



CHIROPRACTIC ROUND-UP INITIATIVES AROUND THE WORLD

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CANADA

Katz denied appeal to appear in Lewis inquest

The highly publicized "Lewis" inquest into the circumstances surrounding the death of Lana Lewis, an individual who had been under chiropractic care, resumed on September 9, 2002 after a summer recess. The Lewis inquest initially opened on April 22, 2002 in Toronto, Ontario, before a 5-member jury. This case has been used in a massive media campaign by chiropractic's critics and competitors to try and influence public attitudes toward the profession throughout Canada.

Throughout the many months of the inquest, the Canadian chiropractic organizations have maintained a dignified, dedicated and well-grounded effort to address the facts of the case and to defend the safety of chiropractic on the basis of those facts. Major presentations by chiropractic



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witnesses have been made in recent weeks and a full description of that testimony and continuing updates are available from the Canadian Chiropractic Association at www.ccachiro.org.

In a recent development, Dr. Murray Katz, a well-known critic and anti-chiropractic activist, who had previously been denied legal standing to appear at the inquest by the coroner, has lost an appeal to the Divisional Court seeking to overturn the coroner's initial decision. This is a major step forward for the objectivity of the hearing process because Katz is known for his hostility and prejudice toward the chiropractic profession, and his complete lack of expertise on chiropractic.

ITALY

Italian Association continues to battle medics, need profession's support

The chiropractic profession in Italy remains embattled as it confronts legislative efforts to restrict chiropractic to medical practitioners. The Associazione Italiana Chiropratici (AIC) has mobilized worldwide support with letters from many chiropractic organizations throughout the world, including the ICA,

sent to key policy makers in that nation. The AIC continues to keep in very close contact with friendly legislators in their efforts to secure a sound footing for chiropractic in Italy and to provide protections for the Italian people from untrained personnel seeking to provide chiropractic services.

The Italian Association has established a special fund for those Associations, DCs and supporters who wish to contribute to this cause. All proceeds will be devoted entirely to supporting the chiropractic profession in Italy. "The AIC is ready to fight this battle against the medical profession with every resource possible...[we] ask all chiropractic associations worldwide to unite in support for this effort," wrote Dr. Eddy Pellissier, AIC President, in a letter to ICA. The ICA strongly urges a united, global front in support of the Italian chiropractors. AIC was founded in 1974 and presently represents 150 doctors of chiropractic active in Italy. AIC has acted with great energy and determination on behalf of chiropractic in that nation, earning the respect and support of the chiropractic world. Please send your donation to: **Associazione Italiana Chiropratici, Via Brigata Liguria, 1/20, 16121 - Genova, Italy.**

THE NETHERLANDS

Chiropractors may lose right to take and read x-rays

Doctors of chiropractic in The Netherlands are working to retain the right to take and read x-rays, but recent government actions appear to have closed

a major window through which some established practitioners who had exercised this privilege on a limited basis will now be obligated to remove their imaging equipment and refer patients to other providers for the needed films.

Public demand remains strong for chiropractic services and efforts to provide the highest quality of care are being aggressively undertaken by the chiropractic organizations in that country to insure the best possible practice climate for provider and patient alike. In a recent meeting between the Dutch Chiropractic Federation and The Netherlands Chiropractic Association, pledges were made to work towards maximum understanding and cooperation to secure the best possible x-ray policy. Representatives from both chiropractic organizations agreed that direct authority to take and read x-rays was not likely to be secured in the immediate future, and that appropriate interim steps were needed.

Around the U.S.

ARKANSAS

Immunization rulings put on hold, unvaccinated kids return to school

Two district court decisions that would have ended Arkansas' immunization exemption provisions have been put on hold. On July 25th, the federal District Court for the Western District of Arkansas, found the state's religious

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