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The Department of Chiropractic has been in existence for 21 years, and as part of the strategic initiatives, we felt it important to keep alumni and the profession informed of the changes that are occurring within the University of Johannesburg, and the Department. We will therefore be compiling a newsletter twice a year to give information of changes and successes that have occurred. Should you have any comments or suggestions, please email me at chrisy@uj.ac.za. We hope you find these newsletters informative.



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Department of Chiropractic achieves International Accreditation

The Department of Chiropractic obtained international accreditation from the European Council on Chiropractic Education (ECCE), in December 2013.

The ECCE is an organisation that was established to assist in the establishment of standards of education and training of chiropractors as safe and competent primary contact practitioners. The UJ Department was accredited in 2010, with a 3 year accreditation, and was re-assessed in September 2013, following the compilation of a Self Evaluation portfolio related to ECCE standards, and a 5 day on site evaluation by an international panel selected by the ECCE.

The outcome of the evaluation was communicated at the Annual General Meeting of the ECCE, in Paris in December 2013, with a full 5 year accreditation being awarded (the maximum time that can be allocated, and the only institution in Africa to achieve this). No weaknesses were noted by the panel, with numerous complements on the standard of education and clinical training by the Department.

The outcome would not have been achieved without the hard work of the department staff, and the support from the management of the University, specifically the Dean of Health Sciences.

University of Johannesburg in Top 4% of International Universities

The University of Johannesburg has been established for almost 10 years. In this period, it has moved to within the top 4% of universities internationally and is a member of the prestigious Universitas 21. This is a significant achievement in such a short period of time, and is testament to the standards of excellence and advancement the university strives for.



UJ to host Student Seminar

The University of Johannesburg (UJ) Department of Chiropractic as well as the UJ chapter of the World Congress of Chiropractic Students (WCCS) is excited to announce that we will be hosting the first ever UJ Chiropractic Students Seminar, held on the 18th and the 19th of July at the newly upgraded facilities at the University.

Chiropractic students from The University of Johannesburg (UJ) and the Durban University of Technology (DUT), as well as recent graduates are invited to attend this event in order to reignite their passion for chiropractic and help unite the Chiropractic profession within South Africa.

This promises to be an educational, fun-filled experience for students and includes; technique, specialising in different fields, practice management, and ethics seminars as well as a social Beer Pong Tournament held in conjunction with WITS hockey club and Old Edwardians Society.

Registration fees are as follows:

- Weekend fee – R350
- One day – R200

During the course of the day, tea/coffee/refreshments and lunch will be provided at the seminars.

If you have any queries, please email the convener: Chanelle Scott-Crossley, e-mail: nel_scottcrossley@yahoo.co.uk



R450 million Doornfontein Campus upgrade

The 450 million rand upgrades to the Doornfontein campus are well on their way, with new lecture rooms with state of the art facilities nearing completion. The Clinic Training Facility is already functioning and integration into the chiropractic programme is currently underway. New anatomy and physiology facilities are also completed, and a larger updated chiropractic technique room should be completed by the end of 2014.

UJ student President of WCCS

The UJ chapter of the World Congress of Chiropractic Students (WCCS) attended the annual congress in March 2014. Mr Luke Schmidt was elected onto the Board of Directors, and voted as the President of WCCS. This is a great honour for the students and institution, and congratulations to Luke and his team.



Student Chiropractic Sports Council (SCSC)



SCSC aims to improve the awareness of chiropractic within the sporting fields and gives students an opportunity to interact with various Doctors of Chiropractic at the sporting events.

Summary of SCSC's involvement in the following 2014 events:

- Pick 'n Pay marathon (Feb 2014) – One ChiroSport SA doctor and 10 students – treated 69 patients
- Edenvale/Sarens marathon (Mar 2014) – One ChiroSport doctor and 10 students – 41 patients were treated
- The King Edward VII water polo tournament – 8 ChiroSport SA doctors and 80 students from 3rd year to 6th years – treated 63 patients
- Interprovincial Underwater hockey tournament (Mar 2014) – 5 ChiroSport SA doctors and 30 students – 88 patients were treated
- King Edward VII Easter rugby festival – 95 patients were treated

Some of the events that are still to come this year:

- Pick and Pay 702 Walk the talk is a one day fun walk with a mass

participants of around 50 000.

- Believe Mountain bike challenge is a small one day mountain bike event held in September every year.
- 94.7 Cycle challenge is the biggest event that the students will work at because this is one of the biggest road cycle events in the world. A total of 8 ChiroSport SA doctors and 64 students were involved in 2013. There were a total of 30 junior students along the route who treated the cyclists. A total of 170 patients were treated in 2013 by 34 senior students.

In addition, the Sports Council is striving to find additional events for the year and this year we are looking to add the following:

- St David's T20 cricket challenge
- St David's schools soccer tournament

We would like to acknowledge and thank ChiroSport for assisting the students at all the events, and including them in their structured events. The students all learn a great deal, and look forward to working with you in the future.

