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Professional Development

Professional development is about more than just attending seminars, conferences and workshops and reading journals and texts. It is also about establishing and maintaining links not only within the profession but also with providers of other health care services. It requires the development of an attitude of lifelong learning. Neophyte practitioners, with their careers ahead of them, are at the beginning of their professional development and need to respect and learn from the experience of the more established members of the profession. Nurturing neophyte practitioners through links with experienced practitioners, such as a formal mentoring program, is an essential part of professional development. The new graduates of today are the profession of tomorrow.



5th AACMA National Symposium

The 5th AACMA National Symposium and Gala Dinner in

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Sydney on 17 & 18 May 2003 saw the profession turn the corner in bringing its support behind an annual national TCM conference and social highlight.

The symposium was opened by the Hon Henry Tsang MLC representing the NSW Premier, Bob Carr. Henry Tsang is a long-term supporter of the TCM profession and the motivating force in the NSW Government for statutory registration. Other VIP speakers included Ms Genevieve Howse, then Deputy President of the Chinese Medicine Registration Board of Victoria who delivered a thought-provoking paper on *Post Registration Victoria – The Next Challenge* and Ms Mary Crum of the Quality and Clinical Policy Branch of the NSW Health Department whose paper, *NSW Discussion Paper on The Regulation of Complementary Health Practitioners*, sparked much interest.

In total, 11 papers were delivered on the first day, and a further 14 papers and 3 workshops on the second day. We would like to thank all the presenters for the quality of their papers, and extend our appreciation to the session moderators and the sponsoring and supporting organisations. Without their valued and respected contribution and support, the symposium would not have been a success.

Conference awards and prizes The UTS prize for Best Paper Day 1 was awarded to Sue Cochrane for her *Report on Research in the TCM Herb Industry and Issues Related to Standards Setting and Regulation of TCM Herbs*. The China Books prize for Best Paper Day 2 was awarded to Nicole Hope-Allen for her paper *Acupuncture Practice in the Antenatal Clinic of a Public Hospital*. The Helio Symposium Door Prize was won by Heather Bruce of Queensland.

Symposium Video A copy of the Symposium video can be purchased from the AACMA national office. Please refer to the enclosed flier for further details. *Continued on page 9.*

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From the President

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The highlight in the AACMA Calendar this year was the 5th AACMA National Symposium in Sydney. Members who attended will notice the remarkable difference between this event and the 2nd Symposium in Sydney three years ago. There was a buzz and excitement not previously present, an inspiring and refreshing spirit that uplifted participants.

There was a mix of speakers, ranging from the political to the academic. Coming soon after the Pan issues had been in the headlines, several speakers made reference to the surrounding circumstances as one to which we should pay close attention. "There, but for the grace of, go us", one speaker, Sue Cochrane warned. Other speakers provided important perspectives, provoking thought and initiating debate. It is not the place in this column to comment on the various papers, but suffice it to say, the debate was of a high standard.

What struck me most about the 5th National Symposium was the increasing diversity within our profession and the realisation that we can celebrate that diversity, and the acknowledgment that difference can be a strength not a basis for conflict.

The AACMA Board thanks all the speakers and all those who supported this important event in the TCM professional calendar. The Board also extends thanks to the sponsoring organisations for helping to make it all possible.

The Annual Dinner following the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Saturday 18 May was also a great success and an evening to remember. A roll call of the Who's Who in TCM in Sydney, along with quite a few interstate guests, demonstrated AACMA's pre-eminent role within the TCM profession, both nationally and in NSW. A highlight for me was the strong vocal performance by opera singer Xiaomei Sun who kindly offered her services on the night. NSW State Committee Member, Si Min Chen, also provided an inspiring demonstration of Taijiquan for dinner guests.

The guest speaker at the Annual Dinner, NSW Parliamentarian, Peter Wong, gave a hard-hitting assessment of the NSW Government's decision to set up the Health Claims and Consumer Protection Advisory Committee which, in his opinion, was set up to look critically at complementary medicine. He urged the Association to keep up the lobbying, warning us that the future of our profession lies in the quality of our lobbying. I believe that his assessment is very pertinent, and one that needs to be heeded.

The AGM itself saw lively, but friendly, discussion

which would have carried on indefinitely if not for time constraints. The elections this year saw the introduction of two new Board members, Marina Christov from Victoria and Brendan Supple of South Australia, whom we welcome to the team.

Following up on the Pan issue and the lobbying from members to take a stronger lead in relation to TCM product regulation, the Board has organised meetings in Melbourne and Sydney of TCM industry bodies. The aim of these meetings is to provide a structure for bringing together the TCM industry to address the issues of product regulation, including

not just acupuncture devices and TGA-listed herbal products, but also issues pertinent to the supply of raw/crude and processed single Chinese herbal medicines. As a profession, we need to act now, to ensure that our house continues to be in order and that we have adherence to the highest standards in the production, manufacture and supply of the TCM products we prescribe to our patients.



AACMA President - James Flowers

World Federation of Acupuncture-Moxibustion Societies (WFAS)

Oslo is the location for the **WFAS 2003 International Symposium**, held over 3 days from 12 – 14 September, with the theme *The evidence, safety and application of acupuncture*. AACMA Fellows, Alan Bensoussan of UWS and Richard Li, are invited speakers for the conference. Richard Li is Vice-President of WFAS for the Oceania region (Australia and New Zealand) and Past-President of AACMA. AACMA President, James Flowers, and Executive Officer, Judy James, will also be presenting papers at the conference on the status and regulation of the TCM profession in Australia. We are advised that other members, including WFAS regulars, past President Robert Vandavelde and past QLD State Committee Member Leanne Zaver, will be attending the conference. AACMA Vice-President, Ke Li, will also be attending the Oslo conference to present an academic paper on her current research. A full report on the WFAS 2003 symposium will be presented in the next edition of the Jing-Luo. Members wanting to attend the conference can obtain information from the AACMA national office. Note: as with previous WFAS conferences, AACMA only funds its official delegate(s) and other Board/Committee/staff members are self-funded.

