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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT



2023 was a year of a lot of work and achievements for FLAQ, we managed to carry out in-person courses in *Mexico and Brazil*, an in-person Congress in Mexico with a day dedicated to education with the presence of the rectors of the different universities. The success of this event gave us more energy to continue the work we are doing.

We have made important progress with the CCE-LA, and we are excited to see this important project in its final stage to begin work on school accreditation. I am sure that 2024 will also be an important year with in-person courses and seminars.

I want to thank the entire Board of Directors, the committees and Sira Borges for her work and dedication, as well as **Activator Methods**, our Platinum sponsor, for all its support. It is always good to remember that all work is voluntary and we always need more help. If you want to be part of this Federation you can be a member, or be part of the work team, whether on the Board of Directors or committees, just contact us.

Happy Holidays to all!

Juliana Piva, Bachelor in Chiropractic



35 YEARS OF FLAQ

The **Latin American Federation of Chiropractic (FLAQ)** celebrates an important milestone in 2023 as it celebrates its 35th anniversary. Since its founding, FLAQ has played a crucial role in promoting chiropractic and advancing health and wellness throughout Latin America. Over these 35 years, it has dedicated itself to clinical excellence, education and research and has raised the standards of chiropractic, benefiting communities in both the northern and southern hemispheres.

FLAQ thanks all the professionals, collaborators and supporters who contributed to the success of this trip.

FLAQ's commitment to excellence and innovation will continue to shape the future of chiropractic in Latin America for years to come. Come and *visit* our site!

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GROWTH OF THE PROFESSION IN LATIN AMERICA



Congratulations to **FAMETRO**

The chiropractic profession is growing a lot in Brazil: The fifth school opened this year! Congratulations to the Board of Directors and the students of FAMETRO, the first chiropractic school in the north of the country, Amazon. Success!



The chiropractic Education in Brazil Keeps Growing

New Chiropractic Course



In 2024, **PUC Minas** will offer a bachelor's degree in Chiropractic with a duration of 9 semesters and more than 4000 hours. Offered by the Institute of Biological and Health Sciences (ICBS) and supported by the ABQ, the course follows the World Health Organization (WHO) Guidelines for Training and Safety in Chiropractic and addresses the recommendations of the WFC.



NEWS FROM CHILE



At the **2023 Pan American Games**, the Olympic Village had a Chiropractic care clinic. There only qualified university chiropractors could evaluate and treat the athletes of this great event.



According to the World Health Organization, Chiropractic is a health profession, expert in the treatment of musculoskeletal dysfunctions and conservative management of the spine and its relationship with general health.

As required by the International *Olympic Committee*, when you need Chiropractic care, demand your professional degree.

SEMINAR ON CHIROPRACTIC SPORTS TECHNIQUES



The Latin American Chiropractic Federation (FLAQ) reaffirms its commitment to excellence in chiropractic by organizing two courses on **Sports Chiropractic Techniques** focused on the treatment of common extremity injuries. The courses, carried out in collaboration with renowned institutions, marked another significant step in the promotion of knowledge and professional improvement in Latin America.

The first course was held in Mexico, in alliance with the successful collaboration of the State University of Valle de *Ecatepec (UNEVE)* and *CONALQ*. The second course took place in Brazil, in collaboration with *IDQUIRO*.

FLAQ expresses its deep gratitude to instructor **Dr. Randy Hewitt, DC, CCSP, CSCS**, whose dynamism and enthusiasm were instrumental in the success of these courses. Internationally recognized Dr. Hewitt brought his expertise in sports chiropractic and provided participants with a hands-on and enriching learning experience. We appreciate the dedication of the participants who sacrificed a long weekend in search of knowledge and professional improvement. The demonstrated commitment highlights the importance that chiropractic professionals place on continuing education and improving their skills.





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FIRST ORIENTATION WORKSHOP ON THE ACCREDITATION OF CHIROPRACTIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN LATIN AMERICA



Before the **2nd Latin American Congress of UNEVE-FLAQ-CONALQ**, the first **Orientation Workshop on the Accreditation of Chiropractic Education Programs in Latin America** organized by *FLAQ* and directed by *CLAEQ* was held at the *UNEVE* facilities, *Ecatepec*, Mexico . The rectors and directors of the programs of *UNEVE*, *UNEVT* and the Universidad Veracruzana, director of the *UCEN* - Chile program, and the virtual participation of the Brazilian university, *PUC-Minas*, were present. The focus of the day was the importance of the accreditation process. Lic. *Noé Velázquez*, the DC. *Mayda Serrano* and the DC. *Ricardo Fujikawa* gave very important information to clarify regarding the preparation for the accreditation processes, the values, times, standards, competition and evaluation indicators, in addition to the advantages of student mobility. It was a successful workshop with the explanation of the accreditation process and preparation and the standards of the educational program and the institution.



2ND. LATIN AMERICAN CHIROPRACTIC CONGRESS – 2023

From August 17 to 19 of this year, the **II Latin American Congress of Chiropractic** organized jointly by **UNEVE-CONALQ-FLAQ** was held at the UNEVE facilities. There were 570 participants and speakers from *Belgium, Brazil, Chile, the United States, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, and Puerto Rico.*

The lectures and workshops were of a high level and were widely accepted by the participants. As FLAQ we are proud of the results of the II Latin American Chiropractic Congress and we appreciate the hospitality of UNEVE and CONALQ.



