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The advent of I.T., Informational technology such as emails, websites, etc. and cheap travel has made it possible for International NGOs, non-government organizations like the CHIROPRACTIC DIPLOMATIC CORPS (CDC) to exist and effectively meet objectives with limited resources.

The CDC has spawned out of a debate to the query: *“What can be done to help chiropractic*

become more available in the world, especially in poorer countries?”

Herein is the first 10 year chronology of activities of a few chiropractors that were willing to intensively study the answer to that question.

Michel Tetrault, DC born in Winnipeg, Canada. CDC Founder and Executive Director



David Vickerman
Born New Zealand
(No Photo)

Joe Teal, BA, DC
Born in USA



Hugh Fouasse, B.Ed, DC born in Manitoba, Canada



Andre KnustGraichen, BS, DC born in Jakarta, Indonesia



Project Managers:

[Gary Auerbach, DC](#)
[Sherry Durrett, DC](#)

1996 - 1998

David and Michel began in 1996 looking into the Caribbean Islands to establish a small group of clinics in three countries that could be staffed by 4-5 DCs rotating between the 3 sites every 4-6 months. An almost impossible task to coordinate but enough players were willing to try it in the Dominican Republic, Belize and one other site.

Expanding the study of socio-economic and cultural demographic attributes now including

Latin America, Drs. Teal and Fouasse joined the CDC in 1997. Timing to establish the rotating clinic model was deferred, but much information was gathered in the development of this project.

Macro studies of Africa, Asia and SE Asia revealed the role of incorporating humanitarian activities where ever possible in chiropractic development efforts.

Gerry Clum, President of

Life West, invited Michel to attend the 1st WFC Conference on Education in Manila, in 1998 as an extra pair of eyes and ears. It was at this conference that the realization became clear that there was in fact “nothing really out there” to help DCs interested in practicing abroad.

In the Fall 1998 the CDC website was developed to include a Foreign Service Registry and started the posting of articles and reports that contribute to foreign DC practices.





Palais Des Nations, Geneva

1999 - 2000

Extensive website development occurred next adding the section called: [T.O.P.I.C.s](#)

Tips On Practicing International Chiropractic

A six week humanitarian mission in Cebu City, Philippines was our introduction to traditional healers and how DCs can reach the poor & poorest.

Attended the WFC Congress in Auckland,

New Zealand with continued Pioneer DC interviews and observations out of several Asian trips

Attended the 1st WHO Assembly in Geneva by a CDC representative

Attended as observer the WFC Conference on Philosophy in education, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Published the CDC premiere "White Paper" on

Globalizing Chiropractic. Published articles in Dynamic Chiropractic and the Chiropractic Journal on LBP research conducted in multiple countries the 90's and reported by the WHO.

CDC core group met in Atlanta in 2000 to plan future activities.

Foreign Service DC Registrants now # 250 by the end of 2000.

"Published the CDC premiere "White Paper" on Globalizing Chiropractic."

2001

Started the year by conducting the CDC Pioneer DC Survey submitted to 45 Pioneer countries with a 40% survey return and then published the [Pioneer Report](#) of analysis under the new website Pioneer section.

Attended WFC Congress in Paris, France and performed many more pioneer DC interviews.

Shifting attention to fund raising, Dr. Tetrault accepted the invitation to develop DC services in US government safety-net clinics for the poor. These are nonprofit community health centers, or CHCs that operate in a semi-managed care format for Medicaid and uninsured.

Expanded the white paper to include a provocative National Association

development Toolkit; started publishing the Chiropractic Advocate International and added the section on Globalizing Chiropractic Education.

The updated version's title was revised as:

[Chiropractic GPS:](#)

"Chiropractic Global Professional Strategy"



2002

Attended the WHO Assembly in Geneva

Additional trips to SE Asia, including Malaysia, Hong Kong and the Philippines to introduce in person the CDC National Association Toolkit program.

Added DCs in three more CHC sites in two states and the first placement in an Indian Health Clinic

Expanded the format for the Chiropractic Advocate International into a colorful two page publication

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2003

Attended WFC Congress in Orlando, Florida

Assisted in the formation of the Botswana Chiropractic National Association

Attended the WHO Assembly in Geneva

Michel and Hugh traveled to Paris in the Fall to meet with UNESCO higher education representatives on evaluating the role chiropractic can play in this UN agency, and to discover any parallels to our WHO activities.

