

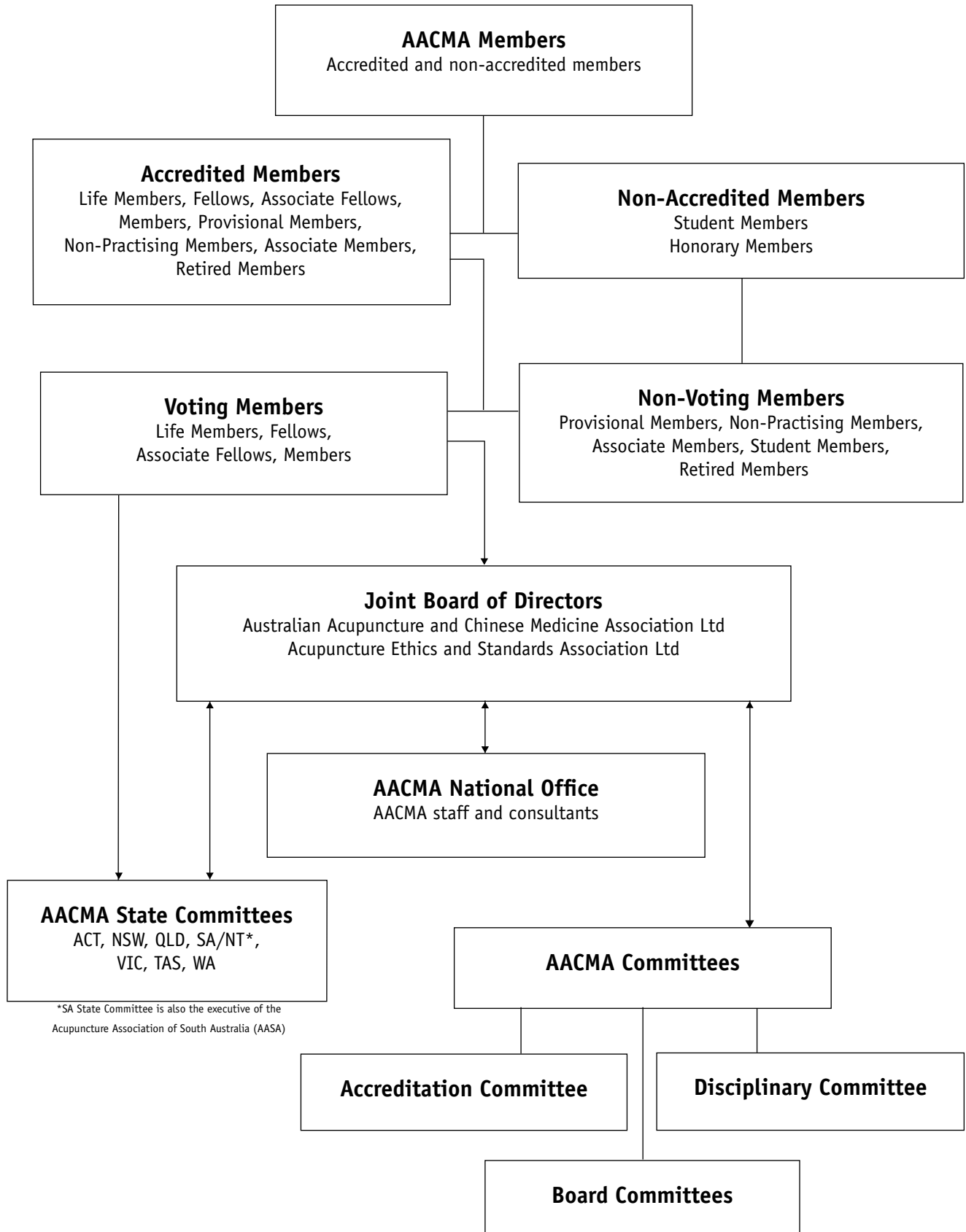


# 2008 Annual Report

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**AACMA ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE**



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## President's Report

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### **Promoting Excellence in Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Health Care**

#### **THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE**

The major events for AACMA in 2008 have been quite diverse in nature.

The Endangered Species Certification Scheme (ESCS) was launched at AACMAC Sydney 2008 by the Hon Peter Garrett MP OA, Minister for the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA), via a televised video link. Funding for this project was provided by DEWHA.

In March 2008, AACMA sought submissions from our members on our draft revised proposed CPE policy, entitled 'AACMA Safety Quality and Continuing Professional Education Program'. We undertook a review of our current policy in line with the standard expected of the already registered health professions. The Board felt we had to revamp it to reflect current thinking and the ongoing maturing of our profession. The new program will be implemented from 2010.

Other policy reviews announced during the year have included a call for submissions on needle-less acupuncture, standards for certification in Point Injection Therapy, and revised Receipting Guidelines. Accreditation for (Western) Remedial Massage was re-introduced. AACMA introduced a new Medical Certificate for Victorian practitioners, to sit alongside the current AACMA Sickness Certificate for members practising outside Victoria.

Members were sent a questionnaire concerning requirements for a mentoring program and a good response was received from the members. Details on our current projects are published in our newsletter, the Jing Luo. Members are encouraged to keep up to date by reading the Jing-Luo and coming back to the AACMA office or a board member if clarification is required.

We have continued our push for national registration and lodged a comprehensive submission with the National Health Workforce Taskforce (NHWT). We are pleased to announce that, according to correspondence from the SA Minister for Health, the Health Ministers agreed on 5 March 2009 that the Chinese medicine profession be included in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for the Health Professions (the National Scheme) from 1 July 2012.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Judy James and the staff at the national office, once again, for the work they did during the year. Judy's dedication to the job is extraordinary and her guidance to the board and members is invaluable. Without her everlasting contribution, we would not have the organisation that we have today.

I would like to thank Yun-Fei Lu (WA) for his services to the board and members for the first half of 2008. We welcomed back Richard Li (NSW) to the board in May 2008. I would also like to thank my colleagues on the Board for all the work they have done during 2008. Being on our national board requires them to give up their personal time and to take time out from their practices to do their best to ensure that we are leaders of our profession. In particular, I wish to acknowledge the immense contribution of Past-President, James Flowers, for all his hard work and unwavering commitment to the association and the profession during his term as President.

The Australian Journal of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine continues to grow and on behalf of the Board, I would like to thank the Editor-in-Chief, Zhen Zheng as well as the Editorial Board members who give a lot of their time and effort to run our official AACMA journal. I encourage all members to consider sharing their clinical successes through this medium.

On behalf of the board, I would also like to thank all the members who volunteered their time through their work with the State Committees.

Part of the reason for establishing the State Committees was to provide a breeding ground for future board members and, as a board, we look forward to seeing this happen.

Running a not-for-profit organisation with limited resources is always a challenge. The board is very mindful of trying to spend these limited funds wisely and sees its role as providing a body with which we can identify and to represent the interests of members. Part of this, is the need to encourage scholarly research and debate which can be presented at our annual conference (AACMAC) or in our peer reviewed journal.

We held our annual conference in Sydney in 2008. It proved another great success. It is very encouraging to see so many of our members getting together, networking and making the most of the great selection of presenters. The annual conference is an important event, as so many of our members work on their own or in small practices. It really is a great opportunity to catch up with old classmates and meet new friends.

The board is ever aware that we live in a global community. It continues to work closely with various international organisations, to ensure we build connections across the world. The importance of maintaining these contacts was highlighted by the 'Beijing Declaration', which was released by the WHO Congress on TCM, on 8 November 2008. Our aim is to be a key player/stakeholder on the international stage to make sure we maintain the standards we have worked so hard to obtain. We are keen to see Chinese Medicine reach its full potential on a worldwide scale with Australia playing a key role in these developments.

Our goals continue to be, amongst others, national professional registration, access to Medicare, and access to hospital care for patients of Chinese medicine practitioners.

Please refer to 2008 highlights for more detail on the work undertaken throughout the year.

#### **The year ahead**

In 2009, your Board continues to work on various projects to protect and grow members benefits. Our profession is at a crossroads in a number of areas: national registration, major changes to the rules affecting private health insurance provider registration, strategies to preserve and build our limited resources during these difficult financial times, to name just a few.

We, the AACMA Board, look forward to another exhilarating year in the field of Chinese medicine and a successful and profitable year for our members.

#### **2008 HIGHLIGHTS**

The major issues from 2008 are highlighted below.

##### **Research Grants**

The AACMA Board provided \$25,000 in 2008 in support of acupuncture/Chinese medicine research. This is in addition to \$75,000 already allocated over 2005 to 2007.

Grants may be awarded to individuals undertaking formal research into acupuncture/Chinese medicine or to institutions for institution-initiated projects or scholarships. The grants are limited to a maximum of \$5,000 for any one grant and in relation to any one institution. This ensures a degree of distribution across the various institutions and projects.

Individual grants will only be awarded to members of AACMA,

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including student members. Where the applicant is an institution, the principal researcher/supervisor of the project must be a member of AACMA. Preference is given to applicants who agree to present progress/summary reports at an AACMA conference (AACMAC) and/or who agree to submit a paper on findings from the study/project to the AACMA journal (AJACM).

Research must have been given ethical clearance (or have approval pending) by an appropriately constituted human or animal research ethics committee that complies with the national statement on ethical conduct in research involving humans or animals. Applicants who have been previously awarded an AACMA research grant must include a report on outcomes from the previous grant.

The following conditions apply to all AACMA Research Grants awarded in 2008.

The grant recipient is required to provide an abstract of their (funded) research suitable for publication in the Australian Journal of Acupuncture & Chinese Medicine (AJACM).

The grant recipient is to provide an end of year report on:

- Progress with the project at the end of 2008
- Statement of expenditure of grant monies at the end of 2008
- Follow up expenditure report if monies are not fully applied in 2008.

Any unexpended funds remaining at the end of 2008 are not to be rolled over into general institutional funds. If funds are not expended at the end of the financial period, AACMA must approve the carry over of funds to the following year.

Any funded equipment remaining at the end of the project must be donated to a suitable entity such as a university or hospital and details of such included in the report.

Any published paper related to research funded by AACMA must include acknowledgment of AACMA and a copy of the published paper forwarded to the AACMA National Office.

AACMA awarded the following research grants in 2008:

**Yuling Chen (University of New South Wales) \$2,500**

Investigation of the anti-cancer effects and the mechanism of actions of extracts from Chinese herbal medicine formulas on proliferation of human ovarian cancer cell lines

**Christopher McKeon (Mater Adults Hospital) \$2,500**

Effectiveness of electroacupuncture on delayed chemotherapy induced nausea and vomiting and the effects on their quality of life

**Michael Popplewell (University of Technology, Sydney) \$1,000**

An investigation of the electrical properties of the human body

**Emma Scully & Suzanne Grant (University of Western Sydney) \$2,000**

Traditional Chinese medicine diagnosis for pre-diabetes & development of a Chinese medicine assessment measure

**Caroline Smith (University of Adelaide and REPROD) \$5,000**

The effect of acupuncture on ovarian blood flow and follicular health among "IVF poor responders": a pilot study

**Mark Strudwick (Wesley Hospital) \$3,000**

Brain mapping of clinical acupuncture effects with high field functional MRI (fMRI)

**Kirk Wilson (University of Technology, Sydney) \$1,500**

Acupuncture and major depressive disorder: is pattern differentiation necessary

**Chris Zaslawski (University of Technology, Sydney) \$2,500**

The effect of acupuncture in conjunction with smoking cessation advice on stopping smoking in adults: A single blind randomised controlled study

**Claire (Shuiqing) Zhang (RMIT University) \$2,000**

Ear acupressure for allergic rhinitis

**Zhen Zheng (RMIT University) \$3,000**

Combined therapy of electro-acupuncture and cognitive behavioural therapy for tension type headache: a randomised, controlled pilot trial

### GST Matters

AACMA continues to be a recognised professional association for the purposes of member's services being GST-free. Members accredited by AACMA in acupuncture and/or Chinese herbal medicine are recognised professionals and therefore eligible to supply those services GST-free.

