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President's Message

Michael Ferrara, PhD, ATC

It has been a while since we last published our last version of WFATT Update. There have been a number of events that impacted the membership in a positive manner. These include improved communications with the membership, investigation of a global system of education and credentialing and developing relationships with other organizations.

Communications

After the hugely successful World Congress '03 in Victoria, British Columbia hosted by the Canadian Athletic Therapists Association, the membership stated they wanted more frequent communications. While it has taken almost a year for this to materialize, we are embarking on a three-phase approach to improve communications with all of our members.

First, is this newsletter. Our goal is to publish this online version on the Web every 4 months. However, for this to occur, we need your help and input. Any newsworthy materials or items should be sent to Mark Lafave on a regular basis. Please send him any event that is happening in your part of the world. We want to know and be able to share this information with all the membership.

Second, we are in the process

of redesigning our Web site. We are going to improve the design and look of the site to make it more appealing and enhance the navigation of the site. This will make it easier for you to find information quickly without having to use several mouse clicks. Overall, we want to create a more user-friendly interface and help increase your satisfaction. The plan is to launch the new Web site in the Fall 2004.

Lastly, we are going to create an Athletic Training/Therapy discussion group. This will be an area where you can post questions and information relevant to WFATT. This will be an area where users can share information about successful cases or injuries that you have treated and ask questions about injury prevention measures.

This tool has been very successful in education and research for users to share information, and the WFATT thought it would also benefit the membership. This should also be available in the summer.

Check www.wfatt.org for the initiation of the service.

Global Education and Credentialing

A number of countries and individuals have been asking if the WFATT could accredit educa-



WFATT President Michael Ferrara (right), World Congress 2003 Co-chair Isabel Grondin (CATA), and NATA representative to the CATA, Matt Ryan (left) pause for a golf outing snapshot.

tion program and create a world wide credential for athletic trainers/therapists. Upon investigation of these questions, it is a very complicated and complex issue.

First, there is not a global standard body of knowledge of what encompasses the profession of athletic training and therapy. That is, what is the common body of knowledge that all practitioners have to practice in this profession?

To begin to answer these questions, we are investigating performing a role delineation study. This study would ask questions related to the importance of various aspects of your job and how important they are in the health care delivery to athletes and physically active individuals.



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We will pilot test this instrument in the Fall of 2004 and will implement the role delineation study on a larger scale in early 2005.

This information will create the blue print of the global professional practice domains of athletic trainers/therapists. We will be able to explain how these health care professionals function in various countries and compare and contrast to other countries.

Once we have determined these common practices of athletic trainers/therapists, we will then be able to begin to develop education and credentialing programs.

If you are selected to participate in the role delineation study, please volunteer the 30 minutes to complete the study. It will provide valuable information to our membership and help us grow globally.

Relationships with Other Organizations

The WFATT continues its relationships with ICSPPE and FIMS. Members of the WFATT will present the “Role and Function of the Athletic Therapist” at the 2004 Pre-Olympic Congress in Greece. The session moderator will be President Mike Ferrara, with presentations by Vice President Gene Verel, CATA member Glen Bergeron and ACPSM member Zoe Hudson.

We have also continued discussions with FIMS and ICSSPE. I am pleased with our role and relationships that we have developed with the various international organizations and the impact that we have had with these organizations.

In closing, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact me at mike@wfatt.org. I look forward to seeing everybody in the near future and at the World Congress '05 in Edinburgh.

World Congress Corner

2003, 2005, 2007

WC 2003: Canadian Athletic Therapists Association



The 2003 World Congress hosted by the Canadian Athletic Therapy Association was very successful. Congress organizers Isabel Grondin and Bruce Marshall did a fantastic job assembling an outstanding program and speakers. Grant Slessor (CATA office staff) acquired sponsors to support the financial aspects of the World Congress. In addition, the national office staff made the registration process

easy and efficient. To all the members of the World Congress Organizing Committee: congratulations on an outstanding Congress!



World Congress golfers enjoy the day as CATA staff Helena DeFazio and Grant Slessor visit with the World Federation's Communications Co-chair Mark Lafave.





