



1st Quarter Update 2025

Empowering the Future of the Global Naturopathic Profession – Join the Discussion at the 2025 WNF General Assembly

During the 2025 WNF General Assembly we will discuss the path forward to ensure that the naturopathic profession is part of the global healthcare conversation.

Join the WNF and our host, ABRANA, for the 2025 WNF General Assembly, October 13 – 15, at Fiocruz Auditorium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The GA is open to two individuals from each WNF Member, Non-Profit Partner and Sponsor, as well as WNF committee participants.

The focus of the GA is **“Empowering the Future of the Global Naturopathic Profession”** and the agenda includes:

- Optimizing the impact of the *WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy 2025 – 2034* for the naturopathic profession.
- Shaping the Voice of Naturopathic Research.
- Holding strong to naturopathic educational standards (with a focus on addressing the competition from shorter online programs).
- WNF Annual General Meeting.



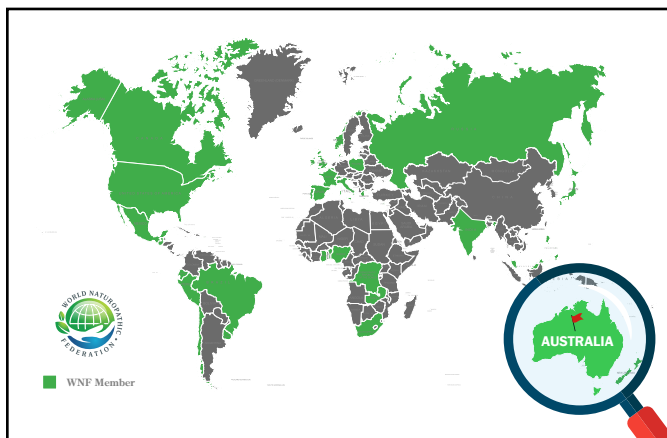
Immediately after the GA (at the same location), is the 16th Congresso Brasileiro de Naturologia (CONBRANATU) which is open to all naturopaths and NDs, and co-sponsored by ABRANA and SBNAT on October 15 and 16.

Also at the same location and well worth attending is the 3rd World Congress on Traditional, Complementary, and Integrative Medicine (WCT-CIM) from October 15 to 18.

Registration for both conferences is open.

To register for the GA, please send an email with the names of those from your organization that will be attending.

"Greetings from . . ."



"Greetings from . . ." the WNF's bi-monthly, one-hour informal conversation with our members recently celebrated its third edition. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for all WNF Full Members to give an update on the naturopathic profession in their country. In May our spotlight shifts to India.

Missed an episode? Please click the link:

- [Canada](#)
- [Australia](#)
- [Brazil](#)

The WNF Responds – Ad Hoc Educational Meetings



In response to a request from members, the WNF convened an ad hoc meeting in mid-February with Educational Members to discuss the challenges of declining enrollment in some naturopathic schools. Thank you to the more than 20 members from 4 world regions that attended. During the call it became clear that this discussion needs to include both Educational and Full Members.

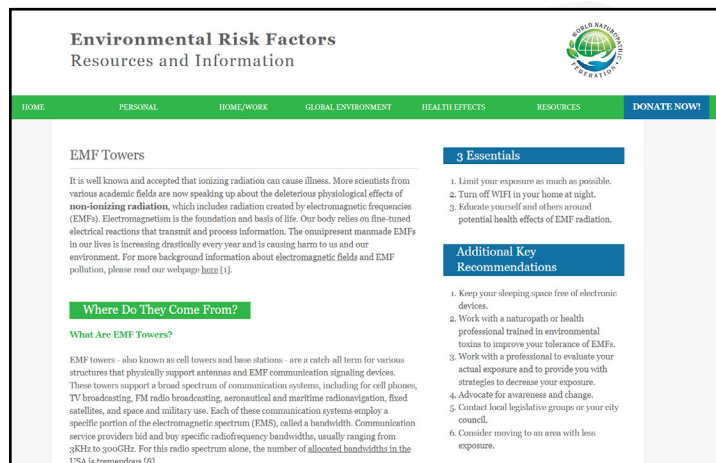
As a result, two additional calls are planned:

- On April 16th we will be discussing the challenges of online naturopathic programs – where they fit in the naturopathic profession, what professional associations can do to support higher naturopathic educational programs in their country, and the position of the WNF with respect to on-line naturopathic education. [Link](#) for meeting on April 16th at 3 pm EDT.
- On May 21st we will be discussing "Bridge Programs" – that is, naturopathic education as it relates to healthcare professionals that are looking to integrate naturopathic care and those that are looking to migrate to the naturopathic profession. [Link](#) for the meeting on May 21st at 3 pm EDT.

The focus of these meetings is to provide members an opportunity to discuss amongst themselves, to share ideas and to provide feedback on successes and challenges. The growth of the naturopathic profession is dependent on the strength and quality of naturopathic education. We encourage all WNF Educational and Full Members to participate.

Environmental Pollutants – Website Updates

Over the last few months the Environmental Health Committee has been preparing a number of new pages for the website. Thank you to the students and recent graduates from Ecole Professionnelle Supérieure de Naturopathie (EPSN) in Switzerland for bringing their youthful enthusiasm to this project.



20 pages on the WNF Environmental Risk Factor's website.

Categories include:

- Personal
- Home/Work
- Global Environment
- Health Effects

New additions include:


- Acid Rain
- EMF Towers
- Farming

New WNF Document – Establishing Guidelines

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Guidelines for Establishing a Naturopathic Profession in a Country

According to the 2019 Health Technology Assessment on Naturopathy, there is a naturopathic workforce in over 108 countries, spanning all WHO Regions. After extensive review and surveying of the global naturopathic profession there is consensus on the seven specific aspects to naturopathic education and the two main naturopathic educational programs recognized by the global naturopathic profession – a 2500-hour naturopathic practitioner program and a 4000+ hour naturopathic doctor program.

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Naturopathic Professional Associations

Most countries will have guidelines that outline the requirements for the formation of a non-profit professional association. Those guidelines often include the number of people that are required to start an association and what non-profit associations can and can not do. It is important to always verify the non-profit association guidelines in your country.

Please refer to the WNF policy statement titled, Guidelines for Professional Naturopathic Organizations. This policy statement outlines:

- Goals of naturopathic professional association
- Steps to the formation and development of a naturopathic professional association
- Bylaw recommendations
- Member benefits
- General activities of professional naturopathic associations

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