

2nd Quarter Update

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WHO TCIH Dialogue

On July 3rd WNF CEO Dr. Iva Lloyd, ND represented the TCIH coalition as part of the WHO Civil Society Organization (CSO) Dialogues with the WHO, including Director General Dr. Tedros. The WHO TCIH CSO Dialogue was in response to TCIH's request following the extension of the WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy.

Dr. Lloyd, along with Tido von Schoen-Angerer, the Vice President of the International Federation of the Anthroposophic Medical Association moderated on behalf of TCIH. There were five TCIH speakers each one focusing on a different topic including: consumer's right to choose the healthcare they desire, planetary health, TCIH as a valuable insufficiently tapped resource to healthcare, TCIH research, TCIH education and Indigenous healthcare. Our colleague, Jon Wardle very eloquently addressed the challenges and potential of TCIH research.

The asks that TCIH had of WHO were:

First - Adopt the term Traditional Complementary and Integrative Health (TCIH) thus recognizing the diversity of professions and practices that go beyond whole systems of medicine and medical practices.

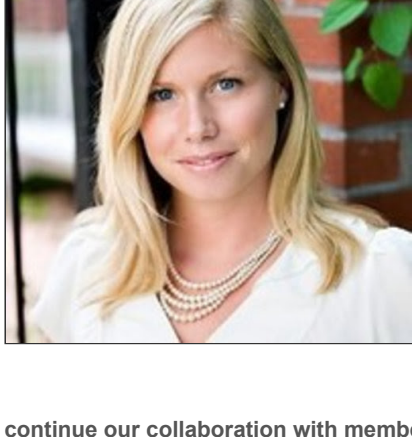
Second, to recognize the essential contribution of TCIH to global health and well-being:

1. By providing individuals the right to choose the healthcare they desire
2. By maximizing the use of TCIH approaches for healthy societies, planetary health and disease management
3. By supporting a dramatic increase in research activity, commensurate with TCIH use
4. By requesting countries to protect Indigenous and Traditional knowledge with adequate legislation

Third, to accelerate the integration into health systems and services by supporting countries:

1. To include TCIH in national health policies for the achievement of UHC
2. To provide recognition and regulation of TCIH products, practices and practitioners to ensure quality, safety, effectiveness and access, and
3. To support and respectfully integrate Indigenous practices, with the WHO to hold a forum to listen to indigenous voices.

The immediate response from the WHO was very positive with a commitment to include TCIH in future discussions. This included an invitation for 5 TCIH representatives to attend the WHO Traditional Medicine Summit in India next month.



President's Message

Dr. Tobey-Ann Pinder, BScH, ND, JD (Australia)

I am excited and honoured to assume the role of WNF President, elected by the WNF Executive Board on behalf of the Naturopaths and Herbalists Association of Australia (NHAA) and the Western Pacific region. Together with Dr. Iva Lloyd, the outgoing WNF President and current WNF CEO, I am eager to

continue our collaboration with member organizations and Committees, advancing the global naturopathic profession.

Building on strong foundation of the 2021-2023 WNF Strategic Plan, it is time to revisit and develop a sustainable and engaged organization for the future. We have a great opportunity at the WNF General Assembly (GA) in Geneva, Switzerland, from September 13-16. We appreciate the Swiss Association of Naturopaths with Federal Diploma (ASNDF) for hosting, and I eagerly anticipate meeting many of you in person at the GA.

In the coming months, my primary objective is to intimately understand the challenges and intricacies faced by our Members and Committees in different regions in an aim to facilitate communication and global interconnection. By strengthening these connections, we can effectively adapt to changing circumstances, identify opportunities, understand common challenges and learn from collective experiences to create a sustainable and engaged naturopathic profession worldwide.

I encourage our Members to actively participate in our Committees and WNF projects, as with greater engagement the WNF can better serve the needs of, and the advancement of, the global naturopathic profession.

Welcome New Executive Members

The WNF is pleased to welcome the following new Executive members. Dr. Renee Purdy, ND from Canada; Caio Fábio Portella, Naturopath from Brazil; Tina Hausser, Naturopath and HP from Spain and Dr. Tobey-Ann Pinder, BScH, ND, JD from Australia.

Thank you to retiring Executive members, David Casteleijn (Australia), Fernando Hellmann (Brazil), Fabrice Lau (Switzerland) and Ysu Umbalo (DR Congo). Your volunteer efforts on behalf of the WNF have been truly appreciated.

Dr. Lloyd, ND has transitioned from President of the WNF to Chief Executive Officer (CEO). You can reach out to her at i.lloyd@worldnaturopathicfederation.org

WNF Committee Chair Overview

As might be expected with the Executive transition, half of the WNF committees have new chairs. Please click the link to learn more about each committee. Assuming the lead for the Communications Committee is Dr. Tobey-Ann Pinder, BScH, ND, JD (Australia).

Madeleine "Abena" Tuson-Turner, ND, MSiMR, MSGH (USA) joins Tina Hausser, Naturopath, HP (Spain) as co-chair of the Educational Committee. And stepping in to chair the Research Working Group is Dr. Renée Purdy, ND (Canada).

If you would like to participate in one of the WNF committees, please email us.



WNF General Assembly

We hope to see you there

The attention of the global naturopathic community will be focused on Geneva Switzerland, this September 13th through 15th for the WNF General Assembly (GA). The GA's working group sessions will focus on two of the most critical factors facing the profession - improving naturopathic educational standards around the world and building global naturopathic research capacity. Every WNF member organization has a stake in ensuring naturopathy has a strong base for the future, and it starts in Switzerland this September. To register for the 2023 General Assembly, please email us with the names of the attendees from your organization (each member may send 2).

Following the GA, make plans now to attend the the 1st Swiss International Conference on Naturopathic Research on Saturday, September 16 in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Members' Newsletter Reminder

Our 3rd Members' Newsletter was just published. If you haven't had a chance to check it out, the Members' Newsletters have now been added to the WNF website. Have a story you'd like to share in the next issue - please contact us.

