

# IFEC welcomes visitors

*IFEC has been very busy recruiting first and second year entry students as well as receiving a variety of French and overseas chiropractors, explains **Thierry Kuster DC**, academic dean.*

HAVE had visitors from Europe, including Dr Meersseman who presented on his work with AC Milan football club, which of course attracted great interest amongst the students! We have also had a variety of American chiropractors visiting, including Gary Guebert and James Cox. After his presentations to the ECU conférence, Dr Cox was welcomed at IFEC by 100 students who were able to see aill that this renowned researcher has accomplished. He presented his research about the flexion distraction technique and demonstrated his skills in applying Cox technique. We thank him for the rime he spent with us. Here is what he wrote in our visitors' book: "To visit your campus and share chiropractic adjusting with your students was an honour and a privilege. I found the interest level very high in their desire to become good chiropractors and therein lies the future of our profession. The lecture room I spoke in was the Janse Room. Dr Janse was my mentor at National Collège of Chiropractic and to speak with his picture at my back was indeed a highlight of my life. He was the greatest chiropractor I ever knew. My compliments to your university and its necessary role in the progress of our profession."

Apart from the continuous upgrades to the building at IFEC, enormous strides have been taken elsewhere particularly in the field of research in chiropractic in France. An association of those interested was created in 2005 to represent and develop ideas and a commitment to research. This society, the SOFEC, now includes a large number of chiropractors, academia and clinic-based, whose contribution has led to the development of guidelines for



Dr Cox was welcomed at IFEC

red flags in chiropractic practice. Further topics are currently being developed and those who wish to learn more about the society should not hesitate to contact Karl Vincent (through [www.sofec.org](http://www.sofec.org)

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IFEC continues to expand, and in the academic year 2006-2007 it is hoped that 80 students will enter the first year. A second site will open its doors in October in Toulouse, to

welcome students from the south of France. With the increasing number of students, so the number of patients has been continuing to grow, with a wide variety of clinical conditions presenting, providing the fifth and sixth year students the opportunity to gain a broad clinical experience. The number of clinicians has also increased; it has been very interesting to gradually pool the large amount of clinical experience available for the students to benefit from.

IFEC is always delighted to welcome those who wish to visit the premises and to have a tour around the Institute. Please do not hesitate to contact either me, Thierry Kuster, on [tknster@ifec.net](mailto:tknster@ifec.net) or the director of IFEC, Charles Martin on [cmartin@ifec.net](mailto:cmartin@ifec.net).

## AECC is expanding

*The AECC is now well into implementing its ambitious five-year stratégie plan. Principal **Ken Vall DC** reports.*

THE PLAN involves growth of about 20% in student numbers both at the undergraduate and postgraduate level. To accommodate this growth we have upgraded our second lecture theatre to seat over 130 students and installed state-of-the-art audio-visual technology.

Computerisation of radiography in the clinic will take place in September. Computerisation will be extended, in due course, to cover the teaching of the whole curriculum. Substantial donations from the Chiropractic Trust Fund/Treatment A Month Club have enabled this investment and we are very grateful to those members who continue to donate monies to these funds.

Radiography and radiology

are central to our diagnostic capabilities and this development will put us on a par with the medical institutions in our area.

Our expansion plan also includes the building of a new chiropractic clinic on campus, as I reported in the last issue of BACKspace. We have now appointed architects and planning consultants for the project and are still on target to open the new facility in September 2008.

Our faculty numbers are increasing and the opportunity to make an academic career in chiropractic is now a reality - something I think many of you should consider. We will continue to increase our staffing levels each year over the foreseeable future and also intend to create

residencies in a number of specialities, to develop both the institution and the profession further. If you are interested, keep an eye on our website: [www.aecc.ac.uk](http://www.aecc.ac.uk).

At the ECU conference in Stockholm (what a wonderful city and what wonderful organisation) the AECC had a promotional stand. Thanks to ail who showed an interest and particularly to those who joined our Graduate Association and Trust Fund or decided to sign up for a postgraduate award-bearing course.

AH AECC graduates are very welcome to our Homecoming event on 23 September, which promises to be the best one yet. More information is on its way to you.