



**PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR CHIROPRACTIC AND OSTEOPATHY  
(PBCO)**

**CHAIRPERSONS REPORT  
2016**

The following members were professional representatives of PBCO for 2016:

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| Dr M De Wet      | Chiropractic (elected as chairperson in November 2016)   | 1st term             |
| Dr Johan Smith   | Community representative (as appointed from September 2016)  | 1 <sup>st</sup> term |
| Dr T Botha       | Osteopathy: elected as vice-chairperson  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> term |
| Dr K Van Zyl     | Osteopathy   | 1st term             |
| Dr C Yelverton   | Chiropractic: elected as chairperson for 2016 (term ended September 2016 when appointed to council representative) | 2nd term             |
| Dr D Van Aswegen | Chiropractic   | 1st term             |

The following matters are for members noting or consideration:

i. Educational matters:

The PBCO initiated the process of formal approval of programmes offering chiropractic education in South Africa, and the approval of Clinical Training sites. The Durban University of Technology was assessed in October 2016, with the outcome being reported in January 2017. The University of Johannesburg will undergo their evaluation in March 2017. This is an important process in terms of the council control of both education and training and the clinical training of practitioners.

The CPD process continues to run smoothly with the administration by council house. The current approach of cross accreditation with HPCSA courses will be revisited as certain concerns have been raised in the processing of such CEU allocations. In addition, courses that are sponsored by companies should not be utilised to promote specific products.

The PBCO has had previous discussions with the South African Veterinary Council regarding chiropractic care of animals. At present, practitioners may treat under the supervision of a registered veterinary practitioner, as no dual registration process or courses exist. Practitioners should be aware of these requirements and if unsure of courses being offered, should contact the SAVC directly to ensure compliance.

ii. Internship

The chiropractic internship subcommittee continues to ensure efficient control of the programme, with good feedback from graduates on completion. The previous guidelines have been revised, and this should alleviate some previous concerns regarding allocation of hours and content of the programme itself. The subcommittee is to be commended on their efforts and processing of portfolios to ensure an efficient and fair system.

iii. Scope of Practice

The board and council have continued to work on the revision of the scope of practice for chiropractic and osteopathy. The draft was submitted to the DOH for approval, and comments have been received. These will be discussed in 2017, and it is envisaged that the new SOP will be gazetted for comment once this has been finalised.

## **Conclusion**

As is evident from the report, the PBCO has managed to move forward on many of the issues we have been required to consider.

The board remains committed to ensuring that the mandate of the board is adhered to.

As the final term of office expires for myself as chairperson of the PBCO, I would like to thank the council house staff for their input and assistance over the period, specifically the registrar who's input and insight has always been a valued resource in assisting in the efficient function of the board.

I would also thank the current PBCO members for their involvement in the board functioning, and am sure they will continue to perform their functions admirably under the new chairperson's guidance.

**DR CHRIS YELVERTON  
PBCO CHAIRPERSON**