Refer to the centre spread and enclosed registration form and flier for more details on the **WFAS 2004 World Conference** at the Gold Coast.

World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies (WFCMS)

The China State Administration of TCM (SATCM) and the Beijing University of Chinese Medicine and Pharmacology are the driving forces behind the establishment of a new international TCM federation – of Chinese herbal medicine societies. AACMA is arranging a delegation led by AACMA President, James Flowers, to the inaugural meeting in Beijing from 24 – 26 September. AACMA Vice-President, Ke Li, and Chair of WA State Committee, Wade James, are also attending official delegates and due to budgetary constraints, have kindly agreed to attend on a self-funded basis. We thank them for their dedication.

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AACMA Special Report

Commonwealth Complementary Therapies Funding

In 2002, AACMA was awarded \$100,000 in Commonwealth Complementary Therapies Funding for a project to establish the following bodies:

- (a) a national Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) education council to regulate TCM education standards and administer TCM course accreditation; and
- (b) a national TCM practitioner accreditation board to administer uniform national practitioner accreditation, enable identification of practitioners eligible to supply GST-free acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine services, and provide for a public complaints process and practitioner regulation in relation to the above.

A major purpose of the Commonwealth Complementary Therapies Funding Program has been to develop the professions for which funding was awarded. AACMA believes that its Project for TCM will make a significant and long-lasting positive contribution to the further development and enhancement of suitable standards of education and practice for the TCM profession, and a resultant improvement in the quality of TCM health care delivery.

As the period of the funding agreement draws to a close, the Project Management Team provide the following update.

Australian Council for Chinese Medicine Education (ACCME)

Background In 2002, extensive consultation on the structure and purposes of the education council was conducted with TCM stakeholder organisations, members and other interested persons. This included:

- Discussion Paper on the AACMA Project for TCM (May 2002);
- National meeting of TCM stakeholder organisations (1 June 2002);
- State-based consultation meetings with stakeholder organisations such as the TCM education providers, the Chinese Medicine Registration

Board of Victoria and interested member and non-member practitioners (July and August 2002);

- Written submissions and report on the submissions;
- Revised proposal for the national education council (October 2002);
- National consultation meeting specifically on the national education council (27 October 2002); and
- Final proposal (presently in draft form pending fine tuning on minor details).

ACCME Organising Committee At the national consultation meeting in October 2002, it was agreed that the Australian College of Acupuncturists Ltd (ACAc) collaborate with AACMA in the establishment of the education council and to nominate the initial directors. Subsequently, an ACCME Organising Committee was formed, made up of three nominees of AACMA and two of ACAC. These are:

John Deare (AACMA Treasurer)
James Flowers (AACMA President)
Judy James (AACMA Executive Officer)
Peter Meier (ACAc Secretary)
Nancy Morgan (ACAc President)

It is intended that the ACCME Organising Committee will form the Board of Directors of the Company on its legal incorporation. Up until the date of incorporation, ACCME will be legally operating under the auspices of the AACMA as managers of the Project for TCM funded under the Commonwealth Complementary Therapies Funding Program.

Structure ACCME is to consist of:

- Member organisations (initially this will be open to suitable TCM professional bodies and statutory registration boards, but will later include TCM education providers and non-voting associate members);
- a Board of Directors, elected by the member organisations, whose role will be to administer the organisation, attend to the legal obligations of the Company and manage the Council appointment and selection process – it is expected that the ACCME Organising Committee will become the initial

directors of the company, once incorporated;

- the Council of ACCME which will be the public face of the organisation, responsible for administering TCM course assessment and review;
- various committees such as ad hoc Course Assessment Panels (CAPs) and consultative committees as and when required.

Criteria for appointment to the Council of ACCME Where practicable and achievable, the make-up of the Council of ACCME is to have the following basic criteria:

- (1) Academic appointments: at least 3 appointments, including:
 - (a) at least one person from the public providers (universities and TAFEs) offering accredited higher education in acupuncture and/or Chinese herbal medicine;
 - (b) at least one person from the private providers offering accredited higher education in acupuncture and/or Chinese herbal medicine.

Applicants for appointment under category 1 must have contemporary experience in course development and/or delivery and arrange a letter of support/endorsement from their TCM teaching institution.

- (2) Professional sector: at least 3 appointments, including:
 - (a) Maximum of two (2) nominees, one each from member organisations with at least 1000 audited number of members with accreditation in acupuncture and/or Chinese herbal medicine and the proposed national TCM practitioner accreditation board (subject to the board becoming a member of the council); and
 - (b) The remainder to be nominated by professional associations who are members of the Company.

Applicants for appointment under category 2 must have contemporary practice experience and arrange for a letter of support/endorsement from their TCM professional association.

- (3) TCM Statutory Registration Board(s): one nominee.

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- (4) Other appointments: at least 2 independent members, recommended to be from, but not limited to, one or more of following categories:
- (a) Person with legal background;
 - (b) Consumer representation (including health service consumer and/or student representatives);
 - (c) Person with a background in ethics and corporate governance;
 - (d) Person with relevant expertise from the State higher education accreditation agencies; or
 - (e) Non-TCM academic expertise.

It is expected that some appointees to the council may have expertise that crosses two or more categories.

In addition to the above criteria, the following overarching criteria will be taken into account when considering the overall balance of appointments.