FLAQ Assembly – 2023



The **FLAQ Annual Assembly** was held on August 16 at 4 p.m. at the UNEVE facilities, Ecatepec, Mexico. Initially, a report was made of the work carried out by the president *Dr. Juliana Piva* and the executive director *Dr. Sira Borges*. Likewise, the financial report by the treasurer Joao Seixas was presented. During the Assembly, representatives from *Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru and Puerto Rico* were present who shared the situation in their countries during this year 2023. Former president *Dr. Sergio Saleh* made a presentation about the Political History of Chiropractic.



Likewise, important data was presented about the increase in reach on social networks and the venue was determined for the **2024 Annual Assembly to be held in Peru** (dates to be determined). It was a dynamic and profitable Assembly.



CHIROPRACTOR OF THE YEAR AND BULWARK OF CHIROPRACTIC – 2023



To conclude the Annual Assembly of FLAQ provided the following recognition:

Chiropractor of the year 2023 - Lic **Marco Orea**, graduate in Chiropractic and teacher, current president of *CONALQ*, a special recognition for his work and dedication.

Bulwark of Chiropractic 2023 - **Sira Borges, DC**, for her love and dedication to FLAQ and the Chiropractic Profession.

Both recognized for their tireless efforts to optimize chiropractic in Latin America.



WFC CONGRESS – 2023, IN AUSTRALIA



During the WFC Congress there were awards for scientific works and posters, we are very happy because among the winners is the Brazilian chiropractor **Paulo Gomes de Oliveira Neto**, coordinator of the Bachelor's Degree in Chiropractic at UNIGAMA, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, who was awarded in two categories of scientific work: best scientific poster in Latin America and best oral presentation. Scientific. Research is very important for the growth of the profession, FLAQ supports and encourages research in Latin America

Latin American Council of Chiropractic Education – CLAEQ/CCE-LA

During the year 2023, the **Latin American Council of Chiropractic Education** achieved approval from the **International Council of Chiropractic Education (CCEI)**, after an evaluation and review of the necessary documents, to be a member and be able to begin the accreditation process with the different universities in the region.

It was very satisfactory news for CLAEQ and FLAQ since it is an initiative and project that has involved the efforts of professionals over 15 years. Additionally, the First Annual Assembly of CLAEQ was held where the representatives of the Board of Directors were elected: President: *DC. Joseph Busch, Panama*. Vice President: *DC. Noé Velázquez, Mexico*. Secretary: *DC. Gabriela Flores, Guatemala*. Treasurer: *DC. Mayda Serrano, Puerto Rico*. Directors: *DC. Daniel Facchini, Brazil*. *D.C. Percy Montaña, Chile*.

Continuing with the approval of the CCEI and the need to begin the accreditation process in universities, CLAEQ, together with FLAQ and with the support of the Universidad del Valle de Ecatepec and CONALQ, organized the **First Orientation Workshop on the Accreditation of Chiropractic Programs in Latin America**. The workshop was led by vice president Noé Velázquez and treasurer Mayda Serrano. There was in-person participation from the chiropractic programs at the *UNEVE, UNEVT, the Universidad Veracruzana*, the director of the *Central University of Chile - UCEN*, and virtual participation from the university chiropractic programs of Brazil. It was a successful workshop and the interest was observed on the part of the different universities in obtaining accreditation and improving the level of the program and the graduated professionals.

CLAEQ continues working on the latest legal and financial details to be able to begin the accreditation process next year. We appreciate the work, time and effort of the Board of Directors during 2023 as it was a year of challenges and achievements that bring closer the reality of improving the standards of the profession in Latin America.

CLAEQ ADVANCE

Dr. Joseph Busch, president of the **Council on Chiropractic Education - Latin America**, pictured bellow at the annual meeting of the *Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards* on April 27 in West Palm Beach, Florida. Dr. Busch spoke about the progress of the *CCE-LA (CLAEQ)* project, which is a council organized by the Latin American Chiropractic Federation. Attendees were very supportive and excited to contribute to the continued professional development of the chiropractic profession and support the talented board members, their vision and interest in supporting their funding needs.



Boghosian Visionary Award - 96th Annual Meeting of the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB).

Dr. Joe Busch receives the **Boghosian Visionary Award** for leading the *Council on Chiropractic Education in Latin America* and improving chiropractic education in the region. Dr. Busch has been leading a project for the *Council on Chiropractic Education-Latin America (CCE-LA)*. This Council will provide an accreditation body for schools with a program leading to the recognition of the chiropractic degree for Latin America. Latin America is the only region that does not have access to the accreditation of its schools.



FLAQ SPORTS COMMISSON

2023 National Games – *Dr Aleisha Serrano, DC* participated by adjusting athletes in the area of martial arts and educating about sports chiropractic. She is also, in collaboration with the *UCC (University of the Central Caribbean)*, fitting *professional* baseball players in the *Winter Baseball League*.

She participated in a *PR Basketball Challenge* booth at the Convention Center adjusting basketball players from children to young adults.

The **FICS - International Federation of Sports Chiropractic** already announced its *certification in October 2024*, which will be carried out in PR perhaps at *UCC* to be certified there. At the beginning of 2024 there are already several activities pending.



SEMINARS AND CONGRESSES - 2024



March 15 and 16, 2024 - 3rd Latin American Chiropractic Seminar.
Lerma, Mexico - Effective Approach to the Acute Lumbar Patient

FLAQ Congress in Peru

August 16-17, 2024 - FLAQ Congress in Lima, Peru





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The reason to become an Individual Affiliate is not only for the benefits they can obtain but to help with the development and advancement of our profession in Latin America.

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2024
Great Congress of
the FLAQ, in Peru