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WC 2005: Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Sports Medicine



The future is bright for upcoming World Congresses. The 2005 World Congress will be hosted by the Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Sports Medicine (ACPSM) in Edinburgh, Scotland, in November 2005.

After the World Congress, all delegates will be invited to attend the joint session of the British Association of Sport Medicine (BASM) and British Association of Sport Physiologist (BASES). They will be celebrating their 500th Anniversary of the Royal College of Surgeons. More information will be forthcoming in the Fall 2004.

WC 2007: Japanese Amateur Sports Association



The 2007 World Congress will be hosted by the Japanese Amateur Sports Association (JASA) on January 13-14, 2007, in Tokyo.

The theme will be rehabilitation of sports injuries. Additionally, concepts of oriental medicine will be included in the curriculum.

Dr. Fubyaksi is serving as the chair of the Congress Organizing Committee. In addition to the Congress educational program, the organizers also have planned an evening to watch sumo wrestling as well as other cultural events.

WC 2009: World Congress Now Accepting Bids!

Requests for proposals to host the 2009 Congress will be available on the WFATT Web site at www.wfatt.org in the Fall 2004.

All bids must be submitted to the President's Office by April 15, 2005, and the final selection will be made at the 2005 World Congress.

Don't delay! Start planning now to bring the World Congress to your region in 2009!



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WFATT Executive

Jiro Shikakura

An additional vice president was added to the WFATT executive roster. One of the criteria was that the incumbent should reside somewhere other than the North American Continent.

The newest vice president is Jiro Shikakura, ATC.

Mr. Shikakura serves as the president of the Japanese Athletic Trainers Organization (JATO) and is a member of the



Organizing Committee for the 2007 World Congress.

Mr. Shikakura was named a recipient of the Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer award by the National Athletic Trainers' Association in 2002 and has been a pioneer in promoting athletic training and therapy in Japan. (Photo shows Mr. Shikakura receiving the MDAT Award from Julie Max, then the president of the NATA.)

WFATT Welcomes New Members

JATAC, SASN, OATA

Japan Athletic Trainers Association for Certification

At the 2003 World Congress, the Japan Athletic Trainers Association for Certification was accepted as the newest member to the WFATT.

The president of JATAC is Kiyoko Ono. Find more information about this organization at www.jatac-atc.com.

Spanish Association of Sports Nurses

At the April (2004) WFATT Executive Meeting, the Spanish Association of Sports Nurses from Madrid (Asociacion Espanola De Enfermeria Deportiva) gained full membership status in WFATT. President Carlos Martinez-Martinez has been involved with the WFATT for several years.

Welcome OATA, First Affiliate Member!

The Ontario Athletic Therapists Associated was voted a charter member in the WFATT Affiliated membership category. The OATA is the regional chapter of the CATA and represents more than 100 health care professionals.



Membership in this category is open to any regional, state or district organization. Applications are at www.wfatt.org.



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WFATT Member Spotlight: CATA

By Janice Holmes, CATA President 2003-04

The Canadian Athletic Therapists' Association (CATA) is a proud founding member of the World Federation of Athletic Training and Therapy, and we welcome the opportunity to share information about our association to our fellow members of the WFATT.

Our association has been in existence for approximately 35 years, with our first certification exam being administered in 1975. From this exam forward, we have grown to approximately 1,400 members (700 certified, 700 certification candidates).

We have active members all across the country. In order to become a member of CATA, a person must be enrolled in one of our accredited programs. At this time, we have six accredited educational institutions offering an athletic therapy program:

- Mount Royal College, Calgary, AB;
- University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, MB;
- University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB;
- York University, North York, ON;
- Sheridan College, Oakville, ON;
- Concordia University, Montreal, PQ.

Information on enrollment to each of these programs can be obtained by visiting the CATA Web site at www.athletictherapy.org.

The certification process involves successful completion of an accredited institution, completion of field placement hours, and finally, a written and practical exam. The exams are offered semi-annually during the months of June and December.