Guidance suggested that the WFC would be the right International body to seek official status with UNESCO in the Department of Higher Education.

Added our first Rural Hospital clinic contract to the domestic development work and now we have placed and / or manage DCs in CHCs, RHCs and IHS.

Management fees that are generated have been the principal funding source for the CDC operational costs and Int'l agreements.

Annual chiropractic visits still are under 20,000.

There remains much work to be done in the areas of Migrant Health, Border Health and Military Health.

Senior care services within convalescent facilities has yet to be claimed

Research aspects of access to these large patient populations cannot be ignored forever.



Paris, France

2004

Formalized the CDC as a Canadian nonprofit corporation, based in Vancouver, BC



Participated as an observer in the WFC coordinated Identity Task Force with the first task force meeting held at Life West; Dr. Clum our gracious host.

Attended WHO Assembly in Geneva to meet with CAMHADD leadership in conjunction with the role

chiropractic has been invited to contribute to their Bangalore, India Healthy City Initiative.

Extended SE Asia trip including reporting to the WFC Council in Singapore on the exploratory trip to UNESCO last Fall.

Met with DC leadership in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and Philippines furthering chiropractic development in the region

Introduced to the new Russian Support Group lead by Dr. Sherry Durrett

and advised them on Int'l protocols of transparency.

Gary Auerbach accepted to be project manager of the CDC India activities with travels to Bangalore to develop training avenues, clinic and school funding, government licensing and preparing the way to bring services to the Urban Poor Clinics.

Michel and Gary attended the WFC Conference on Education in Toronto seeking collaborating DC institutions for the Bangalore project.

“Formalized the Chiropractic Diplomatic Corps as a Canadian nonprofit, based in Vancouver, BC”

2004 continued



*Geneva attendees
December 2004*



CDC hosted a meeting in December, held on campus at the WHO in Geneva, convened to bring representatives from India's Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, the aspiring DC leader of India, Dr. Nanda, CAMHADD leadership of the Bangalore Healthy City Initiative Project, Doctors Pandurangi and Supramanian; Chiropractic college voices from Glamorgan University (UK), MacQuarie University Australia and key CDC representatives.

Topic: How to bring chiropractic education within India's borders?

Spoke on the Chiropractic **GPS** to the World Chiropractic Student Assembly held at Sherman Chiropractic College

Spoke at the National PACE Association conference, urging the incorporation of chiropractic into this hybrid Medicare HMO.

Published the Spinal Health Therapist model for humanitarian public health work in poor countries

Added C.A.M.P. section, Chiropractic Access to Marginalized Populations, to CDC website outlining

our involvement in America Safety-net clinic work that now brings some 30,000 annual chiropractic visits to the poor.

Dr. Tetrault was appointed as Allied Health Director in one CHC in Rural California overseeing their 11 clinics and is now credentialed in two California Rural Hospital staffs.

Russia Symposium faculty below



2005

Second phase of the Identity Task Force, again as observers and held at Life West in January.

Gary made a follow up trip to Bangalore to introduce upcoming DC leadership, solidifying school funding interests by a Bangalore Philanthropical Trust, and to present the course curriculum to RGUHS, prepared by Charmaine Korporaal, for formal approval and submission to the Indian government.

Attended the WHO Assembly in Geneva with more Healthy City Initiative involvements

Presented Chiropractic Philosophy, Science and Art at Russian Symposium on Chiropractic

Facilitated MOU with St. Elizabeth Hospital to place 2 DCs in their out patient clinic; the hospital also offered a building on their campus for a chiropractic college

India visit in June to evaluate clinic facilities and create alternate manpower in light of slow approval process for school DC degree

Attended WFC Congress in Sydney, Australia

Met with Macquarie to evaluate their interests in India DC education

Met with the Christian based Hands on Health leadership – a potential partner in the SHT development in Asia

Manila meetings with Philippine government

Formed CDC Subsidiary: [Chiropractic Schools International](#) in the USA, to direct CDC higher education activities

Met with Parker College regarding interests in the Russia development projects



*KSRTC Hospital
Bangalore, India
Urban Poor Clinic site*

2005 continued

Returned to India in late Fall to present a Spinal Screening training programme in Bangalore to advanced healthcare student volunteers that are to gather WHO designed research data from spinal screenings; also an excellent and timely opportunity for recruitment of prospective chiropractic students.