### Health insurance matters

Commonwealth legislation to establish national baseline criteria for provider registration by private health funds was passed on 12 June 2008 and came into effect for Victorian members on 1 July 2008. For the rest of the profession, the rules will come into effect on 1 July 2009.

Under the Private Health Insurance (Accreditation) Rules (the Rules), quality requirements apply to practitioners if they are to be recognised by a private health insurer for the purpose of paying health fund rebates on their services. These changes effectively override the law against third line forcing (that is, forcing someone to be a member of a profession association in order to gain a benefit) in relation to health fund provider recognition. Under the proposed Rules, practitioners will be required to be a member of an appropriate professional body for their patients to obtain a rebate from the health fund, including practitioners who are registered in Victoria.

For acupuncturists and Chinese medicine practitioners providing these services in Victoria, they must be registered with the Chinese Medicine Registration Board of Victoria (CMRBV) in the relevant division(s) for acupuncture and/or Chinese herbal medicine services to be rebatable by health funds.

For practitioners providing acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine services outside Victoria, they must be a member of a professional association that satisfies the criteria in Clause 10 of the Rules and that association must be recognised by the particular health fund. If the association is not recognised by a particular health fund for a particular service, then the service(s) is(are) not rebatable by the health funds.

For members practising in (western) remedial massage and TCM remedial massage, they will need to be a member of an association recognised for the provision of massage. This requirement applies to practitioners in Victoria as well as practitioners practising elsewhere because practitioners of massage are not required to be registered by a Board. It is for this reason that AACMA re-established an accreditation standard in (western) remedial massage – so that eligible members do not need to join another association in order for their massage services to be rebatable by the health funds.

Similar requirements apply to other health professions. All other health professions, including naturopaths, massage therapists, homoeopaths, herbalists, etc whose services may be the subject of health fund rebates are covered by the same criteria that apply to acupuncturists and Chinese medicine practitioners.

A registered health practitioner providing services outside the scope of his/her registration, must be a member of a professional association that complies with Clause 10 of the Rules in relation to those services and is also recognised by the relevant health fund.

AACMA has been liaising with the health funds on the matter of the Rules and provider recognition. A presentation was made in October to the general committee of the Australian Health Insurance Association (AHIA) and a follow-up submission has been submitted to the individual health funds.

### Journal

In 2008, AACMA published the third volume of the Australian Journal of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine (AJACM), the official journal of the AACMA.

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I express my thanks and appreciation to the members of AJACM Editorial Board for their professionalism and hard work in making the journal a success. The Editorial Board represents a good cross section of skills and expertise from the profession and academia. All are members of AACMA.

The Editorial Board's members are:

- Dr Zhen Zheng, Editor-in-Chief (VIC)
- Dr Chris Zaslowski, Deputy Editor (NSW)
- John Deare (QLD)
- Peter Ferrigno (VIC)
- Dr Damien Ryan (VIC)
- A/Prof Caroline Smith (NSW)

### Safety, Quality & CPE

The quality and standard of continuing professional education (CPE) continued as a major focus in 2008. AACMA released a Discussion Paper on a proposed new AACMA Safety Quality and Continuing Professional Education Program. AACMA is currently considering the submissions and will release a draft policy by the end of June 2009.

### NSW Code of Conduct

In January 2008, the NSW Department of Health released the Draft Code of Conduct together with an Impact Statement outlining the rationale behind the Code. The finalised Code came into force in NSW on 1 August 2008.

All unregistered practitioners providing health services in NSW are now required to display the NSW Code of Conduct for Unregistered Health Practitioners in their practice waiting area. This includes Victorian registered practitioners practising in NSW.

To assist practitioners to comply with this legal requirements, the Health Care Complaints Commission (HCCC) has developed a poster incorporating the Code. A copy was sent to all members with a NSW postal address and are included in the new member kit.

### SA Parliamentary Inquiry Into Bogus, Unregistered & Deregistered Health Practitioners

The South Australian Social Development Committee announced a Parliamentary Inquiry into Bogus, Unregistered & Deregistered Health Practitioners.

The terms of reference for the inquiry are as follows:

The Social Development Committee investigate and report upon the issue of bogus, unregistered and deregistered health practitioners in South Australia, and in particular

- a) their prevalence in South Australia;
- b) the practices they use, and associated health and safety risks;
- c) the methods they use to promote their services and the risks of exploitation of sick and vulnerable people;
- d) the measures, regulatory or otherwise, that can be taken to better protect the public; and
- e) any other related matter.

AACMA lodged an oral submission to the Committee. The report from the Committee is expected to be released around June 2009.

### Endangered Species Certification Scheme (ESCS)

The Endangered Species Certification Scheme (ESCS) was formally launched on Saturday 24 May 2008 by the Hon Peter Garrett MP OA, Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, via a televised video address during the AACMAC Sydney 2008 Opening Ceremony. The ESCS was established with funding from the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts and is administered by AACMA.

Participation in the scheme is voluntary. AACMA strongly encourages members and all other individuals and organisations involved in the TCM profession to participate in the scheme.

There is no charge for members and the fee is discounted by 50% for the first 200 non-member applicants.

### National registration

On 26 March 2008, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) signed an intergovernmental agreement on the national regulation of Australia's health workforce.

Under this agreement, the nine health professions that are already fully regulated (that is, registered in each state and mainland territory) will be included in the new national registration and accreditation scheme for the health professions. The existing professional silos will be maintained. This means that there will be one national registration board for each health profession included in the national scheme.

The professions to be included in the first stage of the national registration and accreditation scheme are nursing and midwifery, medicine, physiotherapy, psychology, optometry, chiropractic care, dental care (including dentists, dental hygienists, dental therapists and dental prosthetists), osteopathy and pharmacy. Podiatrists will also be included in the first stage.

The second stage of this process involves the partially registered professions (that is, those professions that are registered in at least one Australian state or territory). In July 2008, the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council (AHMAC) called for submissions from the partially regulated professions for inclusion in the national scheme. Only submissions that address the AHMAC criteria will be considered. The closing date for submission was 3 October 2008.

As of the date of this report, AACMA had received written advice from SA Minister for Health, the Hon John Hill, that Health Ministers met on 5 March 2009 and agreed to include the Chinese medicine profession in the national scheme from 1 July 2012.

### AACMA Policy and Practice Reviews

The AACMA Board is initiated reviews of a number of practice related policies and procedures during 2009.

These include:

- Continuing Professional Education review
- Policy on needle-less acupuncture
- Policy and standards for certification in Point Injection Therapy –
- Review of receipting guidelines
- Updated AACMA badged Sickness/Medical Certificates
- Mentoring program (questionnaire)

These reviews are ongoing and are expected to be completed during 2009.

### ABS Report on Complementary Therapies

On 23 July 2008, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) released Australian Social Trends 2008, the 15<sup>th</sup> of an annual series that presents information on contemporary social issues and areas of public policy concern.

The report included a section on complementary health. In addition to comparing demographic data on practitioners from 1996 to 2006, survey data was also collected about patients visiting complementary and other health practitioners in the previous two weeks.

The report indicated that the number of people visiting a complementary health professional (most commonly a chiropractor, naturopath or acupuncturist) increased by 51% in the ten years to 2005 and that almost 750,000 people had visited a complementary therapy practitioner in a two week period.

The report also indicated the number of people working as complementary health professionals nearly doubled from 4,800 to 8,600 in the ten years to 2006.

To access the full report, go to <http://www.abs.gov.au>.

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### AACMAC Sydney 2008

AACMAC Sydney 2008 was held at the Star City Sydney Hotel and Casino from 23 – 25 May 2008 and was even more successful than the previous conference.

#### AACMAC 2008 Presenters

Firstly, a conference cannot proceed without quality presenters. Our heartfelt thanks go to all the speakers:

Greg BANTICK	QLD, AUSTRALIA
Alan BENSOUSSAN	NSW, AUSTRALIA
Christine BERLE	NSW, AUSTRALIA
Karen BILTON	UNITED STATES
Heather BRUCE	QLD, AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND
Christiana CHAU-YANG	QLD, AUSTRALIA
Yuling CHEN	NSW, AUSTRALIA
Seung-Hoon CHOI	THE PHILIPPINES
Warren COCHRAN	NSW, AUSTRALIA
Christine CUI	VIC, AUSTRALIA
Daniel DENG	NSW, AUSTRALIA
Ian DUMMETT	TAS, AUSTRALIA
Peter FERRIGNO	VIC, AUSTRALIA
James FLOWERS	NSW, AUSTRALIA
Keith FOLEY-CHELL	ACT, AUSTRALIA
Mary GARVEY	NSW, AUSTRALIA
Glen GILLARD	NSW, AUSTRALIA
David HALSTEAD	VIC, AUSTRALIA
Hoc HUYNH	NSW, AUSTRALIA
Judy JAMES	QLD, AUSTRALIA
Stephen JANZ	QLD, AUSTRALIA
Hae LEE	NSW, AUSTRALIA
David LEGGE	NSW, AUSTRALIA
Richard LI	NSW, AUSTRALIA
Henry LIANG	NSW, AUSTRALIA
Jun-ling LIU (representing Prof Zhu Bing)	CHINA
Yun-Fei LU	WA, AUSTRALIA
Jane LYTTLETON	NSW, AUSTRALIA
David MAYOR	UNITED KINGDOM
Paddy McBRIDE	NEW ZEALAND
John McDONALD	QLD, AUSTRALIA
Paul MOVSESSIAN	NSW, AUSTRALIA
Byeongsang OH	NSW, AUSTRALIA
Byeongsang OH	NSW, AUSTRALIA
Clive POWELL	QLD, AUSTRALIA
Xianqin QU	NSW, AUSTRALIA
Meikin REES	NSW, AUSTRALIA
Damien RYAN	VIC, AUSTRALIA
Koosnadi SAPUTRA	INDONESIA
Volker SCHEID	UNITED KINGDOM
Caroline SMITH	SA, AUSTRALIA
Andrew STRANIERI	VIC, AUSTRALIA
Yufandi SUJUDI	INDONESIA
Yim Tong Savio SZETO	CHINA (MACAU)
David TAI	NSW, AUSTRALIA
Philip VANDERZEIL	QLD, AUSTRALIA
Mary Elizabeth WAKEFIELD	UNITED STATES
Sean WALSH	NSW, AUSTRALIA
Yanyi WANG	VIC, AUSTRALIA
David S WHITE	NSW, AUSTRALIA
Gregory WILLIAMS	QLD, AUSTRALIA
Kirk WILSON	NSW, AUSTRALIA
Thomas Sui Leung WONG	WA, AUSTRALIA
Hong XU	VIC, AUSTRALIA
Charlie XUE	VIC, AUSTRALIA
Shulan YANG	VIC, AUSTRALIA
Yifan YANG	NSW, AUSTRALIA
Chris ZASLAWSKI	NSW, AUSTRALIA
Xiao Shu ZHU	NSW, AUSTRALIA
Trudy ZIPF (for Sue COCHRANE)	NSW, AUSTRALIA

#### Delegates

We thank the 351 participants who made AACMAC Sydney 2008 the best attended AACMA annual conference so far. The Organising Committee considered the extensive, and mostly positive, feedback from delegates in planning for AACMAC Melbourne 2009.

#### VIPS

We also thank our VIP guests who add status to these events through their gracious attendance:

- Dr Seung-Hoon Choi, Regional Advisor on Traditional Medicine, World Health Organization, Western Pacific Regional Office
- His Excellency, Mr Qiu Shaofang; Consul General of the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Sydney
- Kerry Smith, Assistant Secretary, Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts
- Mr Richard Li, Vice-President (Oceania), World Federation of Acupuncture Societies.

