



Life West plays role in Beijing conference

November 19, 2008 — Gerard Clum, DC, president of Life Chiropractic College West and immediate past president of the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC), was a participant at the World Health Organization's "Congress on Traditional Medicine" as well as at the associated "Symposium on Manual Methods of Health Care." The event was held Nov. 7-9 in Beijing, China.

The conceptualization and planning for the conferences began during Clum's tenure as president of the World Federation of Chiropractic. His term as president ended at the Federation's annual meeting in Seoul, Republic of South Korea in June of this year.

The main program, which attracted 2,000 healthcare providers from around the world, was hosted and cosponsored by the People's Republic of China Ministry of Health and State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine. The satellite program on Manual Methods of Health Care was organized by the World Federation of Chiropractic and the Wang Jing Hospital of the China Academy of Traditional Chinese Medicine. The program included presentations on Tuina (China), Chuna (Republic of South Korea), Judo therapy (Japan), Chiropractic (United States), Osteopathy (United States), Massage (Sweden), Naprapathy (Sweden), Bonesetting (Europe), Hueseros and Sobadores (Latin America), and various forms of African manipulative approaches.

A third follow-up program was presented jointly by the World Federation of Chiropractic and the Association of Chiropractic Colleges on Nov. 10-11 immediately following the WHO events. This program reflected on the presentations of the previous programs and explored the utilization of technology in chiropractic education on a global basis.

Joseph Ferguson, DC, dean of Life Chiropractic College West, was the opening speaker at the WFC/ACC symposium on educational technology and gave a report summarizing the technologies currently being used by chiropractic institutions. Clum also presented at this conference, where he focused on the impact of digital imaging systems in chiropractic education.

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