contact](#).

Upcoming Conferences

- March 14 - 16, 2018 - [III Encuentro Iberoamericano De La Profesión Naturopática](#), Mexico City, Mexico
- April 21, 2018 - [3. kongres Združenja naturopatov Slovenije](#), Ljubljana, Slovenia