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## Are you going to Rome for ICA's 2002 Symposium? If not, read what this doctor has to say...



## My impressions of ICA's Lisbon Symposium

### Why Rome 2002?

In my thirty years of practicing chiropractic I have attended an unaccountable number of post-graduate courses and professional events; not always have I been satisfied at the outcome. Rarely are these encounters focused on my broad needs as a chiropractor.

Immediately upon arriving in Lisbon for the ICA Symposium in November 2000, I realized that the occasion was special. The Ritz Four Seasons Hotel was an impressive venue with an atmosphere that reflected pride and prosperity. Lisbon and its people proved to be delightful. The large international crowd of symposium participants was unusually well-attired, from students to practitioners and all were attentive to the professional environment and lectures.

Yes, our historical roots were recalled and our distinctions from other healing arts were underlined. The reasons for our being as an autonomous profession were constantly evident. The Chiropractic premise became vivid through modern day terms and research. *Science* was bridged to the performing *Art* of precision adjusting and clinical wisdom. The program also attended to the *Philosophy* as to "why" we go through our daily routine of helping others. All of this, for me, was a relief to hear. I was proud to be a chiropractor. I left the symposium not only satisfied, but also determined to bring it to Rome.

After the success of the ICA Lisbon Symposium, ICA was faced with a variety of offers as to where to conduct a future event. Italy has constantly shown fortitude to practice and promote within an open ended chiropractic paradigm. The Associazione Italiana Chiropratici (AIC) members have always been eager to embrace basic chiropractic prin-



By Fred Barge, D.C., Ph.C.

Welcome to *The Chiropractic Choice*, ICA's way of bringing you issues wherein individual chiropractors and the profession have a choice of direction that can impact the practice of chiropractic and the destiny of the profession. As the much revered and esteemed chiropractor Dr. E. L. (Bud) Crowder so beautifully stated:

*"Our true inheritance lies in our ability to make and shape chiropractic so that it will survive for all time to come. Thus we become the creators of our professional destiny."*

Yes, Bud, my friend, well said and *The Chiropractic Choice* will bring to the profession the issues that we believe will in the end "make and shape chiropractic for all time to come." We will do so in a forthright and succinct manner. There will be no mincing of words from us, as we want you to be fully apprized of the issues. Just as Benjamin Franklin said, "When truth and error have fair play the former is always an overmatch for the latter." *The Chiropractic Choice* will strive to bring you the truth — the choice is then yours.

The ICA has always been a principled, subluxation-based chiropractic association. Since its inception, ICA's founder B. J. Palmer laid down the principles that our association essentially still follows. Isn't it heartwarming today to see that in the year 2002 a bill has been passed for Veterans health care that encompasses the vertebral subluxation as an integral part of chiropractic care?

The profession is coming our way, the way of principled chiropractic. Thanks of course go to all the chiroprac-

principles and premise and the Association has done its best to satisfy those needs. Over the years the AIC has successfully offered qualified courses not only to its members, but also for participants from around the world. Notable was the AIC's roster of distinguished lecturers at the ECU Convention at St. Vincent. All of this awarded Italy the right to host the International Chiropractors Association's Rome 2002 Symposium.

Much effort has gone into the preparation and promotion of Rome 2002... the program and lectures are second to none, and all will be enhanced with culture and elegance... In all cases I know you will leave the symposium with a sense of pride and additional confidence in what you do daily as a professional healthcare provider.

Thomas E. Rigel, D.C.  
Rome, Italy

Thomas E. Rigel, D.C. became an ICA member following the Lisbon 2000 symposium. A practitioner in Rome, he was appointed by AIC President Dr. Eddy Pellissier to assist ICA with the Rome 2002 symposium on behalf of AIC.

tors who worked relentlessly to see this bill passed with subluxation language included. They gave the "truth" fair play and our legislative people, the senators and congressmen saw fit to include subluxation in the language. Begone ye "croaking harbingers of doom" who say that they do not understand the term 'subluxation'!

And now a model bill in New Jersey will insist that the adjustment of the vertebral subluxation is the exclusive domain of chiropractic! Oh how long the ICA has fought efforts by ACA and other organizations to categorize our beloved adjustment as 'manipulation'.

Manipulation of any joint or joint complex is common domain in the healing arts. Let's not forget osteopathy was founded 21 years before D.D. adjusted Harvey Lillard. To be 'accepted' was it necessary to replace what is so uniquely chiropractic with a term (and hence an art) that can belong to anyone?

Let's get rid of the paranoia and insecurity fellow chiropractors — we have arrived. We are where we wanted to be, we are mainstream health care practitioners in the political scheme of things in the USA and Canada that have the largest percentage of chiropractors world-wide. Heartening isn't it? Soon we hope it will happen in all countries of the world. Let us now keep our sights on the destiny for which our forefathers went to jail and endured so much. Let us see that Thomas Edison's "doctor of the future" is the "doctor of chiropractic"!

"Enuf" said.

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