

RESUME

Dr Andrea Bisaz

Born and raised in Switzerland Dr Bisaz grew up multilingual and with a keen interest in sports. Besides track and field, orienteering, tennis and hang gliding he pursued in typical Swiss fashion his passion as a downhill ski racer.

After recovering from a serious spinal injury sustained in a ski race Dr Bisaz transferred from his medical studies at the University of Bern (Switzerland) to the school of Chiropractic in Melbourne Australia. This move was sparked by the spectacular improvement he experienced from Chiropractic treatment during his rehabilitation. In 1985 he graduated with an award for academic excellence and service to the school and fellow students.

Fresh out of university he was offered the opportunity to look after Ivan Lendl, one of the most successful tennis players ever. For the next ten years Dr Bisaz spent considerable time travelling with Lendl on the professional tennis tour. After Lendl's retirement Dr Bisaz was engaged by Patrick Rafter and after his retirement by Lleyton Hewitt to travel as their on-tour Chiropractor. All three players reached their world number one ranking in men's singles tennis whilst under Dr Bisaz' care.

In 1999 Dr Bisaz was also selected as the first and only Chiropractor to travel as medical officer with the Australian Davis Cup Team. A job that took him for the next 9 years around the globe to all 5 continents and during which time the team won twice the prestigious Davis Cup. In 2000 he was selected as the first Chiropractor ever in an Australian Olympic Team.

Whilst on breaks from travelling Dr Bisaz kept himself busy with post grad studies at RMIT University where he completed a post grad Diploma in Sports Chiropractic as well as qualifying as Chiropractic Sports Physician. He served as Vice President on the Sports Council of the Australian Chiropractors Association and was a Foundation member of the International College of Applied Kinesiology Australasia. He also lectured around the world on Sports Chiropractic topics and treated many world-class athletes in different sports at various sporting venues such as the All African Games, World Champion ships, World Cups etc.

In 1992 Dr Bisaz cofounded the Melbourne Sports Clinic, which at the time was the most extensive multidisciplinary sports clinic in Australia with over 16 different disciplines (medical & complimentary) including a fully equipped gym and lecture facilities.

Since 2007 together with his partners Dr Maria Downey and Dennis Yang he has been developing his invention of an orthotic, neurophysiological footbed **equilibras™**. This project has arisen from the frustration of seeing patients and athletes regularly wear flat sole flip-flops contrary to his advice. The footbed performance and follow up research has been successful way beyond expectations, to the point where major distributors and cooperations have now expressed interest in this "miracle shoe" (**e-flip™** & **e-bed™** by **equilibras™**).