

Profile – Dr. Jean-Philippe Pialasse, DC, MSc



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Dr. Jean-Philippe Pialasse completed his chiropractic degree in January 2004 from the only chiropractic college in France: the “*Institut Franco-Européen de Chiropratique*” (IFEC), and immediately undertook full time practice in Toulouse in the south of France. During this same period, he was also elected as member of the Board of Governors of IFEC and one of his commitments was to establish a second site of IFEC in Toulouse. He succeeded in establishing the first year program in September 2006 with the

help of all the IFEC staff, and after one year was granted a scholarship from IFEC to pursue a Masters degree.

Dr. Pialasse joined the Masters in Kinesiology program at the “*Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières*” (UQTR) where he was supervised by Martin Descarreaux, DC, PhD. His thesis focused on the cervical flexion relaxation phenomenon, which is a cervical extensor muscles electromyographic silence observed during full flexion. This work helped in determining the onset and cessation angle of this silence, and also the speed of movement and load effect on these angles. The Masters opportunity allowed him to publish his two first articles, and also to present work at congresses in Ontario, Quebec, USA and France.

From January 2010, Jean-Philippe enrolled in the PhD kinesiology program at “*Université Laval*”, supervised by Martin Simoneau, PhD, and co-supervised by Martin Descarreaux, DC, PhD. His thesis will focus on idiopathic scoliosis, and the influence of vestibular asymmetry on its evolution. The purpose of this project is to confirm the existence of vestibular asymmetry in adolescents with idiopathic scoliosis, and to determine if this asymmetry precedes the deformity. A second purpose of this project is to help determine which of the adolescent population is more subject to have severe evolution of the scoliosis. The project will provide collaboration between UQTR and “*Université Laval*”, orthopaedic surgeons and also private chiropractic practices.

The project received financial support from the “*Fondation Cotrel de la Fondation de France*”, for 3 years. Dr. Pialasse has been awarded by the “*Fondation de Recherche Chiropratique du Québec*”, a bursary, in order to pursue his PhD. He is also the first chiropractor from IFEC to be enrolled in a PhD program, even though the college was created in 1983!

Dr. Pialasse is also secretary of the AFC Board of Governors and is involved in the ongoing project of regulation of Chiropractic in France.