Upon successful completion of all portions, the designation of Certified Athletic Therapist, CAT(C), is awarded. This is the credential recognition neces-



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- highly trained
- professional
- experts in the areas of:
 - Injury assessment & rehabilitation
 - Emergency care
 - Education
 - Total Active care

sary to practice and bill (privately) as an athletic therapist in Canada.

The association is governed by the CATA Board of Directors consisting of President, President-Elect, Board Member West, Board Member East, and two East/West Board Members.

The board consists of equal geographical representa-

tion for discussion and voting. There are many standing committees each representing areas of focus for future development and maintenance of the association. The committees are the certification, education, exam review, program accreditation, marketing and sponsorship, insurance billing, international relations and Presidents' committees. There are as few as three and as many as eight members working on each committee working together toward the necessary evolution of each mandate.

The Presidents' Committee is unique as it is composed of the presidents from each of the seven regional chapters within the association. Regionalization is necessary to accommodate the separate demands of health care within the different provinces of Canada.

To further expand, each region has developed its own executive committee to manage and help its membership meet the needs of their respective region. It is necessary to maintain a regional and national membership in order to maintain membership status.

As well as membership dues, a member of the CATA must submit Maintenance of Certification documents every three years to maintain active certified membership in the CATA.



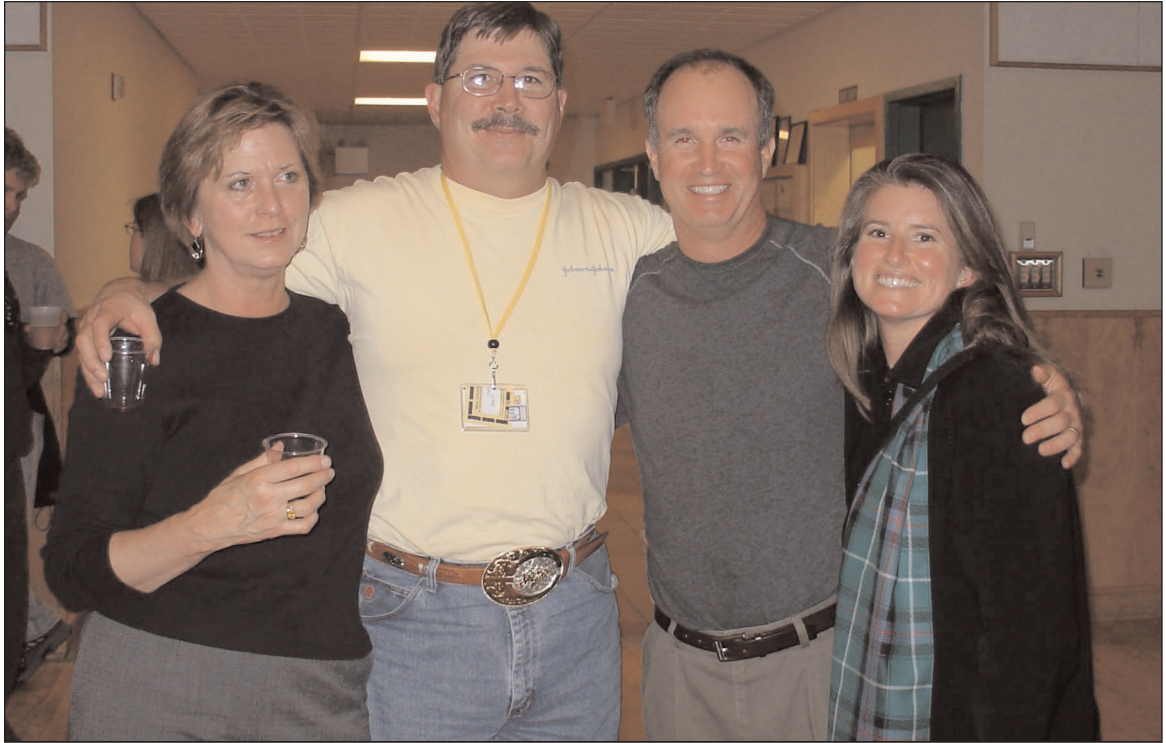
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The CATA has devised a categorized point system of which each member is required to obtain a specific number of credit units in order to maintain their membership status. Credit units can be obtained in many ways with a focus on continuing education, sport community participation and association participation.

