

WNF Membership Renewal

2018/2019 membership renewal is off to a great start. The new, simplified process has been well received with over 70% of members responding to-date. If you haven't renewed yet, we ask you to so before April 15th.

A special thank you to our renewing Private, Non-profit and Corporate sponsors. We appreciate your generous support.

WNF Committee Reports

Membership Committee

Chair: Tina Hausser, Heilpraktiker, Naturopath

In the last quarter an active membership growth initiative was undertaken with a focus on increasing membership in Europe and Latin America.

At the last WNF executive meeting, one full member, an associate member and one corporate sponsor (silver) were approved, bringing our current total to 62 members and sponsors. Thanks to all for your ongoing support!

Research Committee

Chair: Dr. Iva Lloyd, ND

The WNF has taken on the task of addressing the question, "To What Degree is the Naturopathic Profession Supported by Research?" There are currently two active WNF Research projects. The first involves analyzing the research done by naturopathic researchers. Over two hundred naturopathic researchers have been identified and we have collected close to 2,000 citations. Over the next few months we will be publishing a report identifying the type of research done by naturopathic researchers.

The second research project is a global survey looking at the attitudes of seven CAM professions towards Intra-Professional Collaboration. Future research initiatives include researching the books and peer-reviewed articles written by naturopaths / naturopathic doctors globally.

Terminology Committee

Chair: Tina Hausser, Heilpraktiker, Naturopath

At the second committee meeting in February twenty one naturopathic terms which are commonly used in health care, but defined differently, were chosen to be defined. These terms will be defined in a first draft. A template for the definitions was approved. Final drafts of the definitions will be reviewed by the global naturopathic community to prepare for approval at the WNF GA in March 2019.

Educational Committee

Chair: Tom Greenfield, ND

On the inaugural Education Committee call, the group agreed to the following goals:

- Promote naturopathic education worldwide
- Support new/developing naturopathic institutions
- Strive for consistent naturopathic educational standards

Also, as a way of collaborating among naturopathic educational institutions, an area has been established on the members section of the WNF website for shared resources.

Professional Mapping Committee Report

Chair: Jill Dunn, PhD Candidate, MHSc & BHSc (Comp Med), Dip Nat, Dip Med Herb

Phase two data collection and follow-up to the initial survey begins at the end of March 2018 with participants who agreed to be re-contacted to supply further information on regulation and education policies, frameworks and infrastructures.

Heather Carrie from Bastyr University has recently joined the Professional Mapping Committee.

Professional Development Tools

One of the pillars of the WNF Strategic Plan is Professional Formation. The goal is to assist new and existing naturopathic organizations in developing strong organizations and in providing tools for self-governance and standards of practice.

The following are currently available to all WNF members: *Bylaws template*, a *Professional Organization Guide*, and a *Self-Governance Guide*.

Sharing Naturopathic Knowledge.

The WNF is helping to facilitate the distribution of naturopathic books. There are a number of naturopathic schools that would like to expand their library and there are naturopathic practitioners and schools that have too many books. CCNM donated books to Universidad del Turabo in Puerto Rico.

There is currently a request from Zinare, the naturopathic school in Zambia, for books. If you have books to donate, or if you require books, please let us know. We would also ask that you share this request with your members.

WNF Donations:

In the second quarter of 2018, the WNF will focus our social media on fundraising. Our current target is \$10,000 to support the WNF Research Initiatives. We would like to ask all WNF members to share our posts on their social media networks.

WNF Support Groups:

Europe

The inaugural meeting of the European Support group under Chair Kate Boesenberg ND was held 4th April 2018.

The agenda included 2017's achievements, plans to move forward for individual countries, as well as possible steps of regulation and legalization of Naturopathy in Europe.

Latin America

The LA group recently had their first meeting Chaired by Dr. Claudio Esteve. A new Facebook group, *WNF de América Latina y el Caribe*, was introduced.

During the III Iberoamerican Congress in Mexico City on March 22nd a face-to-face meeting was held with seven full WNF members. The outcome of the meeting resulted in professional formation documents being produced by the WNF and strategies for growing the WNF presence in Latin America

Upcoming

Conferences

April 21, 2018: Ljubljana, Slovenia - [3. Kongres Združenja Naturopatov Slovenije](#)

July 12 - 14, 2018: San Diego, California, USA - [2018 Annual AANP Conference](#)

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

March 27-28, 2019
Melbourne, Australia - WNF General Assembly

Please send your conference information to info@worldnaturopathicderation.org