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ICA'S COUNCIL ON UPPER CERVICAL CARE HOLDS HISTORIC ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AT LIFE WEST

HAYWARD, Calif, September 22, 2008 – On August 22 and 23, Life Chiropractic College West hosted a historic meeting of representatives of six leading upper cervical techniques, Life West's faculty and an International Chiropractic Association board director, Dr. Gary Walseman. The group convened to form ICA's first Council on Upper Cervical Care.

The main purpose of the event, moderated by Dr. Gerard Clum, president of Life Chiropractic College West, was to create a curriculum for a diplomate program which will affect the advanced education and training of persons not only in the technical applications of a given upper cervical technique but in the nuances of various approaches to the correction of atlas subluxations.

In order to develop standard courses of study, the Council had to reach an agreement regarding the exploration, discussion, teaching and researching of topics central to upper cervical chiropractic care.

The Council also established policies and procedures as well as a research agenda that will govern its future operation.

Dr. Shawn Dill, director of the Institute for Advanced Care in Chiropractic at Life West, was named chair of the Council on Upper Cervical Care.

The careful formation and successful meeting of the Council is an auspicious start, according to Dr. Dill. "The support of the various technique groups and their desire to work in a unified effort provides great hope for the future of upper cervical specific and the profession as a whole," he said. Having identified and discussed the major issues facing upper cervical care, the next step includes the implementation of feedback, the revision of enabling documents, refining the diplomate program syllabus, and developing the Council's administrative infrastructure. Dr. Dill said that updates regarding the process will be posted to the education section of ICA's Web site (www.chiropractic.org).

The techniques that were represented, and those representing each techniques, were: Atlas Orthogonal, represented by Dave Amundsen, D.C., of Petaluma, Calif., Donna Pontrello, D.C., of Petaluma; Blair, represented by John Hilpisch, D.C., of Minneapolis, Minn., and Darren White, D.C., of Seattle, Wash.; Knee-Chest Upper Cervical Specific, represented by Rob Kessinger, D.C., Cape Girardeau, Mo., Shawn Dill, D.C., of Hayward, Calif., Louis Tiscareno, D.C., of Antioch, Calif., Hari Khalsa, D.C., of Hayward, Calif., B.J. Kale, D.C., Mount Pleasant, S.C., Thad Vaugniaux, D.C., of Glen Carbon, Ill., and Andy Roberts, D.C., of Bloomington, Mich. ;

NUCCA, represented by Robert Brooks, D.C., of Tulsa, Okla., Marshall Dickholtz Sr., D.C., of Chicago, Ill., Michael Zabelin, D.C., of San Francisco, Calif., Kim Khauv, D.C., of Hayward, Calif., Chuck Woodfield, D.C., of Dallas, Texas, and Richard Cockwill, D.C., of Courtnay, British Columbia; Orthospinology, represented by Kirk Eriksen, D.C., Dothan, Ala., Roderic "Bo" Rochester, D.C., Clarkesville, Ga., and Julie Hunt-Mayer, D.C., of Clearwater, Fla.; and Advanced Orthogonal, represented by Stan Pierce, D.C., of St. Petersburg, Fla.,

Life Chiropractic College West teaches five upper cervical techniques among 13 adjusting systems in its Doctor of Chiropractic curriculum. Life West, established in 1976, is an accredited non-profit institution of higher learning. Currently over 400 students from across the United States and abroad are enrolled, and over 3,700 graduates of Life West are now providing chiropractic care worldwide. The college's Public Health Center, staffed by approximately 150 senior interns who are guided by licensed doctors of chiropractic, provides affordable health care to more than 1,500 patients per week in the city of Hayward, California. The college and Health Center maintain a Web site at www.lifewest.edu.

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