There are many continuing education courses available to our membership and instructed by our membership.

We also encourage participation at our annual conference each year. This is a three-day conference available to any health care practitioner. Each year boasts up-to-date topics with renowned keynote speakers. Locations alternate east to west and, again, information is available on our Web site at www.athletictherapy.org. This year, 2004, our annual conference was held in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, May 26-



(Left to right) WFATT Vice President Gene Verel, CATA's Dexter Nelson and NATA representative to CATA Matt Ryan, along with his wife Amy, gather at the CATA Annual Conference in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, to enjoy a lobster dinner.

29, 2004.

The CATA is pleased to be a founding member of the World Federation of Athletic Training and Therapy and be able to share information and ideas with other members within the federation through the newsletter publications.

We welcome any of you to contact our national office and visit our Web site for further information about our association (www.athletictherapy.org).

JATO Annual Seminar

2004

JATO hosted its Annual Seminar on March 20-21 in Tokyo, inviting Dr. Mike Ferrara, president of WFATT, and Dr. Yuki Morita-Izumi as their guest speakers. Forty-five



ATCs attended and earned CEUs at this meeting.

JATO also hosted the International Reception during the NATA Annual Meeting in Baltimore on June 17.



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Important Dates

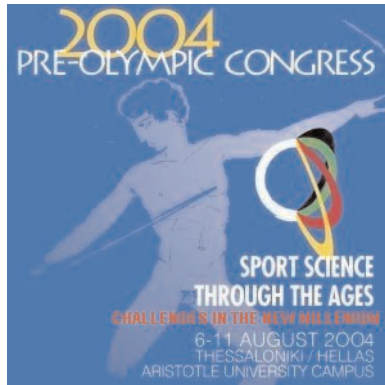
Keep Track of Key Events

Pre-Olympic Congress

Sport Science Through the Ages

Aug. 6-11, 2004

www.preolympic2004.com



Australian Conference of Science and Medicine in Sport

Oct. 7-9, 2004

Alice Springs, Australia

www.wfatt.org/2004.02.CallForPapersACSMS.htm

British Association of Sport and Exercise Medicine Annual Congress

Oct. 14-17, 2004

www.basem.co.uk/

2nd International Ankle Symposium

Oct. 15-16, 2004

University of Delaware

Newark, DE, USA

www.continuingstudies.udel.edu/ias

CATA Annual Conference “Continuum of Care”



How field decisions have long-term effects on athletes: the influence of conservative and

surgical interventions on arthritis.

May 25-28, 2005

Calgary, AB

Canada

www.athletictherapy.org

National Athletic Trainers' Association 55th Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposia

June 12-16, 2006

Indianapolis, IN, USA

www.nata.org



National Athletic
Trainers' Association



www.ostrc.no/congress2005/



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Links

National Athletic Trainers' Association

<http://www.nata.org>

Canadian Athletic Therapists Association

<http://athletictherapy.org>

Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Sports Medicine

<http://www.acpsm.org/>

Biokinetics Association of South Africa

<http://www.biokinetics.org.za/>

Japan Amateur Sports Association

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c/o Kishi Memorial Hall

1-1-1

Jinnan, Shibuya-ku TOKYO

Ontario Athletic Therapists Association

<http://www.athletictherapist.on.ca/>

Japan Athletic Trainers' Organization

<http://www.jato-trainer.org/>

Taiwan (Republic of China) Athletic Trainer's Society

250 Wen Hua 1st Road

Kweishan, Taoyuan

Taiwan, ROC

Japan Athletic Trainers Association for Certification (JATAC)

<http://www.jatac-atc.com/>

BOC

<http://www.bocatc.org/>

FIMS

<http://www.fims.org/fims/frames.asp>

International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education

<http://www.icsspe.org/>