#### Trade Exhibitors and Advertisers

AACMA	AJACM
Acuneeds Australia P/L	Acupuncture Australia Pty Ltd
Cathay Herbal Laboratories	China Books Sydney
Chinawest Pty Ltd	Concord International Trading
DA Information Services	DEWHA
Firm-N-Fold Massage Tables	Helio
IBA Health Group	NET (Australia) Pty Ltd
People's Medical Publishing Hse	Premalife Pty Ltd
Riancorp Pty Ltd	Sun Herbal Pty Ltd
Sun Ten/Health World	Sydney IVF
UWS, CompleMed	Westpac Banking Corporation

#### Other Supporters

- Melbourne Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Sydney Convention & Visitors Bureau

#### Social Program

##### Cocktail party

To get delegates in the mood, a cocktail party was held on the Friday evening at the conference venue. As this event has shown to be very popular with delegates and their partners, we are planning a similar event in 2009.

##### Gala Dinner

The Gala Dinner was held on a Captain Cook Cruise of Sydney harbour on Saturday evening. The fantastic harbour views and, great food and a live band provided just the right atmosphere for a truly memorable evening.

#### Pulse Diagnosis Book Launch

As with many previous years, the Gala Dinner was associated with a book launch. This year, it was the world launch of the Pulse Diagnosis: A Clinical Guide by Dr Sean Walsh and Emma King, published by Churchill Livingstone. Head of UTS College of TCM, Dr Chris Zaslowski, introduced the book, and Emma King made the formal presentation on behalf of the co-authors. A copy of the book was awarded as a door prize

#### Conference Committees

##### AACMAC Organising Committee

James Flowers	John Deare
Hoc Ku Huynh	Walter Simpson
Judy James	Rebekah Davis

#### Conference Awards & Prizes

AACMA also thanks the Panel of Judges and the Panel of Academic and Clinical Advisers.

#### Academic Awards

##### Panel of judges

John Deare	Yun-Fei Lu	Walter Simpson
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##### Panel of Academic & clinical advisers

Prof Alan Bensoussan	Peter Ferrigno	Stephen Janz
Dr Damien Ryan	A/Prof Caroline Smith	Philip Vanderzeil
Prof Charlie Xue	Dr Chris Zaslowski	Dr Zhen Zheng

## President's Report (continued)

### *Overall Best Paper*

Volker Scheid for his paper *Lost in translation? On the (im)possibilities of integrating Chinese medicine into modern health care* - Book Prize Courtesy China Books (Sydney) Applied Channel Theory in Chinese Medicine by Ju-Yi Wang & Jason Robertson (Eastland Press)

### *Best Research/Scientific Paper*

Xiao Shu Zhu for her paper on *Is Chinese herbal medicine for primary dysmenorrhoea effective? An Australian case of evidence based practice in complementary medicine* - \$100 Chinawest Gift Voucher

### *Best Paper on Clinical Practice*

Daniel Deng for his workshop on *Mirror X therapy the way to manage pain and balance the body qi* - \$100 Helio Gift Voucher

### *Honourable Mention for first presentation at a conference*

Kirk Wilson for his paper on *Acupuncture and major depressive disorder: is pattern differentiation necessary? A preliminary report* - Book Prize Courtesy Acumedwest: Acupuncture Desk Reference

### **Door Prizes**

#### *Conference Door Prizes*

\$100 Sun Herbal Gift Voucher  
\$100 Acuneeds Gift Voucher  
\$100 Cathay Herbal Gift Voucher  
\$100 Acupuncture Aust Gift Voucher  
WHO Standard Acupuncture Point Locations for Western Pacific Region

#### *Cocktail Party Prizes*

\$100 Acuneeds Gift Voucher  
\$100 Cathay Herbal Gift Voucher  
\$100 Premalife Gift Voucher  
\$100 Helio Gift Voucher  
\$100 Concord Gift Voucher  
WHO Standard Acupuncture Point Locations for Western Pacific Region

#### *Gala Dinner Door prizes*

Book Prize Courtesy China Books (Sydney) *Pulse Diagnosis: A Clinical Guide* by Sean Walsh & Emma King (Churchill Livingstone)  
Book Prize Courtesy China Books (Sydney) *Currents of Tradition in Chinese Medicine: 1626 – 2006* by Volker Scheid (Eastland Press)  
\$100 Cathay Herbal Gift Voucher  
\$100 Acuneeds Gift Voucher

#### *Journal Survey Prize*

Book Prize Courtesy China Books (Sydney): *Currents of Tradition in Chinese Medicine: 1626 – 2006* by Volker Scheid (Eastland Press)

### **International Issues**

***New Zealand Register of Acupuncturists*** In 2008, AACMA and the New Zealand Register of Acupuncturists (NZRA) again sent representatives to each other's annual conferences with a view to developing closer cooperation on matters of common interest. AACMA CEO, Judy James, attended the NZRA conference in June 2007. Paddy McBride represented NZRA at AACMAC.

***WHO Congress & WFAS Symposium – Beijing, 2008*** To celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alma-Ata Declaration, WHO organized a WHO Congress on Traditional Medicine from 7 to 9 November 2008, Beijing, China in co-sponsorship with the Ministry of Health and the State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine of China. As the World Federation of Acupuncture-Moxibustion Societies (WFAS) is the non-governmental organisation in official relations with WHO on acupuncture, WFAS held a satellite symposium on acupuncture during the WHO Congress.

AACMA sent our then President, James Flowers, to attend the congress. AACMA Board Member and Vice-President of WFAS, Richard Li, attended at his own expense. Also attending were other delegates from the TCM profession in Australia, including Prof Charlie Xue (RMIT WHO Collaborating Centre for Traditional Medicine), Prof Alan Bensoussan (National Institute for Complementary Medicine), A/Prof Caroline Smith (CompleMED) and Dr Chris Zaslowski (UTS).

***World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies (WFCMS)*** In order to reduce expenses, AACMA did not send a representative to the 2008 WFCMS Conference in Macau.



**John Deare, National President**  
21 April 2009

## Secretary's Report

### AACMA – 35 GOING ON 36 YEARS

The Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Ltd (AACMA) is the leading national professional association for qualified practitioners of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and the primary national mechanism for regulating and representing acupuncture and Chinese medicine practitioners in Australia. It was formed out of the amalgamation between the Australian Acupuncture Association Ltd (AAcA), the Acupuncture Ethics and Standards Organisation Ltd (AESO) and the Acupuncture Association of South Australia (AASA).

The Australian Acupuncture Association Ltd (AAcA) was established in 1973 as the first association in Australia formed by acupuncture practitioners to represent and promote the profession of acupuncture. Originally called the Queensland Acupuncture Society, it changed its name to the Australian Acupuncture Association in 1973 and in 1998 changed to its current name, AACMA.

The Acupuncture Ethics and Standards Organisation Ltd (AESO) was formed in NSW in 1977 to provide a mechanism to identify and accredit bona fide acupuncture practitioners for health fund rebates.

On 1 March 1995, AAcA and AESO formally completed an amalgamation resulting in the vast majority of qualified TCM practitioners in Australia becoming united under one national association, the Australian Acupuncture Association Ltd. In 1996, AAcA merged with the Acupuncture Association of South Australia (AASA), the largest TCM body in South Australia.

At the 1998 Annual General Meeting in Adelaide, the members resolved by an overwhelming majority to change the name of the Association (AAcA) to the Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Ltd (AACMA) and to conduct all joint operations of AACMA and AESO under the AACMA name.

Until 1996, AACMA provided accreditation in acupuncture only. In 1996, AACMA introduced accreditation standards in Chinese herbal medicine for its practitioner members and in 1998 introduced entry-level accreditation standards in Chinese herbal medicine equivalent to the entry-level standard in acupuncture. In 2002, standards of accreditation in TCM Remedial Massage were also introduced in line with the new Health Training Package in TCM Remedial Massage (Anmo-Tuina).

At the 2003 Annual General Meeting, new membership categories were passed to provide for entry-level non-voting stand-alone memberships categories in TCM Remedial Massage and Chinese herbal dispensing, as well as various Associate Member categories and a Retired Member category.

These amalgamations and subsequent organisational developments have provided genuine national standards and representation for acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine practitioners in Australia, independent of any commercial interest, factional alliance, or ethnic bias.

AACMA provides a clear point of contact for governments and other bodies seeking to identify and communicate with the majority of the profession. AACMA is widely acknowledged as the preferred destination of graduates of Australian TCM programs and qualified overseas-trained entrants to the profession. It is clearly the peak national body for the Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) profession in Australia.

### AACMA mission statement

*To promote a professional identity assisting accredited practitioners to offer excellence in acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine health care.*

### AACMA - Key goals and objectives

Listed below are a set of Key AACMA Goals and Objectives to give effect to the Mission Statement.

1. To identify acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine and traditional Chinese medicine as profession(s) providing primary health care based on the TCM body of knowledge which is able to evolve and adapt as appropriate to the Australian context.

2. To be the peak body representing the profession in Australia and be recognised as such by all sectors of government, industry, the profession, and the public.
3. To promote the Association and its accredited practitioners such that the Association is readily recognised by all facets of the community, government and the health industry as being synonymous with excellence and professionalism in the practice of TCM.
4. To develop and administer policies and standards, implement programs and provide a cost effective infrastructure to support and assist accredited practitioners to succeed as primary contact practitioners in the health care system.
5. To set minimum standards of education and training and assist education providers so as to ensure that education remains relevant to the needs and requirements of the association, its members, and the public.
6. To promote community awareness of acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine, and traditional Chinese medicine so as to increase informed health care choice and to encourage self-empowerment of patients.

### Organisational structure

A diagram of the AACMA organisational structure is included on page 2.

**The Board** The joint AACMA and AESO Board of Directors is elected directly by the voting membership. Executive Board positions, including President/Chair, are decided by majority vote of the elected Board. Once elected, the joint Board has the responsibility to set and implement the goals, objectives and policies of the Association in accordance with its Memoranda and Articles of Association. The Board also supervises the operations of the national office and the employment of consultants as required.

**State Committees** Articles 74 and 75 outline the roles of AACMA State Committees which are primarily to provide local continuing education activities and social events, thereby enabling the development of local professional networks and increased grassroots participation by members. The State Committees also play an advisory role, identifying local issues that need the attention of the Board. As part of the process of linking State and national structures, each year the State Committees provide nominees to sit on relevant national Board Committees.

**Board Committees** As the range of functions and duties of the Board is extensive, ad hoc and standing committees are formed to examine and address specific areas of activity and report back to the Board with recommendations. The Board considers the recommendations and accepts them or, if there is disagreement, refers the matter back to the Committees for further consideration.

**Accreditation Committee** The AACMA Accreditation Committee, made up of external consultants, provides independent assessment of all applications for membership against the AACMA Accreditation Policy.

**Disciplinary Committee** The AACMA Disciplinary Committee investigates and makes determinations on written complaints against members.

### MEMBERSHIP

#### Member Types

**Fellow:** This is open to Members and Associate Fellows who have ten years full-time clinical practice (or equivalent in part-time practice) as a practitioner of acupuncture or TCM OR eight years full-time clinical experience (or part-time equivalent) as a practitioner of acupuncture or TCM and have substantial publications/research or a post-graduate qualification in a field deemed relevant by the Board. Admission as a Fellow is subject to unanimous agreement of the Board. Applications for Fellow status must also meet other requirements as to duration of continuous membership and ethical standards.

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**Associate Fellow:** This is open to Members who have five years full-time clinical practice (or part-time equivalent) as a practitioner of acupuncture or TCM OR three years full-time clinical experience (or part-time equivalent) as a practitioner of acupuncture or TCM and have a recognised degree (bachelor) qualification in acupuncture or TCM. Acceptance to Associate Fellow status is subject to continued safe and ethical practice and must be approved by a majority resolution of the AACMA Board.

**Member** (also called Full Member): This is the standard AACMA accredited membership category.

**Provisional Member:** This non-voting membership type is provided when an applicant meets all the requirements for Full Membership but has a minor aspect of their documentation outstanding (for example, they may have met the requirements for graduation from a recognised program but as the ceremony has not yet been held they have not yet received their award). Provisional Membership is awarded until the member provides certified copies of outstanding documentation.

