

# Consortium of Canadian Chiropractic Research Centers (CCCCRC)

### Background

In November 1995, under the auspices of the Canadian Chiropractic Association, a Task Force on Chiropractic Research in Canada was struck and charged with the mission of advancing the quality and quantity of research in chiropractic in Canada. Its goal was to make recommendations about the design, direction and implementation of a co-ordinated plan to support the development of research in chiropractic in Canada for the short and medium term.\* The terms of reference of the Task Force included the issues of funding, human resources, organization, communication and priorities.

Amongst the many recommendations made, those related to organizational structure, called for the creation of a national consortium of chiropractic research organizations by January 1997 and that the Task Force serve as a transitional body in this endeavour. Dr. Howard Vernon brought forth a proposal in December 1996 and is the first chair of the consortium.

### Objectives

The Consortium has undertaken the following initiatives and responsibilities with a view towards creating a sense of community within the Canadian chiropractic research setting:

- 1 to strengthen the national profile of scientific research in chiropractic,
- 2 to facilitate greater awareness amongst chiropractic researchers in Canada about work of their colleagues so as

to improve overall quality of all efforts in this endeavour,

- 3 to facilitate inter-change of ideas and resources in pursuit of chiropractic research,
- 4 to facilitate greater collaboration amongst researchers and centers in current and future research activity,
- 5 to facilitate the dissemination of research in chiropractic within Canada.

### Activities

The Consortium, in meeting its objectives will conduct the following activities in both the short and medium term:

- 1 bi-annual research conference/symposium to provide a forum to record the findings of research,
- 2 annual research meeting to foster communication between those involved in active research and facilitate collaborative research,
- 3 establish communication linkages (Research Bulletin, e-mail) and foster critical thinking,
- 4 develop scientific position papers on matters of critical interest to chiropractic,
- 5 act as advisor to researchers in Canada and provide access to linkages between researchers, consumers of research and funding agencies,
- 6 foster and support the education of young researchers.

\*Grier A, Charbonneau M, Herzog W, Peterson D, Vernon H, Papadopoulos C. Report of the Task Force on chiropractic research in Canada. JCCA 1997;41(1):36-61.

## SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION

On November 14-15 1998 at University of Calgary, the Consortium will hold its first scientific symposium and the presenters will make this a premier event.

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