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ICA's Pediatrics Conference/International Symposium Receives Front Page Coverage in Bahamas Newspaper

ICA's Annual Conference on Chiropractic & Pediatrics, held jointly with the ICA/FACTS International Symposium on the Science, Art and Philosophy of Chiropractic, received front page coverage in the Grand Bahama Island's major newspaper, *The Freeport Journal*.

Chiropractic is practically unknown in this part of the world even though it is only a few hundred miles off the coast of Florida. The media, however, felt the presence of so many "visiting professionals" and the content of the program was significant enough to give it front page coverage. Under the headline, "Chiropractors from around the world hold annual conference," and a very prominent picture of ICA President Maltby opening the proceedings, reporter Gena Nolan explained the objectives of the conference and how it was designed to advance knowledge and research to chiropractic health care practitioners for the benefit of their patients. The reporter also covered some of the sessions, including several pediatric case studies.

"It was very encouraging to see the interest of the media in our event," said ICA President Dr. John Maltby who was personally interviewed by reporter Nolan. "The ICA's mission at these conferences



ICA President Dr. John Maltby opens ICA's Joint Conference/Symposium at the Westin Resort in the Grand Bahamas.

has always been about providing the doctor of chiropractic with continuing education of a high standard. Chiropractic organizations fighting for recognition in their countries have several times used ICA's International Symposiums to advance their cause by showcasing the extensive reach of the profession, with chiropractors from all over the world coming together for an educational program. We hope the coverage of this program in the media will help the public and other health care disciplines in that

island to become interested in knowing more about chiropractic and how it can serve the health care needs of the population."

This year the Symposium program included topics on geriatrics, spinal biomechanics, chiropractic philosophy and technique as well as several research papers. The Pediatrics Conference concentrated on the autistic child. It included an update of the research on children with autism and vaccines presented by Dr. Andrew Wakefield, the neurological implications of the child with autism, and co-management of chiropractic care with vision and occupational therapy.

The next International Symposium on the Science, Art and Philosophy will be held in June 2010 in Geneva, Switzerland. The next Annual Conference on Chiropractic & Pediatrics will be held November 20-22, 2009 at the world famous Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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Washington, DC to be Site of Next Chiropractic Summit Meeting

The Chiropractic Summit is an ongoing cooperative effort between chiropractic organizations, institutions, vendors and publications coming together to forge a collective response to the greatest challenges facing chiropractic today. First convened in 2007 as a collective problem solving forum, the Summit hosted representatives from 39 organizations in Las Vegas in January of this year and the momentum continues to build.

With a strong focus on national legislation, the next meeting of the Chiropractic Summit has been scheduled for Thursday, May 14th in Washington, DC. This will be the fifth full gathering of representatives from the now nearly 40 organizations participating in the Summit process, which continues to expand and develop into the most inclusive, open and focused profession-wide effort ever undertaken in chiropractic. The Washington, DC Summit session will be hosted by the International Chiropractors Association.

ICA is foregoing its traditional legisla-



tive day on behalf of the Summit, so the May 14th meeting may continue the effort to build a collective and coordinated front to address the pressing challenges chiropractic and the nation face with national healthcare reform and the deepening crisis in Medicare. These two related public policy issues have the potential to shake the foundations of healthcare as we know it in the United States, and will require a carefully researched united response from the chiropractic profession if the interests of chiropractic patients and

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Chiropractic Champion Rep. Bob Filner Introduces Veterans' Bill

On February 12, California Representative Bob Filner, perhaps chiropractic's most dedicated champion in the US House of Representatives, introduced HR 1017, legislation "to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services." The bill sets a deadline of December 31, 2012 for full inclusion of



chiropractic services at all DVA facilities and includes, "periodic and preventative chiropractic examinations and services" in the list of chiropractic benefits available to eligible veterans.

"This legislation represents a critical frontier for veterans and the chiropractic profession," said Dr. McLean. "Every doctor of chiropractic in the United States needs

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