**Non-Practising Member** (previously called Graduate Member): This non-voting membership type is available when a member has met all the requirements for accredited membership but is not in practice for a period of at least 6 months.

**Associate Member (Transitional):** This non-voting membership category is intended for practitioners who meet the AACMA accreditation standard and who are members of a designated organisation that AACMA deems to have comparable standards. For all practical purposes, a designated organisation is an organisation with which AACMA has a formal agreement to amalgamate. Members of the designated association are placed in this membership category until the process of amalgamation has been finalised, after which they would become fully accredited members of AACMA.

**Associate Member (Dispenser – Registered):** This non-voting membership category is designed for persons who are registered as Chinese herbal dispensers with a statutory registration board in an Australian state or territory.

**Associate Member (Dispenser – General):** This non-voting membership category is designed for persons who are Chinese herbal dispensers in a state or territory of Australia where the title 'registered Chinese herbal medicine dispenser' or similar title is not protected under an Act of Parliament.

**Associate Member (Provisional):** This non-voting category of membership is intended for persons who have been in full-time acupuncture or Chinese medicine practice for at least 10 years, who do not fully satisfy AACMA's qualifications requirements, who have enrolled in an AACMA recognised course in order to upgrade their qualifications and who have progressed through at least 50% of the course. Amongst other requirements, the AACMA board must be satisfied that the practitioner is able to complete the course within a prescribed time and that they of a sufficient standard for safe practice, etc. On completion of the recognised course, they may be admitted as fully accredited members of AACMA.

**Associate Member (Anmo-Tuina):** This non-voting membership category is open to persons who have completed an AACMA recognised course in TCM Remedial Massage (Anmo-Tuina). The requirement is a Diploma recognised under the Health Training Package.

**Retired Member:** Practitioners who permanently retire from professional practice after at least 20 years membership may move to the Retired Member category.

**Honorary and Life Members:** Life Membership is awarded to persons of distinction who have made an outstanding contribution to the TCM profession and/or the Association. Honorary Membership is awarded to persons of merit and distinction in Traditional Chinese Medicine practice, education, and/or administration and upon whom the Association wishes to confer special distinction and honour. Honorary Members are usually resident overseas.

**Student Member:** This is open to students enrolled in primary qualifying programs in Traditional Chinese Medicine. Acceptance as a Student Member does not necessarily imply acceptance as an accredited member on course completion.

**Suspended members:** This covers members whose membership and accreditation is suspended by the Board as a result of a finding of professional misconduct by the Disciplinary Committee.

### Membership numbers

As at 31 December 2008, AACMA membership numbers were:

Member Type	Accredited	Non-accredited
Life Member	2	N/A
Fellow	155	N/A
Associate Fellow	3	N/A
Member	1175	N/A
Provisional Member	98	N/A
Non-Practising Member	198	N/A
Associate Member	0	N/A
Retired Member	5	N/A
Honorary Member	N/A	1
Suspended Member	3	0
Student Member	N/A	369
<b>Sub-totals</b>	<b>1639</b>	<b>370</b>
Percentage of totals	81.6%	18.4%
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS as at 31 December 2008: 2009</b>		

### Annual Membership Growth Rates

The average annual growth rate in AACMA accredited membership over the past five years has been 5.2%. In 2008 the net annual increase in accredited membership was 3.3%.

### Acceptance Ratio

AACMA has recorded an average 77.5% ratio of Acceptances to Applications over the past five years. In 2008, the acceptance ratio was 85.5%, which reflected an increase in the proportion of graduates of recognised programs in 2008. AACMA admitted 118 newly accredited members in 2008.

### Membership Attrition Rate

The membership attrition rate (e.g. through death, retirement, resignation, or lapsed memberships) in 2008 was 4.2%, 0.5% more than in 2007. In 2008, AACMA suffered a loss of 66 accredited members (10 more than in 2007), with an overall net increase of 52 accredited members. As increasing numbers of long-term members head into retirement or pass away, it is unlikely that this membership attrition rate will decrease in coming years. Focus will need to be placed on attracting and retaining more graduates of recognised Australian programs and qualified non-member practitioners.

### Deceased members

In 2008, we sadly saw the passing of five members:

- Janine Hall
- Chris Bird
- Rudi Anderi
- June Ferrentino
- Anatoly Liu-Abakumoff.

The AACMA Board and staff extend their condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of our members who passed away in 2008. They will be sadly missed.

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### Student members

AACMA saw an increase of 36 (or 11%) in the total number of student members in 2008 (total 369). This increase was less than in 2007 due to student members converting to accredited membership.

### Accredited modalities

Since its inception in 1973, AACMA has accredited practitioners in acupuncture. Similarly, AESO began accrediting acupuncturists in 1977. As acupuncture has been the spearhead of the introduction of TCM in Australia, it is not unexpected that the vast majority of members are accredited in acupuncture.

In 1995, AACMA introduced an accreditation standard in Chinese herbal medicine for its existing members, and introduced entry-level accreditation in Chinese herbal medicine in 1998. This provided opportunities for qualified Chinese herbal medicine practitioners to be admitted to membership where they did not meet the requirements for acupuncture accreditation. As of the date of this report, 99.6% of members were accredited in acupuncture, 54.8% in Chinese herbal medicine (including 0.3% accredited in Chinese herbal medicine and not acupuncture). Based on past member surveys, the number of members actually practising Chinese herbal medicine approximates 80%, 1.4 times the number formally accredited. This discrepancy exists because not all members practising Chinese herbal medicine actually have applied for accreditation since the time when the option was introduced.

As from 30 June 2004, AACMA ceased accepting new applications from acupuncture members for Chinese herbal medicine accreditation at the *prepared herbs* standard. From 1 July 2004, all persons seeking accreditation with AACMA in Chinese herbal medicine must meet the entry-level "raw herbs" standard for Chinese herbal medicine accreditation.

In 2001, the Board sought applications for accreditation from members qualified in TCM Remedial Massage and in 2002 issued its first accreditation certificates for TCM Remedial Massage. A small number of members have also been awarded accreditation in (Western) Remedial Massage where they meet an equivalent standard in that practice. As of the date of this report, 11.4% of members were accredited in TCM Remedial Massage.

As from 31 March 2004, AACMA ceased accepting further applications for (Western) Remedial Massage, and new applications for TCM Remedial Massage were required to meet standard equivalent to the Diploma of TCM Remedial Massage (Anmo-Tuina) under the Health Training Package (HLT) for Complementary and Alternative Medicine.

In 2009, AACMA reinstated an accreditation standard for (Western) Remedial Massage. New applicants for accreditation in this modality must have an HLT Diploma of Remedial Massage or equivalent.

### Complaints

AACMA operates a formal complaints handling process. Complaints against members are referred to the AACMA Disciplinary Committee which investigates and makes determinations on those complaints. The complaint must be in writing and signed by the complainant.

The process followed by the Disciplinary Committee is outlined below:

The Disciplinary Committee advises the member in writing outlining the substance of the complaint and a copy of the original letter of complaint may be attached. The member is then required to respond to the allegations within 14 – 21 days (depending on the nature of the complaint). The member is directed not to contact the complainant in relation to the matters under investigation.

If necessary, the Disciplinary Committee may seek further information from the complainant or the member if it believes it does not have all relevant facts before it. Where the Disciplinary Committee deems it appropriate, expert advice may also be sought in order to determine whether acceptable standards of practice were followed. Should expert advice be sought, only de-identified information is provided in order to protect the identity of both the complainant and the member.

The AACMA Disciplinary Committee then considers the following questions as part of its investigation of the complaint:

- Did the matters alleged in the complaint occur in full or in part?
- If Yes, were they a breach of the AACMA Code of Ethics?
- If Yes, is disciplinary action warranted?
- If Yes, what disciplinary action should be applied (this can range from a warning, counselling or fine to suspension or expulsion, depending on the nature of the complaint). The Disciplinary Committee may also set conditions on the practitioner regarding professional development should it deem that necessary.
- If a No answer results from any of the above questions, the Disciplinary Committee may consider whether any other action is required in order to prevent further complaints alleging similar conduct.

The complainant is advised of the outcome of the complaint.

In 2008, the AACMA Disciplinary Committee received fifteen (15) formal complaints, of which 11 were against members and 4 against non-members. Twelve (12) of these complaints were still ongoing at the end of 2008.

The breakdown of allegations in complaints is as follows (some complaints covered more than one category):

Nature of complaint	Number
Standard of care provided	4
False completion of receipts	4
Unprofessional conduct	3
Non-member claiming AACMA membership	3
Breach of AACMA copyright by non-member	1
Poor hygiene	1

Where a formal complaint is received against a non-member, all efforts are taken to refer the matter to another suitable body, such as a statutory health complaints body or registration board or in some cases the police. If the practitioner is known to be a member of another society, the complainant is also referred to that other society. Four complaints were referred to other associations in 2008.

For legal reasons, verbal complaints are not actioned unless poor infection control and hygiene standards are alleged, in which case independent verification can be obtained through a local council inspection of the premises.

Complaints alleging unprofessional conduct included rude and inconsiderate behaviour, poor handling of an adverse event, failure to obtain consent, and breach of privacy.

Allegations relating to the false completion of receipts included the use of the member's name and member number on receipts for services provided by another person at the member's practice, refusal to issue receipts, issuing receipts for services not provided, and misstating the nature of the service provided.

Non-members claiming AACMA membership included past members referring to AACMA membership on receipts, non-members using AACMA brochures, and falsely advertising to represent AACMA.

At the beginning of 2008, there were twelve (12) ongoing investigations carried over from 2007, of which nine (9) were finalised in 2008. This resulted in the Disciplinary Committee dealing with a total of twenty-seven (27) complaints in 2008. Fifteen (15) complaints were not fully resolved at the end of 2008.

Disciplinary Committee action imposed in 2008 included:

- suspension of membership (1 on-going and 3 new suspensions);
- fines of \$500.00, \$750.00, \$1,500 and \$2,000; and
- counselling, warning and undertaking as to future conduct.

AACMA received three appeals of which 2 were on-going in 2009.

The primary focus of disciplinary action is to end or change inappropriate conduct. To this end, increased use was made of counselling members, issuing warnings and obtaining undertakings as to future conduct. Severe penalties such as loss of Fellow or Associate Fellow status, fine, suspension or expulsion are imposed in relation to

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findings of misconduct of a serious nature, such as health fund fraud, false completion of receipts, contacting a complainant against the direction of the Disciplinary Committee, indecent assault, etc.

It must be stressed that the rate of complaints is very low, and represent only a very small percentage (less than 1%) of the membership as a whole.

### THE AACMA NATIONAL OFFICE

The AACMA national office was established in Brisbane in 1996.

Previously, the Association had contracted to an external organisation to operate a Secretariat for the Australian Acupuncture Association Ltd (AAcA) and later the Acupuncture Ethics and Standards Organisation Ltd (AESO). Following the amalgamation between AAcA and AESO in 1995, the size of the joint organisation made it necessary to move from an external Secretariat to a dedicated full-time national office for the Association.

In 2007, the Association moved to premises in Coorparoo, purchased using accrued savings and a bank loan secured by a mortgage.

The AACMA national office has grown from a two person team in 1996 to a complement of six full-time and two part-time staff by the end of 2008.

AACMA welcomed the following new staff member in 2008: Georgia Kastrissios (Receptionist). Short-term appointments were made to assist with finance, administration and membership functions during periods of need in 2008, including Switu Shah (Accounts) who had previously worked for AACMA under a traineeship, Shosahnnah Beck, and David Muller. Past Receptionist, Emily Smith, returned to AACMA on a temporary basis to assist with reception and staff training. Resignations included Susie Griffin (Membership Administrator) who moved interstate and Tim Chandler (Assistant Publications Officer) who left to pursue full-time study. Tim returned later in the year to assist with production of the latest issue of the journal. Judy James (Chief Executive Officer) continued in her designated position throughout 2008. In early 2009, Rebekah Davis move to the position of Membership Administrator and past employee, Jazz Tyrill-Smart, returned to a new position of Manager, Marketing, Events and Professional Development.