Appointment as Allied Health Director in 2nd CHC in rural California with 14 clinics to oversee and now servicing closer to 40,000 chiropractic annual visits to California's poor.

Foreign Service Registry approaching # 900 at the end of 2005 with a couple hundred known to already having moved to practice abroad.

Seeing more Pioneer DCs directing their associate needs toward the CDC with excellent outcomes

Met with DC prospective business partners in Manila to develop a national chain of clinics

Introduced CDC plans to establish a national training program in the Philippines for the Spinal Health Therapy course.



India faculty formalities

2006 plans

Coordinating Bangalore and Hubli India WHO involved research opportunities affiliated with the Healthy City Initiatives

Attending WHO Assembly in Geneva and to receive copies of the newly published W.H.O. Guidelines on Chiropractic

Further meetings and fund raising for the pilot project in Russia calls for returned trip to St. Petersburg and to St. Elizabeth Hospital; regarding DC placement and to advance other development agendas for Russia.

Continued development of chiropractic care in CHC

and expecting upwards to 50,000 visits in 2006



R.V. Dental campus
Bangalore, India

Training site for
spinal screenings

Additional trainings in India on Spinal Screenings and follow up on RGUHS' application for the conversion course with expectations to see school starting in Bangalore by the end of the year.

Manila Philippines:

1. Corporate activities
2. Submitting Spinal Health Therapist course for government approval for a nationally recognized course and to initiate fund raising activities with local and multinational corporations.
3. Preparations for the establishment of the CDC Permanent Mission in Manila in 2007.

Looking for additional feedback from regional chiropractic leaders on the formation of the [Asian-Pacific Chiropractic Union](#)

Two of the four towers
St. Elizabeth Hospital



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Foreign Service DC Registry Analysis

The registration of DCs interested in practicing abroad that began in 1998 has been a slow but steady process. Our goal was to identify about 1000 DCs that are interested in a possible foreign practice experience. We have now accumulated over 900 names and see our goal being reached by the end of 2006.

Analysis of the information supplied on the form gives insight into where trends may develop in the growth of the profession.

The following outlines some key facts that will be useful to the CDC in future development planning.

<u>Time of commitment abroad</u>	
Stay permanently	28%
Stay 2-5 years	23%
Stay 6 mo- 2 years	21%
Stay under 6 months	10%
Known to be abroad	18%

<u>Country of residence / birth</u>	
Australia	24 / 29
Canada	112 / 124
USA	634 / 537
Europe	46 / 54
Asia	23 / 45
Latin Am	9 / 13
Other	11 / 55

<u>Destination countries % listed</u>	
Europe region	47%
Latin Amer. region	23%
Asian region	12%
South Pacific region	8%
Middle East region	7%
African region	2%
Other regions	1%

(Note: not all fields were filled out)

<u>Marital status</u>	
40%	are married
8%	are divorced
52%	are single

<u>Graduates from</u>	
Canada	5%
All other Int'l	9%
<u>USA schools:</u>	
↓ Philosophy	23%
↑ Philosophy	63%

<u>Years in practice</u>	
< 0 students	3%
< 5 years	42%
5-15 years	37%
> 15 years	18%

Our gold stock DCs are those with more than 10 to 15 years practice experience, single with a high philosophical base.

Foreign Service Registry form can be accessed at: ChiropracticDiplomatic.com

About Our Organization on “Community Development”

These are some of the major goals and objectives of the CDC:

To maintain a website for the purposes of providing International Information Source on the availability of Chiropractic and for recruiting purposes.

To include health education efforts and to enhance public health programs in communities where we provide

humanitarian work; such as the Spinal Health Therapist training course.

To recruit, encourage and coach DCs who can & will pioneer the Chiropractic profession in countries where there are little or no Chiropractors today.

To support the organizational development of a strong and unified Chiropractic National Association in

each country.

To partner with universities within 3rd world countries in establishing chiropractic training programs that meet International standards.

To participate in International organizations that are involved with the delivery and/or the representation of Chiropractic.

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