- the majority of appointments to be from the TCM profession;
- the Chair is to be independent of the TCM education process and be a person with substantial experience on committees or boards or in mediation;
- at least one person with specific education qualifications and expertise in any field at the higher education level;
- at least one person with suitable qualifications in basic TCM (acupuncture) education and at least ten years clinical expertise as an acupuncture practitioner;
- at least one person with suitable qualifications in basic TCM (Chinese herbal medicine) education and at least ten years clinical expertise as a Chinese herbal medicine practitioner;
- at least one person with suitable qualifications in Western medicine sciences, preferably experience in a TCM teaching or practice environment; and
- a balance of members across at least three State jurisdictions.

Although appointees are selected on the basis of their sector representation, they will be appointed on an individual basis and not as delegates of specified organisations except in respect of nominees of statutory registration boards, nominees of associations with 1000+ audited membership numbers,

and nominee(s) of the higher education accreditation authorities (if applicable).

Number of appointments It was agreed in the consultation process that the optimum number of appointments to the Council of ACCME would be nine (9) in number. The ACCME Organising Committee also decided that, in the establishment phase (first two years), to appoint an additional three academic members to ensure sufficient depth and breadth of TCM academic expertise on the Council.

Advertising, Selection and Appointment Advertisements calling for Expressions of Interest from persons interested in appointment to ACCME were placed in The Australian Saturday edition on 31 May and the Wednesday Higher Education Supplement on 4 June 2003. Stakeholder organisations, including TCM professional associations and TCM education providers, were notified directly and an advertisement inserted with the May edition of the AACMA newsletter. An Information Kit was sent to all interested persons.

ACCME Selection and Appointment An ACCME Selection Panel was formed to assess the applications and make recommendations to the ACCME Organising Committee. Membership of the first Selection Panel was:

- 3 members of the ACCME Organising Committee (2 from AACMA and 1 from ACAC), one of whom acted in the role of Chair of the Selection Panel;
- 1 person from the public TCM education sector (universities) offering TCM education;
- 1 person from the private TCM education sector (private college and TAFE) offering TCM education;
- 1 nominee from the Resource Officers managing Higher Education accreditation of non-self-accrediting institutions (i.e. non-universities); and
- 1 nominee from the Victorian Chinese Medicine Registration Board (CMRB).

The Chair of the ACCME Selection Panel reports that, overall, the standard of applicants was very high and this led to some difficult choices.

The AACMA Project Management

Team are delighted to report on page 7 (opposite) the makeup of the Council of ACCME, which includes 3 professional nominees, 6 TCM academic appointments, and 2 non-independent/other appointees. At the time of going to print, the appointment of a nominee of the TCM statutory registration board(s) had not been finalised.

Australian Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner Accreditation Board (ATPAB)

Progress on the establishment of the Australian Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner Accreditation Board (ATPAB) has been slower than that of the formation of ACCME.

Structure Details on the structure of ATPAB can be found on the enclosed news sheet.

Grandparenting examinations As part of its funding agreement, AACMA will be conducting national examinations for practitioners wishing to join an ATPAB member organisation but where their qualifications and experience fail to meet the ATPAB accreditation requirements. These are open examinations which means that applicants for the exams are not pre-assessed before being able to sit the exams. Three rounds of examinations will be offered in 2003. All written papers are three hours in duration and consist of multiple-choice questions. Details can be found on the enclosed news sheet.

Relevance for AACMA members AACMA members seeking accreditation in an additional TCM modality may also apply to sit the examinations. For example, a member accredited in prepared Chinese herbal medicine may sit the exams in order to be accredited in raw Chinese herbal medicine. Similarly, a member accredited solely in Chinese herbs may apply to sit the acupuncture examination. Interested members should contact Justin Frost at the AACMA office to discuss their options.

For further information, please refer to the enclosed member newsheet on the GST and the AACMA Project for TCM.

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ACCME Appointments (Australian Council for Chinese Medicine Education)

Appointments to the Council of ACCME 2003 – 2005/2006

John McDonald (QLD)

President

Professional sector nominee (three year term)

John McDonald has a Practitioner Diploma of Acupuncture (1973) from Acupuncture Colleges (Australia), a Bachelor of Acupuncture (1978) from the International College of Oriental Medicine, a Bachelor of Health Sciences (Acupuncture) (2000) from the Australian College of Natural Medicine, and Certificate IV in Assessment and Workplace Training (2002) from Sinclair Business Training. He is a senior member of the profession, having been in TCM clinical practice since 1975 in Sydney and since 1988 at the Gold Coast. John McDonald is currently a lecturer in acupuncture at the Australian College of Natural Medicine Brisbane and Gold Coast campuses. He is a Fellow of the Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Ltd who nominated him for appointment to ACCME.

James Flowers (NSW)

Vice-President

Professional sector nominee (three year term)

James Flowers is President of the Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Ltd and is their allocated nominee as a TCM professional body with more than 1000 accredited TCM practitioner members. He has a Diploma of TCM (1994) from the Sydney Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine and is currently studying towards a Bachelor of Arts in Chinese language at the University of New England. James Flowers has been in TCM clinical practice since 1995. He is also a lecturer in TCM at the Sydney Institute of TCM. James Flowers is also President of the Australia China Friendship Society NSW Inc and the Australia China Friendship Society National Council.

Congxing Yang (NSW)

Vice-President

Professional sector nominee (three year term)

Congxing Yang graduated from Acupuncture Colleges (Australia) in 1985 with a Practitioner Diploma of Acupuncture and has been in TCM clinical practice since 1986. He also holds a Diploma of Applied Science (1973) from Swinburne College of Technology and a Master of Science (1977) from the University of New South Wales, has undertaken advanced postgraduate study in acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine at the Guangzhou College of TCM (1986) and the Beijing University of TCM (1997), and is currently undertaking a PhD in TCM at the Guangzhou University of TCM. Congxing Yang is a lecturer in TCM at the University of Technology, Sydney and is a Graduate Member of the Australian College of Acupuncturists Ltd who nominated him for appointment to ACCME.