On behalf of the Board and the members, I welcome our new staff to the team and wish departing staff success in their post-AACMA endeavours. I thank all staff for their diligence, commitment and hard work for the Board and the members over 2008.



Hoc Ku Huynh, AACMA Secretary, 21 April 2009

## Treasurer's Report

### GENERAL

It is with pleasure that I present to members my third financial report as AACMA Treasurer, being the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2008. The Board continued its policy of good financial management in 2008 and is pleased to present an on-going stable fiscal situation to members.

### REVENUE

The revenue streams of the Association should be viewed as revenue from normal operations and revenue from other sources. Revenue from normal operations includes membership subscriptions, yellow pages advertising, sale of AACMA brand products, videos and literature, seminars, and interest received from investments. Other sources of revenue for 2008 included income related to AACMAC Sydney 2008 and State Committee functions. Total revenue in 2008 from all sources (excluding GST) was \$904,234.88, of which \$779,771.17 was normal operating income and \$124,463.71 was from other sources. This represented an increase of 4.4% over 2007 income (9.4% increase excluding the ESCS grant).

**Subscriptions** The increase of \$42,401.50 (7.8%) in income from membership subscriptions to \$587,008.32 resulted directly from an increase in overall membership numbers. The rates charged for membership fees did not increase in 2008, compared with an annual CPI increase of 3.0% as at December 2007, and a further CPI increase of 3.7% to December 2008. This means that the AACMA Board has continued to fulfil its commitment to limit any increase in fees for members who pay on time to under 5% above the increase in the CPI index. The AACMA Board is dedicated to keeping fees to the minimum required to provide services to members and still maintain the financial security and continued viability of this peak professional body for TCM practitioners. Members were offered six options for paying 2008 fees, providing considerable incentives for members to pay on time or to enter into an instalment payment plan. Using the Member fee as an example, these options were (rates include GST):

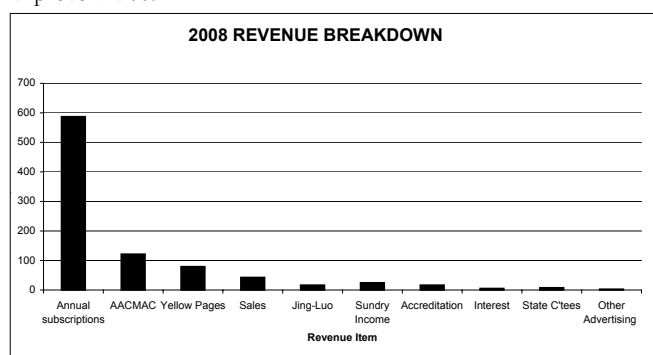
- Pre-payment of 2008 fees during 2007 (\$450 fee)
- Pay fees in full by due date (\$450 fee)
- Payment by Annual Direct Debit (ADD) authority (\$434)
- Pay fees in January 2008 (\$496)\*
- Pay fees in February or March (\$621)\*
- Pay fees after March (\$691 – includes \$70 reinstatement fee)

\* Also includes rates for members entering into a payment plan.

Since 1999, total income from membership subscriptions has increased by \$291,128 to the 2008 level. Despite this increase, subscriptions as a proportion of gross revenue have decreased by 19% from 84% in 1999 to 65% in 2008, representing a gradual but progressive shift toward increased income from other sources.

**Accreditation** Accreditation income of \$16,390.30 continues to represent 1.8% of general revenue and refers to income from Application Fees and Examinations.

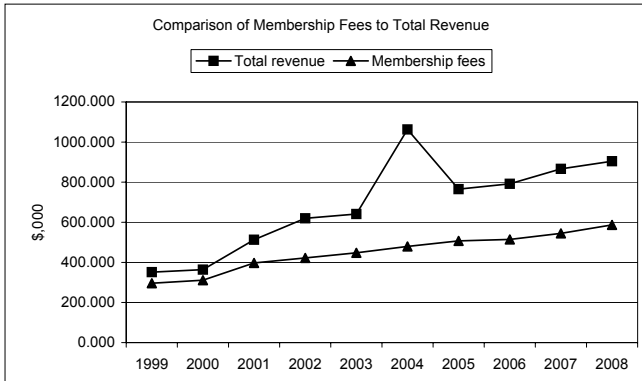
**Interest** This income of \$5,423.64 represents 0.6% of general revenue. It is 35% less than 2007 interest because of reduced funds in the operating accounts resulting from the purchase of office premises. Income from interest on deposits in higher interest accounts is expected to be improve in 2009.



**Sales** Sales of member badge products and other items amounted to 4.7% of general revenue in 2008, compared with 5.3% in 2007. Income from sales of \$42,524.32 was offset by cost of sales (printing, production and purchase costs) of \$19,814.92, resulting in a net surplus of \$22,709.94.

**Jing-Luo Advertising** Since 2004, this expenditure has been reported separately from other sources of income as it is now a significant revenue source. The income from newsletter advertising (\$16,683.26) is off-set against newsletter printing, collation and postage costs (\$33,251.92), resulting in a net deficit of \$16,568.60. This resulted from increases in the cost of printing, a reduction in newsletter advertising in 2008. Payments for 2008 advertising not received until 2009 are not included in these figures.

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**Other advertising income** Other advertising income of \$4,119.11 derived mainly from advertising in the Wall Planner.

**Yellow Pages** Yellow Pages income represents income from members listing under the AACMA banner in the metropolitan and selected regional directories. Income from Yellow Pages listings represented 8.8% of general revenue, compared with 10.2% in 2007.

**Sundry income** This figure of \$ 24,611.94 relates to income from AJACM advertising and subscriptions (\$8,506.45), postage collected on member orders (\$5,465.50) and postage and handling charges for external mailout and email advertising (\$1,940.00), and income from mailout and email advertising (8,699.99).

**BPAY** In December 2008, AACMA introduced a BPAY facility which enables members to pay their fees over the internet. This facility will be progressively extended to all persons and organisations regularly doing business with AACMA. This will add to members' convenience in their financial transactions with AACMA.

### EXPENDITURE

Total expenditure in 2008 amounted to \$975,260.16, an increase of \$26,879.14 over 2007 expenditure (or 2.8%). This increase is primarily attributed to increases in interest paid on the bank loan for the purchase of office premises, ESCS expenditure, directory advertising and the cost of AACMAC. A summary of major expense items is outlined in the chart in the following column.

**Administration and staffing** As with any sound organisation, staffing & administration expenses constituted the highest proportion of total expenditure in 2008. These costs amounted to \$500,008.27 or 51.3% of total expenditure, 4.3% lower than 2007 rate of 55.6%. Administration expenses were made up of \$347,467.58 staffing costs and \$152,619.69 in office and administration expenses.

**Staffing expenses** (\$347,467.58) were comparable with 2007 costs. The salary and superannuation component of \$326,935.84 represents an increase of less than 1% over 2007 salary and superannuation costs. Other staffing expenses were made up of \$11,438.66 in staff travel and accommodation, \$1,710.00 for employment advertising, and \$1,278.12 in staff amenities, with the balance in miscellaneous costs and increased allocation for accrued entitlements.

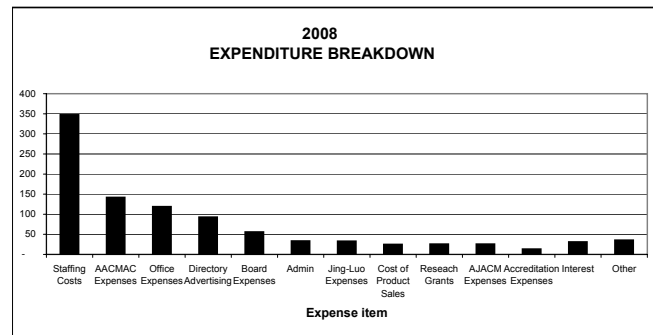
**Office expenses** (\$119,020.83) were made up of postage and couriers (\$22,989.92), service contracts, repairs and maintenance, cleaning, power, and software licensing and support, (\$24,644.88), phone, fax and internet expense (\$10,242.42), office supplies (\$8,266.47), photocopy charges (\$3,034.17), corporate stationery (\$6,739.98), minor furniture, equipment, fittings and computing (\$1,064.84), leasing of phones, photocopier and franking machine (\$9,968.76), rent for off-site storage (\$2,277.24), and postage changed for external mailouts (\$1,972.89). Also included in office expenses were the cost of administering our own office premises, being body corporate costs (\$8,360), rates, water and sewerage (\$4,190.25). The remainder was in sundry expenses.

**Administration expenses** (\$33,598.86) included printing of annual report and AGM ballot envelopes (\$2,742.09), AGM postage (\$4,686.00),

bank charges and merchant fees (\$9,688.75), directors' insurance (\$4,015.31), audit (\$5,800), premises insurance (\$2,595.55), and ASIC fees (\$1,160.00). AACMA takes out additional insurance to protect staff, board and committee members and volunteer workers in the event of illness or injury while attending to AACMA business. This includes a corporate travel insurance policy covering board, staff and speaker travel and a group personal accident policy for the board, committee members and volunteers when attending or conducting meetings on behalf of AACMA. These policies amounted to \$2,312.58.

**Board and Committees** Board and Committee expenses totalled \$63,627.06 in 2008, representing 6.5% of total expenditure. This was made up \$25,475.00 in Directors fees, \$22,717.41 in board travel and accommodation, \$7,515.88 in meeting expenses, \$6,029.65 for phone and fax costs, \$1,109.09 in conference attendance fees and the remainder in miscellaneous expenses. Board members are expected to take a more active role in Australian and international affairs in order to promote and protect the interests of the members and the profession in general. This has inevitably resulted in increased costs in board travel and accommodation. The AACMA Board held one face-to-face Board meeting (May 2008). This face to face meeting is essential for organising the new Board of Directors, advising them of their corporate responsibilities, obligations, and duties, establishing the direction of AACMA for the coming year, and appointing members to Board Executive and Committee positions. This meeting is always held in conjunction with the AGM and AACMAC to minimise costs.

**Directory advertising** Directory advertising of \$92,963.47 was made up of members' group listings in the metropolitan and selected regional Yellow Pages directories (\$83,725.00), an advertisement for Chinese herbal medicine in the Herbalists section of metropolitan directories (\$4,058.00). The balance of expenses included a line listing for AACMA in every Yellow Pages book, a white pages listing in every capital city, and Yellow pages on-line listings. AACMA also took out national advertising through Yellow Pages On-Line but cancelled the arrangement and obtained full credit for this expenditure due to the product being inconsistent with what was purchased.



**Member products** – cost of product sales Cost of sales of \$19,814.92 was made up of \$10,865 for receipt books, \$5,440.30 for brochures, \$2,191.92 for videos/DVDs and the balance in miscellaneous costs.

**Research grants** AACMA continued with an allocation of \$25,000 in 2008 in support of suitable research.

**Publications and Marketing** This expenditure of \$13,215.92 relates to \$3,444.68 for the AACMA 1300 number, \$2,600.73 for the wall planner, \$2,745.82 for AACMA presentation folders, \$1,279.50 in AACMA plastic carry bags, \$1,112.37 for the WHO launch, and the remainder in miscellaneous expenses.

