



European Chiropractors' Union

Bylaws

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1. DEFINITION OF CHIROPRACTIC

The ECU will approve and adopt the definition of chiropractic currently adopted by the World Federation of Chiropractic.

2. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP OF A UNION MEMBER

Associate membership of a Union Member is recognised by the ECU.

3. APPLICATIONS BY INDIVIDUAL CHIROPRACTIC MEMBERS

Applications to become an individual chiropractic member of the ECU shall be accompanied by evidence of the applicant's education, qualifications and good standing in the profession.

4. FINANCE

- a. The annual per capita fee, payable in two instalments on 30 April and 31 October of each year, will be agreed annually by the General Council for the ensuing year.

For members admitted after 1 July of any year, the per capita fee shall be one half of the annual fee.

- b. Individual Chiropractic Members shall pay the same per capita ECU dues as those who are members of Union Members.
- c. The per capita fee will not be charged to Honorary Members of any Union Member provided due notice has been given to the Secretary General in writing or by email.
- d. Union Members shall, on or before 1 April of each year, submit to the Treasurer a list of members in good standing. The list shall be updated on or before 31 October of each year. The list shall contain names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses and membership classification within the Union Member.
- e. Union Members and Individual Chiropractic Members shall, on or before April 30th and 31 October of each year, transfer the payable dues to a bank account nominated by the Treasurer.
- f. Expenses relating directly to the conduct of business for or on behalf of the ECU shall be paid to Executive Council Officers, the Secretary General, staff and other co-opted members assigned by the Executive or General Council in accordance with policies formulated by the Remuneration Committee. Expenses of General Council representatives and observers should not be a charge on ECU funds.

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- g. Where an individual chiropractor works in more than one Union member country, the individual shall determine from which Union Member the ECU dues shall be payable and notify the Treasurer accordingly.
- h. The Treasurer shall be consulted on all matters involving finance. Financial commitments affecting the ECU shall not be entered into without prior authorization from the Treasurer, including attendance at meetings or conferences when honoraria and/or expense claims will be made.

5. THE ANNUAL CONVENTION

- a. The ECU Convention is open to all members of a Union Member and to Individual Chiropractic Members. In addition it is also open (at a fee above the standard delegate rate) to:
 - i. European non-member chiropractors and other health professionals, provided that the host Union Member, the Union Member from which the delegate(s) practise, and the ECU are in agreement to their attending;
 - ii. Chiropractors and other health professionals from other than Union Member nations at the discretion of the Executive Council.
- b. Chiropractic-specific techniques should not be taught to any attendees other than those chiropractors recognised as such by the ECU.
- c. Attendance shall be denied to any chiropractor who has been expelled from a Union Member.

6. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The ECU shall be represented on the Governing Council of the European Academy of Chiropractic (EAC) by the President of the ECU or a representative who shall be from time to time be nominated by the Executive Council.

7. RECOGNISED COLLEGES

For the purposes of Union Membership and Individual Chiropractic Membership, the ECU shall only recognise those educational institutions holding full accreditation from an accrediting body affiliated with the Council on Chiropractic Education International (CCEI).

8. CONSTITUTION AND CODE OF ETHICS

A current copy of each Union Member's Constitution, Bylaws and Code of Ethics must be lodged with the ECU Secretariat.

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9. COPIES OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Copies of the ECU Constitution and Bylaws shall be published on the ECU website. It shall be the responsibility of each Union Member and Individual Chiropractic Member to ensure compliance with the ECU Constitution and Bylaws.

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