

Hundreds of Doctors and Students Worldwide Experience an Extraordinary Weekend of Learning and Fellowship at ICA's Rome 2002 Symposium



With flags of 29 countries adorning the stage and a large ballroom filled to capacity with more than 400 doctors and students, ICA's 2nd International Symposium on the Philosophy, Science and Art of Chiropractic opened on April 5, 2002 at the stunning Hilton Cavalieri Hotel in Rome, Italy on a note of positive expectation and excitement. The feedback from one doctor in Europe expressed the sentiments of many who attended this weekend of clinical education, inspiration and fellowship. His email was brief but succinct: "Wow! This was the best conference ever. Thanks!"

Rome 2002 was the second international symposium on the philosophy, science and art of chiropractic sponsored by the ICA and the Foundation for the Advancement of Chiropractic Tenets and Science (FACTS); the first one was held in November of 2000 in Lisbon, Portugal.

Cosponsored by the Italian Chiropractic Association and five chiropractic colleges — Cleveland College-KC, Cleveland College-LA, Palmer College, Life University and Life West, Rome 2002 featured an impressive array of speakers including Dr. Fred Barge, Dr. Dan Murphy, Dr. Gerry Clum, Dr. Maxine McMullen, Dr. Joan Fallon, Dr. J. Richard Burns, Dr. Sid Williams, Dr. Robert Braile, Dr. Malik Slosberg, Dr. Muriel Perillat, Dr. Gilbert Schmiedel and Dr. Jim Sigafoose. Dr. Fred Barge served as the symposium chair.

Educational sessions covered topics ranging from the chiropractic profile worldwide to immune system neurology, chiropractic care and pregnancy, chiropractic care of the infant, the geriatric patient, historical and contemporary understanding of the subluxation, the first adjustment, the true hole in one concept, and various technique demonstrations. The emphasis of the program was on clinical excellence, philosophical clarity and chiropractic's unique role in health care. This theme resonated with great power through the packed



Dr. Dan Murphy keeps his audience interested and attentive with his lecture on immune system neurology.



Dr. Fred Barge, who also served as Symposium Chair, demonstrates a technique.



ICA President Dr. D.D. Humber (L) thanks Dr. Thomas Rigel from Rome, Italy and representative of the Italian Chiropractic Association, for his invaluable help and support in organizing the symposium.



Attendees get some fresh air and lunch on the hotel terrace.



Doctors get an opportunity to network.



Students from the United States, Europe and England get to know one another and exchange information. Here they are in front of the stage decorated with flags.

ballroom during the three-day weekend.

The proceedings also included the presentation of research papers by an excellent group of chiropractic practitioners and faculty members from chiropractic colleges. The Research Paper

Review Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Christina Cunliffe, Principal of McTimoney College in UK had selected nine papers for presentation. (The *Proceedings of the Rome 2002 Symposium* containing nine research

papers is now available from ICA's sales department. Call 703-528-5000 to order your copy.)

Other highlights

Aside from the outstanding educational program, for family members not attending the sessions ICA offered daytime tours of Rome that featured famous sites of this ancient and romantic city. Attendees also had the unique opportunity to enjoy an exclusive private tour one evening of the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel—an experience that was nothing short of breath-taking!

The highlight of the weekend was Saturday evening when ICA hosted its black tie gala banquet at one of Rome's most beautiful patrician palaces, The Saloni di Palazzo Brancaccio, built in 1880. Guests enjoyed a pre-banquet reception in the Palace gardens, followed by a gourmet meal complete

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