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Chiropractic Mobile Unit Ready to Roll in Costa Rica

By Editorial Staff

The inauguration of Life University's Mobile Chiropractic Field Unit took place April 1 in San Jose, Costa Rica. Attending the inauguration ceremony were Costa Rica First Lady Lorena Claire de Rodriguez and Dr. Rogelio Pardo, Costa Rica Minister of Health. On hand for Life University were Dr. Sid Williams, president and founder of the university, and Dr. Nell Williams.

The Mobile Chiropractic Field Unit is a project of Life University of (Marietta, Georgia) in conjunction with the Life Foundation and Life International. The unit was transported from Atlanta to Costa Rica in January.

"By dispatching this humanitarian aid, (we) are spearheading the mission to provide health care to people in need," commented Dr. Sid Williams. "This mobile unit is the forerunner for the fleet of mobile units that Life International will dispatch around the world in the years to come."

Health Net Oregon Integrates Chiropractic into Basic Health Plans

Health Net Health Plan of Oregon, Inc. (HNO) is integrating complementary health care for all of its members into its basic health plan. The complementary health care benefits include chiropractic, acupuncture, naturopathic medicine and massage therapy.

HNO, formerly QualMed Oregon Health Plan, Inc., provides group and individual HMO, PPO and POS coverage to 100,000 members throughout Oregon and southwest Washington. HNO will be using the provider networks of Complementary Healthcare Plans (CHP): AcuMedNet; ChiroNet; NaturNet; and CHP Massage Therapy.

"We're proud to be the first insurer in Oregon to offer four alternative care services as a core benefit to all of our members," said Judy Irving, president and CEO of HNO. "Health Net Oregon is the first health care organization in Oregon to do what others have wanted to do: begin integrating complementary health care into traditional benefit designs," added Richard Brinkley, CEO of CHP.

Int'l Chiropractic Pediatric Assn. Elects New Officers

The International Chiropractic Pediatric Association (ICPA), headquartered in Stone Mountain, Georgia, has elected five new officers. They are:

President - **James Thompson**, DC, FICPA, (Meaford, Ontario, Canada)

Vice Presidents - **Stephen Marini**, DC, PhD (Pennsylvania), and **Anthony Carrino**, DC (New York)

Secretary - **Jeanne Ohm**, DC (Pennsylvania)

Treasurer - **Van Fotinopoulos**, DC (New Jersey)

The ICPA is a nonprofit organization that was founded by the late Larry Webster, DC, who perceived the need for more information, training and research in the field of chiropractic pediatrics. The ICPA is an independent, nonpolitical organization composed of 1,200 chiropractors and chiropractic students throughout the United States, Canada and several other countries.

Dr. Claudia Anrig, president of the ICPA for the last three years, will concentrate her efforts on the development of a three-year diplomat program in chiropractic pediatrics.

Lutheran General Hospital Offering Alternative Medicine Training

Lutheran General Hospital, in Park Ridge, near Chicago, offers its residents a one-month rotation in complementary medicine, introducing them to chiropractic, homeopathy, and herbal remedies, among other modalities.

Don Novey, MD, director of the hospital's Center for Complementary Medicine, explained the reason for the program. "When physicians experience the complementary medicine rotation as part of their training, they

are exposed to the other half of medicine. Once doctors have contact with one of the complementary treatments through this training, their comfort level increases because their knowledge base goes up."

"Many experiences with patients occur here that are not seen in traditional medical settings," observed Dr. G. Andrew Monk, a staff chiropractor.

ICAC names Dr. Cymerint "Chiropractor of the Year"

The International Chiropractors Association of California presented Mark Cymerint,DC, with its "Chiropractor of the Year" award for 1999-2000 at its annual convention in April. Dr. Cymerint has been practicing for 14 years and teaches continuing education seminars throughout the U.S.

Life Hurdler Qualifies for Olympic Trials

Robby Hughes, a junior at Life University, has qualified for the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials in the 110-meter high hurdles.

Hughes, a native of Inglewood, California and formerly a student at Long Beach Community College, earned his spot in the trials with a victory at the 42nd Annual Mt. San Antonio College Relays in Walnut, CA. Hughes' time of 13.66 beat out Adrian Woodley of Syracuse University by .06 seconds.

The U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials are scheduled for July 15-20.



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