



4th Quarter Update 2024

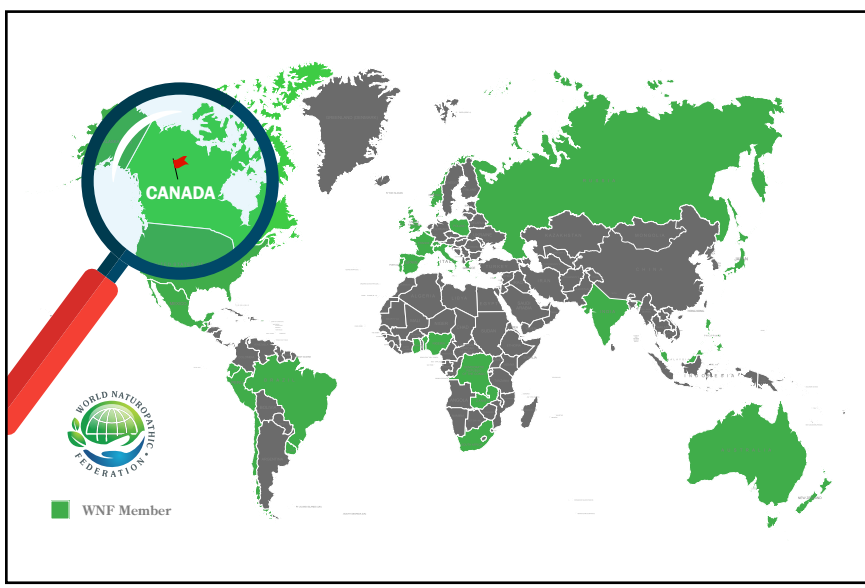
全球传统医学团体联盟筹备会议(边会) The preliminary Meeting of Global Alliance for Traditional and Integrated medicine Societies (Side Event)

承办单位: 中国中医科学院
Organizer: China Academy of Chinese Medicine Sciences



Initial Discussion on Global Alliance of Traditional Medicine Societies

A side-event to discuss the formation of the Global Alliance of Traditional Medicine Societies (Alliance) was held during Beijing's World Conference on Traditional Medicine – December 3rd and 4th, 2024. Dr. Iva Lloyd, ND CEO of the WNF as well as Professor Jon Wardle, PhD, ND from Southern Cross University and 15 representatives from other international traditional medicine organizations were in attendance. This meeting marked the initial discussion around the mission and the objectives of forming an Alliance to focus on advocating for traditional medicine societies internationally and supporting and fostering research in traditional medicine globally. Further meetings are planned for the Spring of 2025.

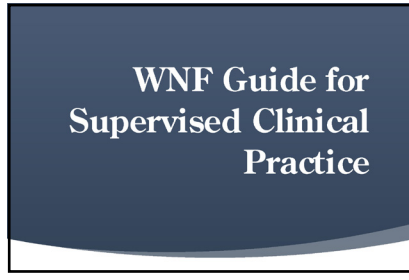


Greetings from...

"Greetings from . . .", a bi-monthly, one-hour informal conversation with a WNF member, provides an opportunity to update the naturopathic profession on their country. Our launch broadcast, with Canada, was truly enlightening. We learned:

- The benefits of having one voice, national naturopathic association CAND, speaking for inter professional collaboration with the federal government, public health agencies, and the Provincial/Territorial associations.
- CCNM is the largest naturopathic-only educational institution in the world with about 500-students.
- To learn more, please click for the video or audio version.

The spotlight turns to Australia in late January. Details to follow.



International Survey on Climate Change and Environmental Health

To the 370 participants who completed the International Survey on Climate Change and Environmental Health, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you. Over 30 countries are represented, giving the survey an important global picture of the profession.

This world-first study, led by Dr. Hope Foley from the University of Technology Sydney (UTS), examines the perspectives and approaches taken by naturopathic practitioners regarding the health impacts of climate change and environmental pollutants.

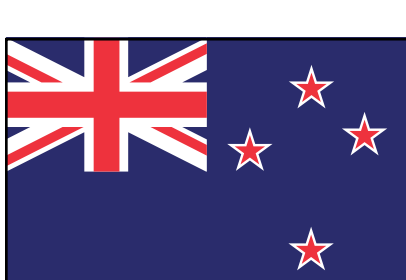
Now that the survey is complete, work to decipher the findings begins. First, the research paper, which is tentatively expected to be peer reviewed in May, will be followed by the white paper in September 2025.

Publication of the Supervised Educational Practice Document

The WNF is pleased to announce the publication of the Supervised Clinical Practice Guide, approved in November 2024.

In response to high demand of our members, the WNF Educational Committee has proactively refined naturopathic education guides, in this guide focusing on the teaching subject supervised clinical practice, to support enhanced naturopathic education standards globally – a critical step toward regulation.

This initiative was led by the WNF Educational Committee, co-chaired by Tina Hausser (Heilpraktiker, Naturopath, Spain) and Dr. Madeleine (Abena) Tuson-Turner, ND (USA). These efforts align with the WNF's 2023 – 2025 strategic plan for advancing naturopathic education worldwide.



WNF Regulatory Support

NMHNZ discovered a change on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework which would undermine efforts to elevate standards from the current 3 to 4 year degree and future accreditation with ARONAH. To combat this, NMHNZ sought support from ARONAH and the WNF which resulted in a successful meeting with the Workforce Development Council. This would not have been achieved without the support of ARONAH and the WNF.



2025 WNF GA – Save the Date!

Plan to attend the WNF 2025 AGM – October 13 – 15, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Join the WNF and our hosts, ABRANA, at Fiocruz auditorium as we discuss the steps that the naturopathic profession needs to take to ensure that we are part of the global healthcare conversation and the impact of the WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy 2025 – 2034 on the naturopathic profession.

Welcome to our New Members

The WNF was pleased to welcome 4 new members/sponsors in 2024.

Joining in the past quarter were, Educational members Szkoła Zen Reiki w Polsce (Poland), The School of Health (United Kingdom); Non-Profit Partner l'AFNAT (France) and Corporate sponsor Biome Australia. A huge thank you and warm welcome to all!

Volunteer Recognition

Nothing speaks to the strength of an organization, and its ability to achieve goals, like the commitment of its volunteers.

The WNF is truly blessed to have had 80 skilled and dedicated volunteers that donated their time and expertise to furthering the advancement of the global naturopathic profession. Thank you.

A special thank you to Nestle Health Sciences for their generous support for WNF initiatives.

