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Philippe Druart receives ECU Honour Award

ECU Past President Philippe Druart has received the ECU Honour Award for 2014.

In receiving the award from ECU President Øystein Ogre at the ECU Convention Gala Dinner, Dr Druart (pictured right) expressed his surprise and delight. It was, he said, a very proud moment for him and marked the culmination of decades serving the profession. In giving the award, Dr Ogre outlined the many achievements and tireless work of Dr Druart, who is Chair of the EU Affairs Committee.

Denmark's Erik Poulsen wins top research prize

Danish researchers and ECU Individual Member Erik Poulsen has scooped the 2014 ECU Jean Robert prize for original research.

Dr Poulsen, who works at the respected NIKKB in Odense, Denmark, is a leading expert on non-surgical management of osteoarthritis of the hip. His work has featured in national publications and he is highly regarded nationally and internationally.



Dublin ECU Convention hailed as great success.

Over 450 delegates descended on Dublin at the end of May for the ECU's annual Convention. Held in the iconic Convention Centre Dublin, the event featured a theme of "Celebrating Diversity".

With a range of European and other international speakers, those attending were treated to a smorgasbord of chiropractic offerings with plenary sessions and a range of workshops.

The Convention opened in true local style with a spectacular display of traditional Irish dancing. This continued with a theme night at the Jameson Whisky Distillery Museum and a glittering gala banquet at the Gibson Hotel.

A full report will feature in the next issue of Backspace, but in the meantime, the ECU would like to thank the Chiropractic Association of Ireland for hosting the event.

EAC opens to all ECU chiropractors

The ECU signified its commitment to postgraduate education and raising standards in the profession by opening up membership to all members of ECU member national associations. EAC Dean Martin Wangler commented, "This is great news for the profession and great news for the EAC."

AFC withdrawal confirmed

At its meeting in Dublin, the ECU General Council formally accepted the withdrawal of France from the ECU.

Further to correspondence received from the AFC, the GC was heartened to learn of the AFC's intended return to the ECU in 2016-17.

General Council Meeting – May 2014

The ECU General Council met in Dublin on 28 May 2014 for its Spring meeting and AGM. The meeting was well-attended with observers including the WFC, Danish Chiropractic Association and representatives of student chapters. Outcomes from the meeting included the following:

1. The General Council granted €30,000 to support the AECC upright MRI scanner appeal and €5,000 to help facilitate translation of important documents, including the CEN Standard, into Hungarian.
2. A presentation was made to Sue Wakefield, Executive Director of the BCA to mark her final ECU GC meeting before retiring in September 2014.
3. President Øystein Ogre and Treasurer Vasileios Gkolfinopoulos were both elected for a third term of office.
4. The GC confirmed that it would continue to grant an annual sum of €35,000 to the European Council on Chiropractic Education (ECCE) to support its operating costs.
5. Further funding is to be provided to the Chiropractic Patients' Federation (Europe) to support the development of national chiropractic patients' federations.
6. Dr Sidney Rubinstein provided a very positive report on ECU-funded research projects.
7. The GC agreed to provide funding of €12,000 to support an EU Joint Action Workforce Project

CAA President addresses ECU General Council

President of the Chiropractors' Association of Australia, Laurie Tassell addressed both the ECU General Council and the General Assembly at its meeting in Dublin. Dr Tassell, pictured below, spoke



on issues of professionalism and the damage done by sceptic groups in Australia. He stressed the importance of ethical and professional conduct and was critical of those placing business interests above the interests of patients.

Belgian chiropractors progress to Royal Decree

In a historic development, the Belgian government has announced a Royal Decree for four non-medical professions, including chiropractic.

In a surprise declaration on 12 May, the Belgian Government announced the Decree, which is the outcome of over 12 years of hard work on the part of the BCU.

Despite medical opposition in some quarters, the issuing of a Royal Decree gives chiropractic federal recognition and makes it increasingly difficult for resistance to be effective.

The next hurdle is for chiropractic in Belgium to be independently recognised in a separate Royal Decree.



Richard Brown confirmed as next WFC Secretary General

In a statement made by the World Federation of Chiropractic on 11 June, Richard Brown has been announced as the next WFC Secretary General.

Richard, 46, will take over from outgoing Secretary General on 1 July 2015. In the meantime, he will continue in his role as ECU Secretary General.

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