Liming (Henry) Liang (NSW)

Member

TCM academic sector nominee (three year term)

Liming (Henry) Liang graduated from Guangzhou University of TCM with a Bachelor of Medicine majoring in TCM (1983) and a Master of Medicine majoring in TCM (1986), and is currently a candidate for a PhD in oncology of Chinese medicine at RMIT University. He has been in TCM clinical practice in China since 1983 and in Sydney from 1990. Henry Liang is Principal of the Sydney Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine. He is a Member of the Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Ltd, the NSW Association of Chinese Medicine, and the National TCM Oncologist Society, China.

Lisa YanYan Liu (VIC)

Member

TCM academic sector nominee (two year term)

Lisa YanYan Liu graduated from the Shaanxi University of TCM with a Bachelor of Medicine majoring in TCM (1985) and a Master of Medicine majoring in TCM (1985), and has a certificate in Public Relations and Marketing (1994) from the Lanzhou University, and a Certificate of Statistics for Science Research (2000) and Master of Science (2002) from the University of Melbourne. She has been in TCM clinical practice since 1988 in China and from 1999 in Australia. Lisa YanYan Liu is Head of Faculty of Acupuncture, senior lecturer and clinic supervisor at the Melbourne College of Natural Medicine. She is a member of the Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Ltd and the Federation of Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Societies of Australia.

Dr Hong Xu (VIC)

Member

TCM academic sector nominee (two year term)

Dr Hong Xu has a Bachelor of Medicine majoring in TCM from the Beijing University of Traditional Chinese (1990) and a PhD in TCM from Victoria University (2003). She was in TCM clinical practice in China from 1990 and in Australia since 1996. She is currently a lecturer in the TCM program at the School of Health Sciences, Victoria University and is coordinator of the Chinese herbal medicine program. Dr Xu is a member of the Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Ltd and the Aust-China Alumni Association of Traditional Chinese Medicine Inc.

A/Prof Charlie Changli Xue (VIC)

Member

TCM academic sector nominee (three year term)

Associate Professor Charlie Changli Xue has a Bachelor of Medicine majoring in Acupuncture (1987) from the Guangzhou University of TCM and a PhD in Chinese Medicine (2000) from RMIT. He has been in TCM clinical practice since 1987 in China and from 1993 in Melbourne. Associate Professor Charlie Changli Xue is the Head of Chinese Medicine Unit at RMIT and is a Member of the Chinese Medicine Registration Board of Victoria. He is a Fellow of the Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Ltd and a Member of the Australian Integrative Medicine Association, the Acupuncture Association of Victoria and the Australian Complementary Health Association.

Chris Zaslowski (NSW)

Member

TCM academic sector nominee (three year term)

Chris Zaslowski has a Practitioner Diploma of Acupuncture (1982) from Acupuncture Colleges (Australia), a Graduate Diploma of Chinese Herbal Medicine (1989) from the Australian College of Oriental Medicine, various certificates (1986, 1996, 1998) from the Guangzhou University of TCM, and a Bachelor of Applied Science (Physiotherapy) from the University of Sydney. He is currently a candidate for a PhD from the University of Technology, Sydney. Chris Zaslowski is Director of and senior lecturer at the College of TCM, University of Technology, Sydney and is a Committee Members of the UTS Human Research Ethics Committee. He has been in TCM clinical practice since 1982.

Xiaoshu Zhu (NSW)

Member

TCM academic sector nominee (two year term)

Xiao Shu Zhu graduated from the Nanjing University of TCM with a Bachelor of Medicine majoring in TCM (1984) and a Master of Medicine majoring in TCM (1989). She is currently studying towards a PhD in TCM at the University of Western Sydney. Xiao Shu Zhu has been in TCM clinical practice since 1984. She is a lecturer in TCM at the University of Western Sydney and clinic coordinator at the Uniclinic, UWS Campbelltown Campus, and clinician and researcher at the Chinese Medicine Clinical Research Centre at Liverpool Hospital. She is a Member of the Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Ltd.

Wendy Morrow (SA)

Member

Other sector nominee (three year term)

Wendy-Jane Morrow has a Bachelor of Pharmacy (1990) from the University of South Australia, a Master of Education Administration (Honours) (1998) from the University of New England, as well as Diplomas in Naturopathy, Nutrition, Botanic Medicine Homoeopathy and Remedial Therapies (1989) from the SA College of Botanic Medicine and Natural Therapies, a postgraduate Certificate in Nutritional and Environmental Medicine from The Australian College of Nutritional and Environmental Medicine and a Certificate IV in Workplace Training (1998), and has completed a Quality Lead Auditor ISO 9001:2000 program. She is currently undertaking a PhD in Education Administration at the University of New England. Wendy-Jane Morrow is Principal of and lecturer at the SA College of Natural and Traditional Medicine and is also the SA Director on the Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) and Secretary of the SA Branch of ACPET. She is registered with the Pharmacy Board of South Australia and is a Member of the Australian Natural Therapists Association Ltd.

A/Prof Michael Weir (QLD)

Member

Other sector nominee (three year term)

Associate Professor Michael Weir has a Bachelor of Arts (1979) and a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) (1981) from the University of Queensland and a Master of Laws (1995) from Bond University. He is currently a candidate for a PhD in law at Bond University. Associate Professor Michael Weir is an Associate Professor at the School of Law at Bond University and is course coordinator inter alia of Health Law and Administration. He is admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the Australian College of Natural Medicine (Gold Coast) and the Academic Board and College Council of the Australian College of Natural Medicine. He is also a Member of the Peer Review Board of the Journal of the Australian Traditional-Medicine Society and the Public Panel for Professional Conduct Review Panel under the *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999 (Qld)*.

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AACMA Staff Profile

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Operations Manager - Julie Tierney

Julie Tierney joined the AACMA National Office as Operations Manager in May 2003. Julie has a Diploma in Business Management, ten years experience in the pathology industry and three years experience in a similar role for a not-for-profit, member-focused organisation.

