

## Annual Report 2023

At their General Meeting on 01.09.2022, the members of ChiroSuisse decided, at the request of the Board of Directors, to establish a non-profit subsidiary foundation with the purpose of promoting research and quality in the field of chiropractic. The *Foundation for Chiropractic Research* was officially established on 06.02.2023. The start-up capital of CHF 50,000 was provided by ChiroSuisse as the founder.

In addition, the ChiroSuisse Board of Directors decided on 30.08.2023 that its subsidiary foundation should in future act as a competence centre for all topics related to chiropractic research on behalf of the professional association. An ongoing and regular dialogue between the Board of Directors of ChiroSuisse and the Foundation Board should also guarantee that the foundation always acts in the interests of its founder.

### Organisation

In accordance with the foundation charter, the Board of Directors of ChiroSuisse elected the Foundation Board. The Foundation Board must consist of at least five members, where at least two of whom must be members of the Board of Directors and the majority of whom must be members of ChiroSuisse. Persons or representatives of organisations that significantly support the purpose of the foundation may also be elected. This ensures democratic legitimisation and embedding of the Foundation within the profession of chiropractors in Switzerland.

In accordance with these provisions, the following persons were elected to the **Foundation Board** for a term of office of two years

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| - Longin Korner           | Member of the Board of ChiroSuisse |
| - Martine Randoll Schmutz | Member of the Board of ChiroSuisse |
| - Lukas Mayr              | Member of ChiroSuisse              |
| - Thomas Thurnherr        | Member of ChiroSuisse              |
| - Michael Vianin          | Member of ChiroSuisse              |
| - Martin Wangler          | Member of ChiroSuisse              |

On 31.10.2023, the Board of Directors of ChiroSuisse subsequently elected Dr. Henrik Wulff Christensen (Director and Head of Research at the Chiropractic Knowledge Hub in Odense, Denmark) to the Foundation Board after the recommendation of the same<sup>1</sup>. With Dr. Wulff Christensen, the Foundation has the valuable support of an internationally recognised expert in the field of chiropractic research.

At its first **Constituent Meeting** on 14.03.2023, the Foundation Board appointed Longin Korner as President, Martin Wangler as Vice President and Martine Randoll-Schmutz as Treasurer. The Foundation Board also passed the following resolutions at this first meeting:

- The Foundation's office and domicile is the ChiroSuisse secretariat in Bern. Ms. Sabine Schläppi, CEO of ChiroSuisse, is appointed as Administrative Managing Director ad interim.
- The following persons are authorised to sign on behalf of the Foundation, each with joint signatory powers<sup>2</sup>:
  - o The President (Longin Korner)
  - o The Vice President (Martin Wangler)
  - o The Chief Financial Officer (Martine Randoll-Schmutz)
- The audit of the annual financial statements is entrusted to Organisations und Treuhand AG (Rütistrasse 14, 5401 Baden).
- The Management Regulations were approved.

## Activities

In 2023, the Foundation Board focussed on preparing all the documents required for proper and transparent operation. These include:

- Vision and strategic fields of action
- Action planning for the first five years
- Guidelines for general business policy (incl. binding procurement guidelines)

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<sup>1</sup> The entry in the Commercial Register of the Canton of Berne has been made.

<sup>2</sup> The entry in the Commercial Register of the Canton of Berne still needs to be corrected.

The final versions of these three documents were approved by the Foundation Board in February 2024 as part of a circular resolution and then submitted to the Founder (ChiroSuisse Board of Directors) for its information. The documents can also be found in the annex to this Annual Report.

In addition to the aforementioned start-up phase, the foundation and its field of activity were presented to the public for the first time in a three-part series of articles in the magazine "Rücken & Gesundheit" published by the Swiss patient organisation *Pro Chiropraktik*.

## **Finances**

Although it was not yet possible to focus on fund-raising in 2023, two donations had already been received by the end of the year:

- Zürcher Verein pro Chiropraktik (Uster): CHF 7,000
- Pro Chiropraktik Association of the Cantons of St. Gallen and Appenzell (Appenzell Meistersrüte): CHF 1,000

In addition, the foundation received the sum of CHF 600 from the editorial office of the "Rücken & Gesundheit" magazine for its contribution to the aforementioned three-part series of articles. Interest income totalled CHF 22.60.

No contracts were awarded in 2023. Other operating costs totalled CHF 1,506.

As at 31.12.2023, the Foundation had total assets of CHF 57,116. Equity amounts to CHF 50,000.

## **Outlook**


In the first trimester of 2024, the details of the foundation's collaboration with its founder and - where necessary and helpful - the joint external image will be defined.

At the General Meeting of ChiroSuisse on 02.05.2024, the association members will be informed about the current status of the foundation and its short and medium-term objectives. The foundation can then officially commence operations. By then, the company will also have its own website.

In the first phase, i.e. in 2024, the Foundation Board will focus on raising financial resources. Various ideas already exist in this regard, for some of which the foundation will need the direct support of ChiroSuisse to realise.

The members of the Advisory Board provided for in the Articles of Association are also to be elected in 2024.

As soon as sufficient funds are available, the foundation will be able to accept applications for financial support.



Lucerne, 04.04.2024

Dr. Longin Korner, President

#### **Annexes**

- Business Regulations of 14.03.2023
- Vision and strategic fields of action (version 23.01.2023)
- Action planning for the first five years (version 23.01.2023)
- Guidelines for general business policy (version 23.01.2023)