



Press Release:

Successful World Naturopathic Federation inaugural meeting launches three exciting initiatives

Naturopaths and naturopathic doctors from ten countries attended the inaugural meetings of the World Naturopathic Federation (WNF) June 26th through the 28th in Calgary, Canada. The attendees included representatives from Australia, Belgium, Canada, DR Congo, France, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, Spain, United Kingdom and the United States of America.

The results of the first world-wide survey on naturopathic medicine were presented and discussed. The survey gathered information from twenty-two (22) countries, representing all world regions, on a variety of topics including naturopathic definitions and principles, demographics, and the educational and regulatory landscape of naturopathy and naturopathic medicine. The initial results of the survey indicated a high degree of consistency on how naturopathy / naturopathic medicine was defined and practiced worldwide. It also highlighted the diversity in educational models and regulatory status. The link to this World Naturopathic Federation Report can be found at <http://www.worldnaturopathicfederation.org/inaugural-meeting-announced/> .

The WNF delegates have committed to three new initiatives in order to clarify the landscape of naturopathic medicine worldwide. The first initiative involves an in depth look at the history of naturopathy / naturopathic medicine and how it is defined throughout the world. The second initiative is a professional mapping project that will assist in clarifying the various models of education that are used and how they relate to naturopathic philosophy, principles and practice worldwide. The third project involves the formation of an international WNF research group, a gathering of the tremendous body of naturopathic research available worldwide and the recognition for ongoing naturopathic research.

The WNF would like to thank the Canadian Association of Naturopathic Doctors (CAND) for hosting the inaugural meeting of the WNF at their Health Fusion conference this year. The WNF was honoured by the acknowledgement and welcome from the Prime Minister of Canada, the Canadian Minister of Health and the warm reception from the CAND Health Fusion delegates.

The 2016 World Naturopathic Federation meetings will be held in Barcelona Spain, July 1st to 3rd at the International Congress on Naturopathic Medicine (ICNM).

The World Naturopathic Federation is off to a tremendous start. For further information on the WNF, the member organizations and our ongoing initiatives please visit our website at www.worldnaturopathicfederation.org

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