Julie was previously Operations Manager for Netball Queensland and brings with her a wealth of knowledge in administration and management, which will be of great benefit to the AACMA.

Julie is responsible for the management and supervision of the day-to-day operations of the AACMA National Office in Brisbane and for developing and managing agreed Board projects and member programs.

"I am enjoying my position as AACMA Operations Manager and am looking forward to the challenges ahead" says Julie.

One of the challenges Julie is currently facing is the organisation of the WFAS 6th World Conference on Acupuncture-Moxibustion, scheduled to be held from 29-31 October 2004 at the Gold Coast. For AACMA, to host this fantastic conference is a privilege, but for Julie it is an opportunity to put her event management skills to the test. "I have many years experience organising functions and weekend conferences for 300+ people and am looking forward to planning this exceptional event".

Some members attending the Annual Symposium may have had the pleasure of meeting Julie on the second day of the event before she officially started with AACMA on the following Monday. Her initiation involved two days of intense Board meetings and a new set of tasks and responsibilities to take away with her.

"The National Symposium was a perfect



AACMA Operations Manager - Julie Tierney

opportunity to introduce myself, not only to members and to the Board, but also to the Symposium sponsors and supporting organisations. I was also interested to see first hand the running of this event for future reference and to develop my knowledge of the profession."



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Board Member Chats

Jacqueline Corner on Mentoring and Ongoing Learning in the TCM Profession

WA Board member Jacqueline Corner believes that mentoring is an important part of the professional development process, whether you are just starting out or are well established within the profession.

Jacqueline Corner knows first hand the positive effects of mentoring: she spent her first year after graduation travelling through Asia, Europe and North America, observing in clinics and occasionally practising. "It has been a real privilege to enter someone else's clinic and learn from their experience. This means that less mistakes are made along the way."

Jacqueline believes that mentoring is an important part of the learning process, whether you are just starting out or have been practising a long time. "It really steepens your learning curve and provides you with more confidence when starting practice. Sometimes you need to be able to turn to another practitioner and ask "why did that work" or "what went wrong?".

She admits that she was very forward in seeking these opportunities, but feels that it is necessary to establish a formal mentoring program for the benefit of new graduates as a whole. "There are plenty of people out there who remember how scary it was when they first started out in practice and who would be happy to help. I believe that everyone needs a mentor, so matching individuals for mentoring purposes would be a wonderful thing."

The additional benefit of a mentoring program for Australian graduates and practitioners would be the opportunity to have someone to turn to for help and advice on practice management and business skills, something Jacqueline sees as having been her own biggest hurdle in establishing a practice in Australia. "Unfortunately business skills development weren't a priority in my course, nor was marketing or other practical realities. I had to learn the hard way" confesses Jacqueline.

It would seem that Jacqueline's success in practice is due in no small measure to sheer determination. She wishes to assure others, that where there is a will

there is a way, and offers the following insights into what she believes to be the 'keys' to creating a successful practice in Australia:

1. Focus on your goal;
2. Know what you want from your practice and then work out how to achieve those targets; and
3. Aim for quality in the provision of health services.

Finally, Jacqueline offers this: "Just remember to balance all that with being yourself, because people respond positively to openness and honesty, and can smell insincerity a mile away."

Taking the TCM profession to new heights

Jacqueline believes that one of the biggest challenges faced by practitioners is that of overcoming the public's lack of understanding of acupuncture and Chinese Medicine and what it can treat. "It is up to the AACMA to promote the role of acupuncture and Chinese medicine within Australia" Jacqueline says.

Jacqueline admits that this is no small task, as the needs of practitioners are many and varied. Ultimately, she would like to see AACMA develop more of the household recognition that other acronyms enjoy, such as CPA and AMA. "I want the general public to know that they can turn to qualified acupuncture and TCM practitioners for the range of conditions seen in TCM general practice" she says.

While Jacqueline believes that the general public's perception of acupuncture and TCM is slowly moving in this direction, she would like to see the AACMA focus more of its resources on promotional activities. "We have been making changes to our structure in order to make this possible and this will enable the AACMA to focus more on these issues in the future."

How does AACMA assist new graduates?

Financial assistance New Graduates are given a discount of \$320 on the first year's membership fee (reduced from \$520 to \$200) and a further discount of \$85 if paid within 30 days. That is a **total discount of \$405 on the first year's membership fee**. The AACMA Professional Indemnity Master Policy for members offers new graduates a **30% discount on the premium** in the first policy year. This is a significant saving and brings the cost of a standard \$2M policy to around \$230 (actual cost varies according to State). The **Application Fee of \$165 is waived** for new graduates who are Student Members at the time of applying for full membership. Student membership is a once-off \$75 fee which covers Student Membership until graduation. That is a net saving of \$90.

Practice and professional development support On acceptance to membership, new graduates are supplied numerous membership and practice related materials, including *Infection Control Guidelines for Acupuncture*, the AACMA BAS/IAS Guide, and the AACMA publication *TCM and the GST: Guidelines for TCM practitioners*. Once preliminary membership matters have been addressed (fee, first aid and and PI cover), AACMA advises the health funds of practice details and accredited modalities. AACMA also employs a full time Administration Officer (Membership) to assist with membership matters, for example with health fund and related problems. Members are also able to seek the advice of the Executive Officer on more complex matters related to practice. Professional development assistance is provided through local continuing education and a mentoring program that is expected to start next year.

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AACMA Gala Dinner

The Conference Dinner exceed all expectations. The guest of honour at the Gala Dinner was Unity Party MLC, Dr Peter Wong,. We thank Peter for his incisive and hard-hitting speech which had the attention of all present. NSW Member Simin Chen provided a stunning display of Taijiquan. Simin was followed a powerful and spell-binding performance of 2 traditional Chinese folksongs and 2 Puccini arias by opera singer, Xiaomei Sun. We thank Simin Chen and Xiaomei Sun for their significant contribution to the success of the evening. The SITCM Door Prize was NSW member, Chu Ping Chong.