**AACMAC** AACMAC Sydney 2008 expenses amounted to \$141,942.05 in 2008. This was made up of \$91,937.94 in venue hire, audio-visual, and catering packages, \$6,290.91 in trade exhibition costs, \$16,521.92 in travel, accommodation and speaker costs, \$3,729.64 in printing costs, \$8,344.20 for the cocktail party, \$10,896.37 for the Gala Dinner, and \$4,221.07 in administration expenses. This was offset against income

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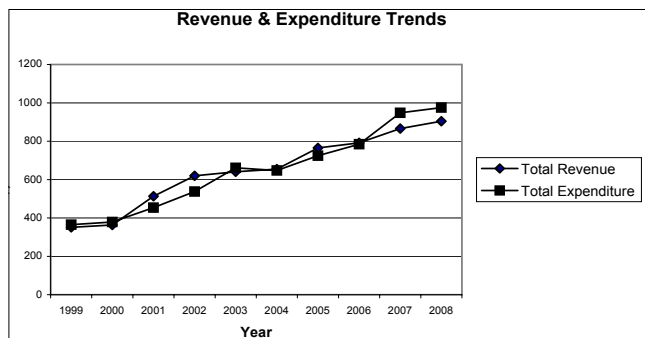
of \$121,478.62, made up of \$83,251.79 in delegate fees, \$29,613.18 in exhibition fees and advertising, \$8,113.65 in gala dinner fees, and \$500 in partner cocktail party fees. Pre-paid 2009 conference fees of \$7,422.78 are not included in the above figures. AACMA Board sees AACMAC as the peak professional development and networking event for the profession and worth the investment in the long term.

**AJACM** The launch of our academic journal, the Australian Journal of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine, in 2006 was a major new expenditure item for the association. The majority of the costs incurred in 2008 related the costs of printing and postage of the third volume, consisting of two issues. Expenditure of \$25,781.25 was made up of printing costs (\$14,581.14), postage (\$9,871.13), editorial board meeting costs (\$1,111.35) and miscellaneous costs (\$217.63). These costs were offset by journal income of \$8,507.45, resulting in a net deficit of \$15,910.12. This compares with journal nett cost of \$20,479.73 in 2007 and \$23,941.50 in 2006. The Board is viewing investment in the Journal as a long-term project with returns expected to increase over the next five years.

**AACMA property** In 2007, AACMA purchased premises for the national office. The contract price was \$495,000 ex GST. AACMA contributed 30% of the sale price (\$148,500) out of our accrued surplus, with the remaining 70% (\$346,500) being funded by a Westpac bank loan secured by a mortgage on the property. As of 31 December 2008, the amount owing on the bank loan was \$326,826.22 (compared with \$336,973.87 at the end of 2007). Loan payments in 2008 were \$41,850.00 less \$31,702.35 in interest charges and bank fees.

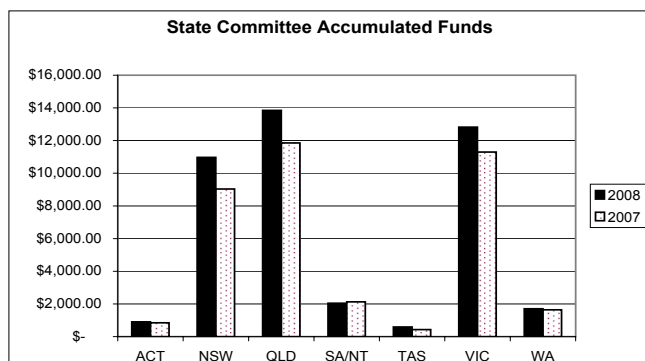
### REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE TRENDS

A progressive comparison of revenue and expenditure trends is outlined in the following graph.



### STATE COMMITTEES

In 2008, the State Committees have continued to provide professional development and social activities within their states. The larger states were the most active, conducting more functions at the local level. Again, AACMA has contributed funds to each State Committee on the basis of \$2 for each member residing in the state. As at 31 December 2008, the combined amount of funds reserved for State Committees was \$42,874.68. Funds accumulated by the individual State Committees as at 31 December 2008 are outlined in the following chart.



### THE YEAR AHEAD

2008 will see a continuation of the Board's commitment to sound financial policies and the exercise of caution in relation to the use of members' funds. The deficit experienced in 2008 resulted primarily from deficits from the 2008 annual conference, increased interest payments, decreased advertising, and increased directory costs.

The 2009 annual conference was already in an operating surplus as of the date of the report. Income from annual fees in 2009 has already exceeded 2008 income from membership fees. Income from interest on deposits is also likely to increase due to higher interest bearing deposits being utilised. Interest expenses for the property in 2009 are likely to be reduced due to lower interest rates in 2009. Salary and wages are likely to increase in 2009.

AACMA is aiming for a surplus of up to \$75,000 per year over the next two years in order to reverse the 2007 and 2008 operating deficits. This will ensure AACMA is able to continue with a stable fiscal position into the future.

The purchase of association property in 2007 was considered a significant step in long-term cost savings so that outgoings related to office premises are effectively reinvested back into assets for the association rather than in unrecoverable rental outgoings. The monthly repayment on the bank loan is \$3,664.00, plus associated bank fees.

Benefits paid to Board members and staff will remain within the ranges considered reasonable by the not-for-profit sector and the capacity of the Association to pay. The 2009 budget provides for a progressive increase in expenditure on member services and brand products, continued professional development, new projects to benefit the profession and members projects, and the targeted media and promotion of AACMA and its members to the public and mainstream health care system.

**Walter Simpson, Treasurer**  
21 April 2009

## Financial Statements

### Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Limited

#### Directors' Report

##### General

The Australian Acupuncture & Chinese Medicine Association Limited is a company limited by guarantee (to the extent of \$100 per member), incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001*.

##### Statutory Requirements

The directors present their report on the company for the financial year ended 31 December 2008.

The names of the Directors in office at the date of this report are:

Wade James	John Deare	James Flowers
Hoc Ku Huynh OAM	Richard Ke Yuan Li	Walter Simpson
Ke Li	Zhen Zheng	Michael Porter

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

The net loss for the company for the financial year amounted to \$(71,025.28).

No significant changes in the company's state of affairs occurred during the financial year.

The principal activity of the Company is to regulate, represent and promote the profession of acupuncture and traditional Chinese medicine.

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the company in future financial years.

No dividends have been paid or declared by the company during the year ended 31 December 2008.

No indemnities have been given or insurance premium paid, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an official or auditor of the company.

##### Auditors Independence

The Directors have received an Independence Declaration from the auditor of Australian Acupuncture & Chinese Medicine Association Limited which is attached on the following page. Signed in accordance with a resolution of the board of Directors.

##### Information on Directors and Meetings

The following information and number of meetings attended is provided on Directors of the Company during the year:

##### John Deare Director & Vice President

###### Qualifications:

- Master of Applied Sciences (Acupuncture) RMIT University
- Bachelor of Health Sciences (Complementary Medicine)
- Advanced Diploma of Applied Science (Acupuncture)

###### Experience:

- Lecturer (Casual) ACNM
- Member of AACMA (10 years)
- 10 years Clinical Practice in Australia
- Member of Toyohari Association
- Member of Australian Pain Society
- Director of Australian Council for Chinese Medicine Education Ltd

##### John Deare

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- Member of the Editorial Board and Management Committee of the Australian Journal of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine

##### James Flowers

Director &amp; President

###### Qualifications:

- Diploma of TCM

###### Experience:

- 14 years Clinical Practice in Australia
- Member of AACMA (14 years), AACMA Fellow
- Lecturer at the University of Western Sydney
- President of the Australia China Friendship Society NSW Inc (since 1998)
- Deputy Chair, Supervision Committee, WFCMS
- Director, International Society of Oriental Medicine
- Director of Australian Council for Chinese Medicine Education Ltd
- Chair, Management Committee of the Australian Journal of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine

##### Hoc Ku Huynh OAM

Director &amp; Secretary

###### Qualifications:

- Master of Health Science in TCM
- Bachelor of Acupuncture
- Certificate of Chinese Medicine

###### Experience:

- Member of AACMA (29 years), AACMA Fellow
- 32 years Clinical Practice in Australia
- Honorary Clinical Associate UTS
- Honorary Clinical Supervisor UWS
- Awarded Order of Australia Medal
- Life Member of the Order of Australia Association
- Executive Council member of WFCMS
- Director of the Australian TCM Practitioner Accreditation Board Ltd

##### Wade James

Director

###### Qualifications:

- Master of Health Science in TCM (UTS)
- Diploma of TCM
- Certificate of TCM (China)
- Certificate of Chinese Herbal Medicine (China)
- Certificate of Tui Na (China)

###### Experience:

- Member of AACMA (8 years)
- 23 years Clinical Practice in Australia
- Director of Chinawest Pty Ltd
- Director of Shanghai International TCM Seminars

##### Ke Li

Director

###### Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Medicine (TCM)
- Master of Health Science
- Certificate IV Workplace Training and Assessment

###### Experience:

- 21 years Clinical Practice in Australia
- 5 years Clinical Practice overseas
- Member of AACMA (20 years) AACMA Fellow
- Sessional Lecturer at Victoria University (6 years)
- St John Ambulance Voluntary First Aid Officer (14 years)
- Registered with the CMRBV
- Member of the Management Committee of the Australian Journal of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine

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### Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Limited

**Richard Ke Yuan Li**

**Director**

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor of Medicine (TCM)
- Certificate of English for Academic Purpose
- Certificate of Information Technology
- Certificate IV Workplace Training and Assessment

**Experience:**

- Member of AACMA (13 years), AACMA Fellow
- 20 years Clinical Practice in Australia
- 4 years Clinical Practice overseas
- Lecturer at Shanghai University of TCM (4 years)
- Lecturer at University of Western Sydney (casual)
- Vice-President, World Federation of Acupuncture-Moxibustion Societies
- Director of the Australian TCM Practitioner Accreditation Board Ltd

**Yun-Fei Lu**

**Director**

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor of Medicine (TCM), China
- Master of Medicine (TCM), China
- PhD (Neuroscience), Japan

**Experience:**

- Member of AACMA (7 years)
- 7 years Clinical Practice in Australia
- 10 years Clinical Practice overseas
- Lecturer at China Academy of TCM (3 years)
- Assistant Professor Okayama Univ Medical School (7 Years)
- Research Fellow at Columbia University (2 years)
- Research Fellow at University of Western Australia (3 years)

**Michael Porter**

**Director & Membership Officer**

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor of Acupuncture
- Diploma of Acupuncture
- Certificate of Chinese Herbal Medicine

**Experience:**

- Member of AACMA (24 years), AACMA Fellow
- 24 years Clinical Practice in Australia
- Director of Academy of Oriental Therapies (1993-2003)

**Walter Simpson**

**Director & Treasurer**

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor of Acupuncture
- Diploma of Chinese Herbal Medicine
- Certificate IV Workplace Training and Assessment
- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt World Taiji Boxing Association

**Experience:**

- Member of AACMA (21 years), AACMA Fellow

**Walter Simpson**

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- 21 years Clinical Practice in Australia
- QLD Representative of World Taiji Boxing Association
- Member of Toyo Hari Association

**Zhen Zheng**

**Director**

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor of Medicine (Acupuncture), China
- Doctor of Philosophy

**Experience:**

- Member of AACMA (8 years)
- 8 years Clinical Practice in Australia
- 2 years Clinical Practice overseas
- Senior Lecturer at RMIT University
- Registered with the CMRBV
- Member of the CMRBV Hearings Panel
- Editor-in-Chief, Australian Journal of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine

### Meetings attended by Directors

Name	Meetings eligible to attend	Number attended
John Deare	13	11
James Flowers	13	13
Hoc Ku Huynh OAM	13	12
Wade James	13	11
Ke Li	13	10
Richard Ke Yuan Li	8	7 (commenced 23/5/08)
Yun-Fei Lu	5	5 (resigned 23/5/08)
Michael Porter	13	12
Walter Simpson	13	13
Zhen Zheng	13	11

No director has received or become entitled to receive a benefit by reason of a contract made by the company or a related company with the director or with a firm of which he is a member or with a company in which he has a substantial financial interest.

