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## New Coalition Organized to Defend Chiropractic Independence

### ACA invited but declined

According to a newly formed coalition, chiropractic is in danger of being taken over by a group of medically oriented chiropractors and organizations who are trying to change the very nature of the profession, and in the process minimizing the profession's unique

role in health care and possibly placing the public at risk.

Founded as a drug-free health care system more than a century ago, chiropractic focuses on the normalization of nerve function through correction of

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Meeting in Washington, DC, November '02. Back L to R: Mr. Jim Albertine (WCA), Dr. Terry Rondberg (WCA), Dr. Mike McLean (ICA), Dr. Coralee Van Egmond (ICA), Dr. Matt McCoy (WCA), Mr. Ron Hendrickson (ICA). Front L to R: Dr. D.D. Humber (ICA), Dr. Gary Horwin (FSCO), Dr. Judy Campanale (FSCO), Dr. Richard Plummer (FSCO), Dr. Chris Kent (WCA) and Dr. Don Hirsh (ICA).

## Italian Association Thanks ICA For Defense of Chiropractic World-wide

The ICA was pleased and honored to receive a letter recently from Dr. Eddy Pellissier, President of the the Associazione Italiana Chiroprattici (AIC), for helping them in their battle against organized medicine (copy of letter on page 17). The Italian chiropractors are fighting against a powerful and formidable foe, one chiropractors in the US can well understand. The Italian medical organization is seeking to take over chiropractic services in Italy, declaring that chiropractic is a "medical act" and should be practiced only by medical doctors.

In May 2002, ICA held its 2<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium in Rome, Italy, at the invitation of the AIC. The presence of hundreds of chiropractors from all over the world and the presentation of an educational program, based on sound chiropractic principles, gave the AIC an opportunity to hold press conferences with key people and the solid support of their international colleagues, that were reported in the media for months afterward.

Following the Rome Symposium, ICA continued to follow up with the Italian Association to help in their continuing battle to remain separate and distinct. In appeals profession-wide, ICA urged a united, global support of the AIC.

ICA has, during its long history, extended its hand of support to other nations through materials, internship and volunteer programs, expertise and publicity, and also by raising funds. Its mission has been and will continue to be to help any chiropractic organization in the world who asks for its help and support.

## Proposed Changes by CCE Can be Detrimental to Chiropractic

### ICA opposes changes, asks CCE to consider potential ramifications

The International Chiropractors Association has written to the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) voicing disapproval of its proposed and potential changes in the educational standards of the chiropractic program. The controversial proposals on which ICA has commented seek to push chiropractic in more of a medical direction, contrary to the basic principles on which this profession was founded and the majority of practitioners believe chiropractic to be.

Chief among ICA's concerns is a proposed requirement to utilize the term "primary care physician" in place of more chiropractic terms like doctor of chiropractic or chiropractor. ICA also expressed opposition to a potential standards change that would require CCE accredited colleges to "include physiotherapy in doctor of chiropractic degree requirements and in the clinical

competencies." The proposed changes have been placed on the agenda for the January, 2003 meeting of the CCE governing board.

"It is vital for the profession to be aware of the impact such standards changes can have on the very substance of chiropractic procedures and parameters, as well as liability and competition from other professions," said ICA Board Chair Dr. Robert Braile.

In a letter to CCE dated January 2, 2003, ICA wrote:

*"...ICA opposes the blanket substitution of the term "primary care physician" term in place of chiropractic specific terminology, including doctor of chiropractic, in CCE standards. ICA believes that the public and the profession are both best served by complete clarity and accuracy in professional designa-*

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## Palmer College Sues CCE

Chancellor Michael E. Crawford announced on December 12, 2002 that the Palmer Chiropractic University System, (representing both Palmer College of Chiropractic in Iowa and Palmer College of Chiropractic-West in California) has filed a lawsuit in Wisconsin against the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE), charging that the Council of Chiropractic Education (CCE) deprived Palmer of appropriate representation in its recent reorganization process.

Palmer's claim was filed Dec. 5 in Jefferson County (Wis.) Circuit Court. The claim asserts five causes of action in which Palmer alleges that the CCE deprived Palmer of its rights of representation in the CCE corporate organization. The reorganization process that Palmer is challenging, Crawford said, includes the CCE's attempt to dissolve itself as a Wisconsin corporation and become and operate as an Arizona corporation. The Palmer lawsuit claims that these actions were taken in violation of the CCE's own bylaws and articles of incorporation.

Chancellor Crawford said Palmer had

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## SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT



**Dr. Mike McLean (ICA) responds to inaccurate statements made by ACA Board Chairman.**  
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