AACMA Board Member - Jacqueline Corner

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Top Tips from AACMA Fellows

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In the last edition of *Jing-Luo*, we published a question posed by Kathleen Herpich of Tasmania in which she asked “How have practitioners managed to explain a patient’s Chinese Medicine diagnosis and treatment to them, without launching into a three hour lecture, or confusing them?” Kathleen went on to confess that she’d had trouble finding a balance between giving overly simplified answers and giving answers that are too detailed. Here’s what two of our members had to say with regard to Kathleen’s question, we hope that these suggestions are of help to many of our other members also.

Anthony Brown of Queensland has suggested that an effective way to explain to patients how their condition managed to become chronic and why a full recovery takes time is to use analogies to explain just how they arrived at their state of health. Anthony feels that this also helps to put into perspective the significance of the diagnosis and the reason for the treatment plan.

“It is important to note that you are not trying to teach actual or specific TCM principles but rather help the patient connect with their situation in order to be more involved with the outcome” states Anthony.

Anthony suggests beginning by explaining to patients that we have two different kinds of energy, that which we use on a day to day basis and which is produced by the air we breathe and the food and drinks that we consume, and our reserve energy which is called upon to fight off disease and to assist us in recovering from illness or in dealing with unexpected trauma.

When we work too hard, experience prolonged periods of high stress, suffer from chronic health problems or are constitutionally weak, Anthony suggests that we expend more of our regular energy through the course of each day than we can comfortably replace. The result, Anthony warns, is that overtime we can eat into our reserve energy until the basis of our health and vitality is undermined.

The body gives up of its reserves freely and without question until such time as it is faced with the prospect of not being able to respond in a real emergency. Only then does it begin to develop the warning signs and symptoms which tell us that something is wrong.

Anthony likens this to receiving an inheritance of \$10,000 which we decide not to touch but to put away for emergencies. Then, by actually spending just a little more than we earn each week, we begin to slowly but surely deplete our reserves. Before long, our nest egg is gone and with it our ability to deal with unforeseen problems and emergencies.

Of course we can recover from this chronic overspending of our

reserves but it is going to take time and some sacrifice.

That is why, in the early stages of treatment, although you will begin to feel better bit by bit, it is not until a sufficient amount of your energy reserves are “repaid” or replaced that you will really feel your true vitality returning.

All good things take time.

Robert Zindler of New South Wales also recognised Kathleen’s dilemma as being a problem not only for new graduates, but for many older practitioners as well. Having practised acupuncture for over 27 years himself, Robert has often found it necessary to try and explain acupuncture to his patients only to find that in most cases, his patients did not fully understand it.

Robert believes that his patients have the fundamental right to know what it is that he is doing, why he is doing it, what they can do to help themselves, and what they can expect from their treatment. As such, over the last decade Robert has developed a method of explaining acupuncture to his patients which he says is not only easy to understand and relate to by patients, but also increases the compliance rates of his patients.

In essence, Robert’s method works by blending the patient’s knowledge of western medicine, with which patients are familiar, with the intricacies of TCM and acupuncture, of which the patient usually knows nothing.

Robert has supplied us with detailed notes from a seminar he conducted on this very topic for the AACMA’s NSW State Committee, and has granted the AACMA permission to disseminate these notes to all interested parties. If you would like to receive an electronic copy of Robert’s notes from his seminar entitled “Increasing patient’s understanding of acupuncture and how it can help the patient to return to and maintain good health”, please forward your request to aacma@acupuncture.org.au with the subject line ‘Robert Zindler Seminar Notes’ and we will be happy to forward you a copy of this useful tool.

Other top tips

Thanks to all those who have sent in their top tips, and please, if you have a tip to share with your colleagues, drop us a line!

It is important to remember the “tool” that allows the tremendous healing of TCM ~ Qi. Over 20 years of practice I have experienced many different aspects of Qi, especially its interdependence. It is both important and rewarding to experiment controlling Qi, whether it is via needle technique, visualization, use of intent, or whatever. If you work at that control, your patients will reap the benefits of your efforts. As you insert needles, keep in mind the extraordinary but subtle force that is being manipulated.

Member Question

An anonymous member asks: Herbs such as Ma Huang, Mu Tong, and Fu Zi are prohibited, and so are endangered species. Which herbs do practitioners use to replace these ingredients?

Editor: An article will be commissioned on this topic for the next edition of the *Jing-Luo*. Any input from members on this topic would be most welcome. Please send your comments to the Editor, *Jing-Luo* at publications@acupuncture.org.au or via fax or mail to the AACMA office.

PI Cover

“Free” treatment may not be covered According to advice received from the AACMA brokers, PI Direct, the AACMA Master Policy for members’ professional indemnity insurance and other similar policies providing cover for incidents arising out of their professional practice. Professional practice in this context is where the practitioner is providing a professional service, and in return is paid a fee for that service. Where a fee is not charged, the practitioner may not necessarily be covered should a claim arise out of those circumstances. In other words, even if the service is being provided on a voluntary or philanthropic basis, where no fee is charged for the service, even a nominal fee, incidents arising out of that service may not necessarily be covered by the Policy. In contract law, the fee can be as little as a “peppercorn” so long as there is some exchange provided for the service.

Letters to the Editor

Future editions of the *Jing-Luo* will include a letters to the editor column. Letters should be addressed to: Letters to the Editor, *Jing-Luo*, AACMA and sent in electronic or printed form. AACMA reserves the right to accept, reject or amend (by shortening or clarifying) letters to the editor at its sole discretion.

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Member Profile: Richard Ke Yuan Li

Mentoring – who benefits?