### Auditor Independence

The Directors received an independence declaration from the auditor of Australian Acupuncture & Chinese Medicine Association Limited which is attached on the following page.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

DIRECTOR

20 APRIL 2009  
BRISBANE, QLD

DIRECTOR

### Auditor's Independence Declaration Under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 to the Directors of Australian Acupuncture & Chinese Medicine Association Ltd

#### Auditor's Independence Declaration

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2008 there has been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit

(signed)

HAYWARDS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

(signed)

20 MARCH 2009  
BRISBANE, QLD

Philip Fitzgerald FCA  
REGISTERED AUDITOR #15079

## Financial Statements

### Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Limited

#### Income Statement for the Year ended 31 December 2008

	NOTES	2008	2007
Annual Subscriptions		587008.32	544606.82
Other Income		317226.56	321656.56
Administration Expenses		(15619.69)	(179311.00)
Salary Expenses		(347467.58)	(347922.43)
Other Expenses from Ordinary Activities		(475172.89)	(421147.59)
Profit/(Deficit) from Ordinary Activities Before Income Tax Expense	3	\$(71025.28)	\$(82117.64)
Income Tax Expense Relating to Ordinary Activities			-
<b>Profit/(Deficit) from Ordinary Activities After Related Income Tax Expense</b>		<b>\$(71025.28)</b>	<b>\$(82117.64)</b>

#### Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2008

	NOTES	2008	2007
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash	4	364786.94	397666.26
Debtors		40734.84	22966.65
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>405521.78</b>	<b>42063.91</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Land & Buildings	5	557356.54	557356.54
Plant & Equipment		30963.09	40538.09
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>588319.63</b>	<b>597894.63</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>993841.41</b>	<b>1018527.54</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors		25891.48	1718.56
Fees Received in Advance		486835.13	442948.00
Provision for Employee Entitlements		64020.41	60130.66
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>576747.02</b>	<b>520260.22</b>
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Bank Loan		326826.22	336973.87
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>903573.24</b>	<b>857234.09</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>\$90268.17</b>	<b>\$161293.45</b>
<b>MEMBER'S FUND</b>			
Accumulated Funds		90268.17	161293.45
<b>TOTAL MEMBER'S FUND</b>		<b>\$90268.17</b>	<b>\$161293.45</b>

#### Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year Ended 31 December 2008

	RETAINED EARNINGS	TOTAL
Balance at 31 December 2007	161293.45	161293.45
Profit/(Loss) Attributable to the Equity	(71025.28)	(71025.28)
<b>BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2008</b>	<b>\$90268.17</b>	<b>\$90268.17</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Financial Statements

### Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Limited

#### Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2008

	NOTES	2008	2007
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Receipts from Subscriptions		630895.45	585144.12
Other Income		313826.36	326212.17
Payment for Operating Expenses		(934471.13)	(905843.24)
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	10	\$10250.68	\$5513.05
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Net Transfers of Plant & Equipment		1280.00	526309.72
NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		\$(1280.00)	\$(526309.72)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds from Borrowings		-	347000.00
Repayments of Borrowings		(41850.00)	(36421.00)
NET CASH FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		\$(41850.00)	\$310579.00
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH HELD		(32879.32)	(210217.67)
CASH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR		397666.26	607883.93
CASH AT THE END OF THE YEAR	10	\$364786.94	\$397666.26

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

#### Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2008

##### 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Financial Report is a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, including Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Australian Acupuncture & Chinese Medicine Association Limited is a company limited by guarantee.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the entity in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

##### Basis of preparation

the financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

##### (a) DEPRECIATION

Plant & Equipment

Depreciation on the abovementioned items of property has been provided in accordance with AASB 116 "Property, Plant and Equipment".

All fixed assets are written off in accordance with their estimated useful lives. Depreciation is calculated by adopting the diminishing value method.

##### (b) INCOME TAX

Income Tax has not been provided for in the company's accounts.

##### (c) COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Comparative figures, where necessary, have been reclassified in order to comply with the presentation adopted in the figures reported for the current financial year.

##### (d) EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS

Liabilities for Wages & Salaries and Annual Leave are recognised and are measured as the amount unpaid at the reporting date at current pay rates in respect of employees' services up to that date. Other employee entitlements payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those entitlements. Contributions are made by the association to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

## Financial Statements

### Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Limited

#### Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2008 contd...

	2008	2007
<b>2. OPERATING REVENUE</b>		
Annual Subscriptions	587008.32	544606.82
Other Revenue	317226.56	321565.56
	<b>\$904234.88</b>	<b>\$866263.38</b>
<b>3. OPERATING PROFIT</b>		
The operating profit before income tax is arrived at after crediting as revenue and after charging as expenses the following items: -		
<b>(a) REVENUE</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Membership Fees	587008.32	544606.82
Accreditation	16390.30	15397.27
Interest	5423.64	8365.63
AACMAC Income	121478.62	76639.27
Sales	42524.32	44041.01
Sundry Income	24611.94	18703.10
Jing-Luo Income	16683.26	30781.76
Other Advertising Income	2985.09	4119.10
State Committee Functions	7904.58	6722.13
Yellow Pages	79224.81	76887.29
Grant Received	-	40000.00
	<b>\$904234.88</b>	<b>\$866263.38</b>
<b>(b) EXPENSES</b>		
Accreditation Expenses	13382.06	16018.95
Cost of Product Sales	19814.92	30528.75
AACMAC Expenses	141942.05	81245.44
TCM Endangered Species Certification Scheme	9559.29	1770.00
Jing-Luo Expenses	33057.92	35884.25
AJACM Expenses	25781.25	27999.01
Directory Advertising	92963.47	81202.23
Publications and Marketing	13215.92	12517.19
State Committees	4781.45	6601.79
Research Grants	25075.60	24915.00
Consultants Fees	-	900.00
Journal Subscriptions & Memberships	569.55	1028.98
Board Expenses	56111.18	64474.69
Meetings & Committees	7515.88	6721.94
ACCME Expenses	80.00	515.43
ATPAB Expenses	40.00	2849.07
Administration	33598.86	43172.90
Office Expenses	119020.83	136138.10
Staffing Costs	347467.58	347922.43
Interest	31282.35	25974.87
	975260.16	948381.02
<b>OPERATING PROFIT FOR YEAR</b>	<b>\$(71025.28)</b>	<b>\$(82117.64)</b>

## Financial Statements

### Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Limited

#### Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2008 contd...

<b>4. CASH</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Cash Management Account	319678.27	297101.02
Cheque Account - Westpac	45108.67	100565.24
	<b>\$364786.94</b>	<b>\$397666.26</b>

#### 5. NON CURRENT ASSETS

<b>2007</b>	Office Furniture & Equipment	Land & Building	Total
Balance at the beginning of the year	18150.91	65300.00	83450.91
Additions at cost	34253.18	492056.54	526309.72
Depreciation expense	(11866.00)	-	11866.00
Carrying amount at end of year	<b>40538.09</b>	<b>557356.54</b>	<b>597894.63</b>
<b>2008</b>			
Balance at the beginning of the year	40538.09	557356.54	597894.63
Additions at cost	1280.00	-	1280.00
Depreciation expense	(10855.00)	-	(10855.00)
Carrying amount at end of year	<b>30963.09</b>	<b>557356.54</b>	<b>588319.63</b>

The above property is secured by Registered Mortgage to the bank loan.

#### 6. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENT

##### (a) Operating Lease Commitments

Non-cancellable operating lease contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements

Payable - Minimum Lease Payments

Not longer than 1 year	10965.60	10965.60
Between 1 year and 5 years	24829.76	24829.76
	<b>\$35795.36</b>	<b>\$35795.36</b>

#### 7. DIRECTOR'S REMUNERATION AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS

##### (a) Director's Remuneration

Income paid or payable to all directors of the company by the company and any related parties	\$25475.00	\$24375.00
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The names of the directors who have held office during the financial year are:

Hoc Ku Huynh OAM	John Deare	James Flowers
Yun-Fei Lu (resigned)	Wade James	Ke Li
Zhen Zheng	Michael Porter	Walter Simpson
Richard Ke Yuan Li		

#### 8. AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION

Amounts received or due and received by the auditors for:

Auditing the Accounts	\$5800.00	\$5100.00
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No other benefits were received by the auditors.

## Financial Statements

### Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Limited

#### Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2008 contd...

#### 9. MEMBER'S GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the Articles of Association state that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$100 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the company

#### 10. NOTES TO STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

##### (a) Reconciliation of Cash

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash on hand and in Financial Institutions net of bank overdrafts. Cash at the end of the financial year, as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows, is reconciled to the related items in the balance sheet as follows:-

	NOTE	2008	2007
Cash	4	\$364786.94	\$397666.26

##### (b) Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by Operating Activities to Operating Profit After Income Tax

Operating Profit/(Loss) after income tax		(71025.28)	(82117.64)
Depreciation		10855.00	11866.00
Interest		31702.35	26394.87
Changes in Assets & Liabilities			
Increase/(Decrease) in fees received in advance		43887.13	40537.30
Increase/(Decrease) in Debtors		(17768.19)	8305.61
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors		8709.92	504.09
Increase/(Decrease) for Employee Entitlements		3889.75	22.82
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		\$10250.68	\$5513.05

## Directors Declaration

The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity. The directors have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The directors of the company declare that:

- The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 13 to 14 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and:
  - comply with Accounting Standards as described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*; and
  - give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2008 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.
- In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors and is signed for and on behalf of the Directors by:

DIRECTOR 

20 APRIL 2009  
BRISBANE, QLD

DIRECTOR 

## Financial Statements

### Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Limited

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#### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Australian Acupuncture & Chinese Medicine Association Limited

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##### Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Australian Acupuncture & Chinese Medicine Association Limited, which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 December 2008, and the income statement, statement of recognised income and expenditure and cash flow statement for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration.

##### Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The directors' responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

##### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting under the *Corporations Act 2001*. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

##### Independence

In conducting our audit, we complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

##### Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Australian Acupuncture & Chinese Medicine Association Limited is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- a. giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2008 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1; and
- b. complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and complying with the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

(signed)

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HAYWARDS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

(signed)

20 MARCH 2009  
BRISBANE, QLD

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Phillip Fitzgerald FCA  
REGISTERED COMPANY AUDITOR #15079

## Financial Statements

### Acupuncture Ethics and Standards Organisation Limited

#### Directors' Reports

##### General

The Acupuncture Ethics and Standards Organisation Limited is a company limited by guarantee (to the extent of \$2 per member), incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001*.

##### Statutory Requirements

The directors present their report on the company for the financial year ended 31 December 2008.

The names of the Directors in office at the date of this report are:

Wade James	John Deare	James Flowers
Hoc Ku Huynh OAM	Richard Ke Yuan Li	Walter Simpson
Ke Li	Zhen Zheng	Michael Porter

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

The net profit for the company for the financial year amounted to \$nil.

No significant changes in the company's state of affairs occurred during the financial year.

The principal activity of the Company is to regulate, represent and promote the profession of acupuncture and traditional Chinese Medicine.

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the company in future financial years.

No dividends have been paid or declared by the company during the year ended 31 December 2008.

No indemnities have been given or insurance paid, during or since the end of financial year, for any person who is or has been an official or auditor of the company.

##### Auditors Independence

The Directors have received an Independence Declaration from the auditor of Australian Acupuncture & Chinese Medicine Association Limited which is attached on the following page. Signed in accordance with a resolution of the board of Directors.

