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Subject: The commencement of official registration by JCR in Japan

Dear Dr. Kollasch,

We are pleased to announce the commencement of official registration by the Japan Chiropractic Register (JCR). In order to register with the JCR, passing grades on the registration exam conducted by the International Board of Chiropractic Examiners (IBCE) or equivalent is required. The 'equivalent' is passing of the NBCE Parts I & II or holding a license from a state, province or country in which the practice of chiropractic covered by legislation.

The JCR is an independent body to register chiropractors practicing in Japan, chaired by Dr. Mitsuo Ishikawa, Emeritus Professor, International Christian University of Tokyo, Japan. The list of registrants was submitted to the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) by the JCR on October 16, 2014 and will be submitted to the MHLW on a regular basis.

Please inform chiropractors or new graduates who wish to practice in Japan, of the need to register with the JCR and of the application process described in the included brochure. The definition of 'practice' includes a range of activities undertaken by a chiropractor, such as clinical practice, education, seminar presentation and so on.

I appreciate your kind cooperation and would like to invite you to visit the JCR web site [[www.chiroreg.jp](http://www.chiroreg.jp)] for further information. Applicants are able to commence their process at this site.

Warm Regards,



Kei Takeyachi DC

President, Japanese Association of Chiropractors (JAC)



## France



### IFEC Turns 30

France's school of chiropractic, the Franco-European Institute of Chiropractic (IFEC), now with 800 students at its two campuses in Paris and Toulouse, had its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. This was celebrated in high style in Paris on Saturday evening November 22, with the graduation of 85 students followed by an elegant dinner then dancing for more than 750 guests.

Master of Ceremonies was IFEC President Dr Olivier Lanlo, an IFEC graduate himself. The congratulations of the French Association of Chiropractors (AFC) were given by President Dr Philippe Fleuriau, also an IFEC graduate. Other graduation and dinner speakers included Dr Oystein Ogre, ECU President, Dr Richard Brown, ECU Secretary-General and David Chapman-Smith, WFC Secretary-General.

With full legal status now achieved, and a large and mature chiropractic educational program, the chiropractic profession is now firmly established in France. It is facing competition, however, from a large osteopathy profession. There are approximately 1,000 chiropractors, but 20,000 osteopaths.

"I was very impressed with IFEC," says WFC Secretary-General, who toured the Paris Campus with Dr Lanlo and the IFEC Principal for the Toulouse Campus, Dr Mario Millan. "From modest beginnings it has grown to impressive size and quality. The focus on research, and on giving graduates the skills and attitudes for success within mainstream healthcare in France, bodes well for the future of the profession. I was impressed, for example, that



(from right) Olivier Lanlo, IFEC President, Philippe Fleuriau, AFC President, David Chapman-Smith and Mario Millan, IFEC Principal, Toulouse Campus seen at the Paris Campus in November.

IFEC sponsors 40-50 students to attend the ECU Convention each year, exposing them to the wider chiropractic profession and its leaders in research and practice."

## Japan



### On the Road to Regulation

In the September QWR the WFC reported on the new Safety Training Program and the Japanese Chiropractic Register (JCR) promoted by the Japanese Association of Chiropractors (JAC) to establish standards of chiropractic qualification and practice that would be recognized by the government, providing an important step towards recognition and regulation. Currently the practice of chiropractic remains unregulated in Japan.

JAC President Dr Kei Takeyachi now reports that on October 16, 2014 there was an important meeting at which the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) received the list of JCR registered chiropractors for the first time and discussed issues of regulation.

Dr Takeyachi was present as an observer as Dr Yoshihiro Muakami, Chair, JCR council met with Dr Jun Kitazawa, Chief, Medical Professions Division, MHLW, Mr. Masaaki Shiromoto, Deputy Director of Medical Professions Division, MHLW and Mr. Masao Akamatsu, former Vice-Minister of the MHLW.



(from left) Mr Shiromoto, Dr Jun Kitazawa, Dr Yoshihiro Muakami and Mr Akamatsu.

## TCC 20th Anniversary

The Tokyo College of Chiropractic, formerly RMIT University Chiropractic Unit Japan and Japan's one accredited chiropractic college, marks its 20th anniversary next year. In March 2015, an international clinical education meeting will be held by TCC and several schools from Australia, Malaysia, South Korea, Canada, Spain, Mexico and Japan will attend the meeting.

## Poland



### First Chiropractic Education begins in Central Europe

Dr Artur Mazur, President of the Polish Chiropractic Association (PCA), announced in November that the first school of chiropractic in Poland will open in Gdansk next July. This will be an historic moment, as this will