Having received his training in acupuncture and TCM from the Shanghai University of TCM in China some 20 years ago, Richard Li knows only too well the benefits associated with mentoring programs.

Richard feels fortunate to have been exposed to the Chinese hospital environment as a new graduate in 1983. As with most Chinese graduates, he began practice within a large university hospital and was assigned to a mentor-like supervisor who would watch over him and continue to teach him while he was a neophyte practitioner.

“Being within this environment gave me the opportunity to transfer between all the different departments in the hospital” he says. “I felt that I needed to gain more clinical experience, so I spent some time within each department in the hospital, such as dermatology and gynaecology, to extend my medical knowledge.”

Richard recognises this as one of the primary differences between practising in China and practising in Australia. “Chinese graduates are employed within hospitals, so they gain experience within the hospital environment and always have a supervisor (mentor) to watch over and teach them” Richard explains. “Australian graduates however, must generally be self-employed within a private practice soon after graduation, so they don’t gain from that extended learning environment.

“Mentoring creates a bridge that increases communication and allows practitioners to learn from each other and to work together for future success” insists Richard. “It provides the opportunity for networking and the sharing of knowledge between practitioners who would otherwise remain isolated from their peers within the Australian environment.”

While Richard believes that mentoring is a great idea and a very important step to take in helping newcomers and graduates of acupuncture and TCM, he doesn’t necessarily think that Australia is behind in terms of establishing formal mentoring programs. “Acupuncture and TCM are still very young professions within Australia, so we need to take our time to ensure that we develop the very best and most suitable methods for improving practice in this country.”

The enhancement of education is a challenge

facing the profession in Australia says Richard. “We must continue to improve education and provide better services to the public. With the increase in popularity and awareness of acupuncture and TCM, comes the heightened expectation of results from the public” explains Richard. “As practitioners, we need to make sure that we meet the mainstream health standards and public expectations, and that we improve our knowledge and skills to raise the public’s perception of the TCM profession as a whole.

“To build a successful practice in Australia,” confesses Richard, “you really need a variety of skills. Knowledge and skills in acupuncture and TCM are necessary of course, but so are good business and practice management skills.”

So what advice does Richard Li offer for newcomers to the TCM profession?

“First make up your mind as to the direction in which you wish your career to head. Then set clear short and long term goals to aim for. Work at these goals, be confident in your abilities, and keep trying at it. Over time, it will come and you will find that you have achieved your goals.”

Thanks for the Memories

Former AACMA Board Member and Vice-President, Richard says he has learnt a lot from his experience on the AACMA board. “It was one of the best periods in my career” says Richard. “I watched the AACMA grow in all aspects as a professional association” he adds. “Being on the Board has taught me to look not just at clinical procedures, but to look to the future of the profession itself.”

Richard assures us that the AACMA is at the very front line of TCM in terms of its accreditation and education standards and suggests that we should be offering this experience to the rest of the world. “We can’t afford to isolate ourselves from the rest of the world, it is very important that the AACMA continue to establish itself as an active member of the international acupuncture and TCM community” he says. “Australia needs to take a leadership role in



Richard Ke Yuan Li - looking forward to next year’s WFAS Conference on the Gold Coast.

the establishment of international standards, and we should be pushing the standards which we believe belong among them.”

Richard would like to send a big salute and ‘thank you’ to the AACMA board members and staff.

The 6th World Conference on Acupuncture-Moxibustion

Richard Li is also currently the Vice-President of the World Federation of Acupuncture-Moxibustion Societies (WFAS), Oceania Region (Australia and New Zealand). His four-year term in this role will come up for renewal at the WFAS General Assembly in October next year.

The AACMA will be hosting the 6th WFAS World Conference from 29-31 October 2004 at the Gold Coast. “I am very excited about the WFAS conference on the Gold Coast next year, as it will be an excellent opportunity to promote the Australian TCM community on the world stage. We will show the rest of the world what a strong and healthy TCM profession we have here in Australia and also demonstrate this to our own governments who need to start taking us more seriously” says Richard.

“The AACMA has been building its own reputation and that of the profession, so I’d like to see practitioners show their support by attending the conference on the Gold Coast next year” he adds. A strong attendance will not only support the AACMA and WFAS, but will greatly support the profession itself within Australia. “In this way” reasons Richard, “practitioners will be supporting each other.”

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Research Updates

Research Developments - ACNM

The Australian College of Natural Medicine (ACNM) is currently involved in the design and implementation of several diverse clinical investigations across the breadth of natural medicine modalities.

The general areas identified by ACNM for research are:

- pain management;
- women's issues;
- anxiety, depression and stress;
- aged care; and
- education.

These areas have been selected in part through analysis of the demand for natural medicine services by clientele using the College student clinics. In the TCM faculty, proposals are currently being developed for research into depression and drug withdrawal.

ACNM says that its strength as a research centre is its balanced respect for both bioscientific and natural medicine perspectives. Research needs to be scientifically rigorous and yet conducted in a way which does not allow the dominance

of bioscientific medicine in industrial nations such as Australia to devalue the epistemological basis of the various natural medicines (Kaptchuk 2001). This is reflected in much TCM research, such as that which selects treatment conditions with fixed acupuncture point or Chinese herbal medicine out of the context of traditional clinical practice. According to ACNM, acknowledging the foundations of both bioscientific and natural medical systems is important to the validity of research results.

According to ACNM, its research program aims to provide a significant contribution to the development of TCM into the future. In addition, other research of an educational nature that will lead to better educational outcomes for students will also be encouraged (for example, studies designed to assess the training of practitioners).

ACNM says it welcomes collaborative proposals from outside bodies. For further details contact Dr Catherine Krejany (catherinekrejany@acnm.edu.au).

Reference: Kaptchuk, T. 2001, *Acupuncture in the Treatment of Depression*, Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh, pg. xiii.