##### Information on Directors and Meetings

The following information and number of meetings attended is provided on Directors of the Company during the year:

##### John Deare Director & Vice President

###### Qualifications:

- Master of Applied Sciences (Acupuncture) RMIT University
- Bachelor of Health Sciences (Complementary Medicine)
- Advanced Diploma of Applied Science (Acupuncture)

###### Experience:

- Lecturer (Casual) ACNM
- Member of AACMA (10 years)
- 10 years Clinical Practice in Australia
- Member of Toyohari Association

##### John Deare

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- Member of Australian Pain Society
- Director of Australian Council for Chinese Medicine Education Ltd
- Member of the Editorial Board and Management Committee of the Australian Journal of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine

##### James Flowers

Director &amp; President

###### Qualifications:

- Diploma of TCM

###### Experience:

- 14 years Clinical Practice in Australia
- Member of AACMA (14 years), AACMA Fellow
- Lecturer at the University of Western Sydney
- President of the Australia China Friendship Society NSW Inc (since 1998)
- Deputy Chair, Supervision Committee, WFCMS
- Director, International Society of Oriental Medicine
- Director of Australian Council for Chinese Medicine Education Ltd
- Chair, Management Committee of the Australian Journal of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine

##### Hoc Ku Huynh OAM

Director &amp; Secretary

###### Qualifications:

- Master of Health Science in TCM
- Bachelor of Acupuncture
- Certificate of Chinese Medicine

###### Experience:

- Member of AACMA (29 years), AACMA Fellow
- 32 years Clinical Practice in Australia
- Honorary Clinical Associate UTS
- Honorary Clinical Supervisor UWS
- Awarded Order of Australia Medal
- Life Member of the Order of Australia Association
- Executive Council member of WFCMS
- Director of the Australian TCM Practitioner Accreditation Board Ltd

##### Wade James

Director

###### Qualifications:

- Master of Health Science in TCM (UTS)
- Diploma of TCM
- Certificate of TCM (China)
- Certificate of Chinese Herbal Medicine (China)
- Certificate of Tui Na (China)

###### Experience:

- Member of AACMA (8 years)
- 23 years Clinical Practice in Australia
- Director of Chinawest Pty Ltd
- Director of Shanghai International TCM Seminars

##### Ke Li

Director

###### Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Medicine (TCM)
- Master of Health Science
- Certificate IV Workplace Training and Assessment

###### Experience:

- 21 years Clinical Practice in Australia
- 5 years Clinical Practice overseas
- Member of AACMA (20 years) AACMA Fellow
- Sessional Lecturer at Victoria University (6 years)
- St John Ambulance Voluntary First Aid Officer (14 years)
- Registered with the CMRBV
- Member of the Management Committee of the Australian Journal of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine

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#### Richard Ke Yuan Li

Director

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor of Medicine (TCM)
- Certificate of English for Academic Purpose
- Certificate IV Workplace Training and Assessment
- Certificate of Information Technology

**Experience:**

- Member of AACMA (13 years), AACMA Fellow
- 20 years Clinical Practice in Australia
- 4 years Clinical Practice overseas
- Lecturer at Shanghai University of TCM (4 years)
- Lecturer at University of Western Sydney (casual)
- Vice-President, World Federation of Acupuncture-Moxibustion Societies
- Director of the Australian TCM Practitioner Accreditation Board Ltd

#### Yun-Fei Lu

Director

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor of Medicine (TCM), China
- Master of Medicine (TCM), China
- PhD (Neuroscience), Japan

**Experience:**

- Member of AACMA (7 years)
- 7 years Clinical Practice in Australia
- 10 years Clinical Practice overseas
- Lecturer at China Academy of TCM (3 years)
- Assistant Professor Okayama Univ Medical School (7 Years)
- Research Fellow at Columbia University (2 years)
- Research Fellow at University of Western Australia (3 years)

#### Michael Porter

Director & Membership Officer

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor of Acupuncture
- Diploma of Acupuncture
- Certificate of Chinese Herbal Medicine

**Experience:**

- Member of AACMA (24 years), AACMA Fellow
- 24 years Clinical Practice in Australia
- Director of Academy of Oriental Therapies (1993-2003)

#### Walter Simpson

Director & Treasurer

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor of Acupuncture
- Diploma of Chinese Herbal Medicine
- Certificate IV Workplace Training and Assessment
- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt World Taiji Boxing Association

**Experience:**

- Member of AACMA (21 years), AACMA Fellow

#### Walter Simpson

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- 21 years Clinical Practice in Australia
- QLD Representative of World Taiji Boxing Association
- Member of Toyo Hari Association

#### Zhen Zheng

Director

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor of Medicine (Acupuncture), China
- Doctor of Philosophy

**Experience:**

- Member of AACMA (8 years)
- 8 years Clinical Practice in Australia
- 2 years Clinical Practice overseas
- Senior Lecturer at RMIT University
- Registered with the CMRBV
- Member of the CMRBV Hearings Panel
- Editor-in-Chief, Australian Journal of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine

### Meetings attended by Directors


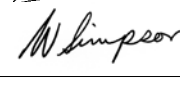
Name	Meetings eligible to attend	Number attended
John Deare	13	11
James Flowers	13	13
Hoc Ku Huynh OAM	13	12
Wade James	13	11
Ke Li	13	10
Richard Ke Yuan Li	8	7 (commenced 23/5/08)
Yun-Fei Lu	5	7 (resigned 23/5/08)
Michael Porter	13	12
Walter Simpson	13	13
Zhen Zheng	13	11

No director has received or become entitled to receive a benefit by reason of a contract made by the company or a related company with the director or with a firm of which he is a member or with a company in which he has a substantial financial interest.

### Auditor Independence

The directors received an independence declaration from the auditor of Acupuncture Ethics & Standards Organisation Limited which is attached on the following page.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

  
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 DIRECTOR  
  
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 DIRECTOR

20 APRIL 2009  
BRISBANE, QLD

## Auditors Independence Declaration Under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 to the Directors of Acupuncture Ethics & Standards Organisation Limited

### Auditor's Independence Declaration

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2008 there has been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit

(signed)

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HAYWARDS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

(signed)

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Philip Fitzgerald FCA  
REGISTERED AUDITOR #15079

23 MARCH 2009  
BRISBANE, QLD

## Financial Statements

### Acupuncture Ethics and Standards Organisation Limited

#### Income Statement for the Year ended 31 December 2008

	NOTES	2008	2007
Rental Income		-	-
Other Income		-	-
Administration Expenses		-	-
Other Expenses from Ordinary Activities		-	-
Profit/(Deficit) from Ordinary Activities Before Income Tax Expense	2	0.00	0.00
Income Tax Expense Relating to Ordinary Activities		-	-
Profit/(Deficit) from Ordinary Activities After Related Income Tax Expense		0.00	0.00

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

#### Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2008

	NOTES	2008	2007
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash		10.00	10.00
TFN Tax Paid		-	-
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		10.00	10.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		10.00	10.00
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		\$10.00	\$10.00
<b>MEMBER'S FUNDS</b>			
Accumulated Funds		10.00	10.00
<b>TOTAL MEMBER'S FUNDS</b>		\$10.00	\$10.00

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

#### Statement of Recognised Income & Expenditure for the Year Ended 31 December 2008

	RETAINED EARNINGS	TOTAL
Balance at 31 December 2007	10.00	10.00
Profit/(Deficit) Attributable to the Entity	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2008	\$10.00	\$10.00

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Financial Statements

### Acupuncture Ethics and Standards Organisation Limited

#### Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 December 2008

	NOTES	2008	2007
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Receipts from Subscriptions		-	-
Other Income		-	-
Payment for Operating Expenses		-	-
NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		\$0.00	\$0.00
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH HELD		-	-
CASH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR		10.00	10.00
CASH AT THE END OF THE YEAR		\$10.00	\$10.00

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

#### Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2008

##### 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Financial Report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, including Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Acupuncture Ethics & Standards Organisation Limited is a company limited by guarantee.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the entity in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

##### Basis of Preparation

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

##### (a) DEPRECIATION

Plant & Equipment

Depreciation on the above mentioned items of property has been provided in accordance with AASB 116 "Property, Plant and Equipment".

All fixed assets are written off in accordance with their estimated useful lives. Depreciation is calculated by adopting the diminishing value method.

##### (b) INCOME TAX

Income Tax has not been provided for in the company's accounts.

##### (c) COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Comparative figures, where necessary, have been reclassified in order to comply with the presentation adopted in the figures reported for the current financial year.

##### (d) EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS

Liabilities for Wages & Salaries and Annual Leave are recognised and are measured as the amount unpaid at the reporting date at current pay rates in respect of employees' services up to that date. Other employee entitlements payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those entitlements.

Contributions are made by the association to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

## Financial Statements

### Acupuncture Ethics and Standards Organisation Limited

#### Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2008

	2008	2007
<b>2. OPERATING REVENUE</b>	\$NIL	\$NIL

#### 3. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE

##### (a) Director's Remuneration

Income paid or payable to all directors of the company by the company and any related parties	\$NIL	\$NIL
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The names of the directors who have held office during the financial year are:

John Deare	James Flowers	Hoc Ku Huynh OAM
Wade James	Ke Li	Richard Ke Yuan Li
Yun-Fei Lu (resigned)	Michael Porter	Walter Simpson
Zhen Zheng		

#### 4. MEMBER'S GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the Articles of Association state that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$2 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the company

#### 5. NOTES TO STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

##### (a) Reconciliation of Cash

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash on hand and in Financial Institutions net of bank overdrafts. Cash at the end of the financial year, as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows, is reconciled to the related items in the balance sheet as follows:-

	2008	2007
Cash	\$10.00	\$10.00

##### (b) Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by Operating Activities to Operating Profit After Income Tax

Operating Profit/(Loss) after income tax	-	-
Depreciation	-	-
Changes in Assets & Liabilities		
Increase/(Decrease) in Fees Received in Advance	-	-
(Decrease) in Creditors	-	-
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$-	\$-

## Financial Statements

### Acupuncture Ethics and Standards Organisation Limited

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#### Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2008

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**6. ACCUMULATED PROFITS**

Accumulated Profits at the Beginning of the Financial Year	10.00	10.00
Net Deficit Attributable to Members of the Company	-	-
	\$10.00	\$10.00

**7. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The company does not have any contingent liabilities as at 31 December 2008.

**8. SEGMENT INFORMATION**

The company operates only in the profession of acupuncture and traditional Chinese medicine.

**9. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AFTER BALANCE DATE**

There were no significant events after balance date that would impact on the financial report.

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### Directors Declaration

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The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity. The directors have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The directors of the company declare that:

- The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 6 to 15:
    - comply with Accounting Standards as described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
    - give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2008 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.
  - In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
- This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors and is signed for and on behalf of the Directors by: -

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DIRECTOR



20 APRIL 2009  
BRISBANE, QLD

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DIRECTOR



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## Financial Statements

### Acupuncture Ethics and Standards Organisation Limited

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#### Independent Audit Report to the Members of Acupuncture Ethics & Standards Organisation Limited

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##### Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Acupuncture Ethics & Standards Organisation Limited, which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 December 2008, and the income statement, statement of recognised income and expenditure and cash flow statement for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration.

##### Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The directors' responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

##### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting under the Corporations Act 2001. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

##### Independence

In conducting our audit, we complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

##### Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Acupuncture Ethics & Standards Organisation Limited is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

- a. giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2008 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1; and
- b. complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and complying with the Corporations Regulations 2001.

(signed)

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HAYWARDS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

23 MARCH 2009  
BRISBANE, QLD

(signed)

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Philip Fitzgerald FCA  
REGISTERED AUDITOR #15079

**Board of Directors**

As at 31 December 2008

James Flowers (Chair)	NSW/ACT
John Deare (Deputy Chair)	QLD
Hoc Ku Huynh OAM (Secretary)	NSW/ACT
Walter Simpson (Treasurer)	QLD
Ke Li	VIC/TAS
Richard Li	NSW/ACT
Zhen Zheng	VIC/TAS
Wade James	WA
Michael Porter	SA/NT

**Company Secretary**

Hoc Ku Huynh OAM

**Committees****Continuing Education Committee**

Wade James (Chair)

**Course Accreditation Committee**

John Deare (Chair)

**Disciplinary Committee**

Michael Porter (Chair)

**Membership Officer**

Michael Porter

**Research Committee**

Not appointed

**Consultants**

Mary Herbison (Accreditation)  
 Stephen Janz (Accreditation)  
 Yanping Wang (Accreditation)

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Ian Dummett (State Liaison Officer)

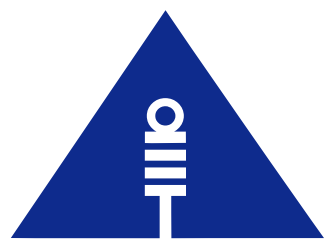
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