AACMA Mentoring Program Update

AACMA Mentoring Program

The percentage of new graduates that actually enter the profession is relatively low compared with other health professions, and is even lower for those that are still in practice after five years. What is causing these bright and enthusiastic young graduates to leave the TCM profession at such an early stage in their careers? Of course, the reasons are multiple and varied. However, there is a growing sense within the TCM profession that greater collegiate support for neophyte practitioners can make a difference and can assist neophyte practitioners in becoming life-long members of this profession.

To this end, AACMA has flagged the issue of a Mentoring Program in previous editions of the *Jing-Luo*. Members who have already responded to those articles reflect the enthusiasm with which experienced members are willing to assist those less experienced practitioners.

The development of the AACMA Mentoring Program is nearing completion. The program will have two basic components:

- formal training of experienced practitioner members in being a mentor – this is required before being recommended as a mentor under the program;
- providing mentoring links between AACMA mentors and interested neophyte practitioners

In terms of the first part of the Mentoring Program – formal training for prospective AACMA mentors – AACMA is currently in negotiation with the Centre for Popular Education at the University of Technology, Sydney to develop

a mentoring program specifically for AACMA. Negotiations last year and earlier this year had stalled due to staff changes and focus on other priorities.

With our revitalised complement of staff, our new AACMA Operations Manager, Julie Tierney, has been given the task of moving the mentoring program forward to coincide with an anticipated introduction of the program in 2004.

It is planned to have the arrangements for the first mentoring training program finalised by the end of this year with the intention of running a pilot program in the first semester of 2004.

The purposes of the formal training will include:

- understanding the role of a mentor and the limits and boundaries of mentoring;
- developing leadership skills and leading through guidance; and
- developing a greater sense of collegiality and camaraderie between and amongst TCM the experienced and neophyte TCM professionals

Due to interest expressed in the program so far from members in different geographical regions, it is expected that the program will be delivered on-line supported by an on-line chat room. The provision of face-to-face workshops will depend on the level of resources and sponsorship that can be attracted to the program.

With respect to the second part of the program – developing links between mentors and neophyte practitioners – the process for developing links will be developed once the formal process is under way.

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AACMA Board Elections

Following is a report on the Ballot for the 2003-2004 Board of Directors:

Total ballots received 138
Valid ballots 134
Invalid ballots 34

- incomplete member details on ballot envelope (1)
- ballot paper not sealed in ballot envelope (2)
- ballot form completed incorrectly (1)
- does not include ballot papers received after the AGM.

Primary Count

Name	State	Votes
Marina Christov#	VIC	72
James Flowers	NSW	113
Marie Hopkinson*	WA	56
Hoc Ku Huynh	NSW	81
Mei-Kin Li Rees	NSW	57
Walter Simpson#	QLD	74
Brendon Supple#	SA	57

* Eliminated after the primary count, preferences distributed.

Elected to 2 year terms

Final Count after Distribution of Preferences.

Name	State	Votes	Term
Marina Christov	VIC	75	2 years
James Flowers	NSW	114	2 years
Hoc Ku Huynh	NSW	86	1 year
Mei-Kin Li Rees*	NSW	59	N/A
Wally Simpson	QLD	84	2 years
Brendon Supple	SA	65	2 years

* Eliminated after the 2nd count.

Following the 2003 ballot, the AACMA Board is:

Name	State	Term Expires
James Flowers	NSW/ACT	2005 AGM
Yifan Yang*	NSW/ACT	2004 AGM
John Deare*	QLD	2004 AGM
Wally Simpson	QLD	2005 AGM
Brendon Supple	SA/NT	2005 AGM
Marina Christov	VIC/TAS	2005 AGM
Ke Li*	VIC/TAS	2004 AGM
Jacqueline Corner*	WA	2004 AGM
Hoc Ku Huynh*	GENERAL	2004 AGM

* These positions will come up for re-election at the 2004 AGM.

Current AACMA Executive positions

A face to face meeting of the new AACMA Board was held after the Annual General Meeting and the following executive positions appointed:

Position	Name
President	James Flowers
Vice-President	Ke Li
Secretary	Wally Simpson
Treasurer	John Deare

AACMA State Committee Elections

Apart from the State of NSW, the State Committees did not go to a ballot this year because there were no contested positions. Following is a report on the State Committee appointments as of the date of the AGM. As the Memorandum and Articles of Association require at least three members for a State Committee to be operational, the Board will appoint up to three members to State Committees whose elected members fall below three appointments.

ACT State Committee

No nominations. Minimum number to be appointed by the board.

NSW State Committee

Ann Adams
Si Min Chen
James Flowers
Bernadette Fontaine
Hoc Ku Huynh
Weihong Li
Mei-Kin Li Rees
Peter Rotton
Rodrigo Sanchez
Yina Wang
David White
Yifan Yang

Note: Nominees Deyi Hu, Ying Shu Li-Cantwell and David Suh were eliminated after the allocation of first and second preferences.

QLD State Committee

Wally Simpson
Linda Tedd

One more member to be appointed by the Board.

SA State Committee

Douglas Dickmann
Two more members to be appointed by the Board.

VIC State Committee

Marina Christov
Victor Paul Lam
Ke Li
Warwick Poon
Ye Shao
Danielle Slade
Julian Stow

WA State Committee

Marie Hopkinson
Wade James
Suzanne McDonald
Sono Michetti

There have been some changes to the membership of some State Committees since the AGM and these are indicated on pages 17 to 20.

Members wishing to join the Committee in their State should contact the Chair of their State Committee or a member of the State Committee if the Chair has not yet been appointed.

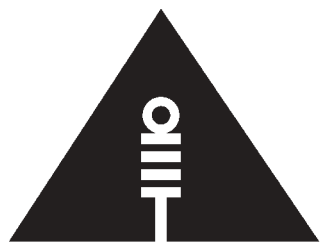
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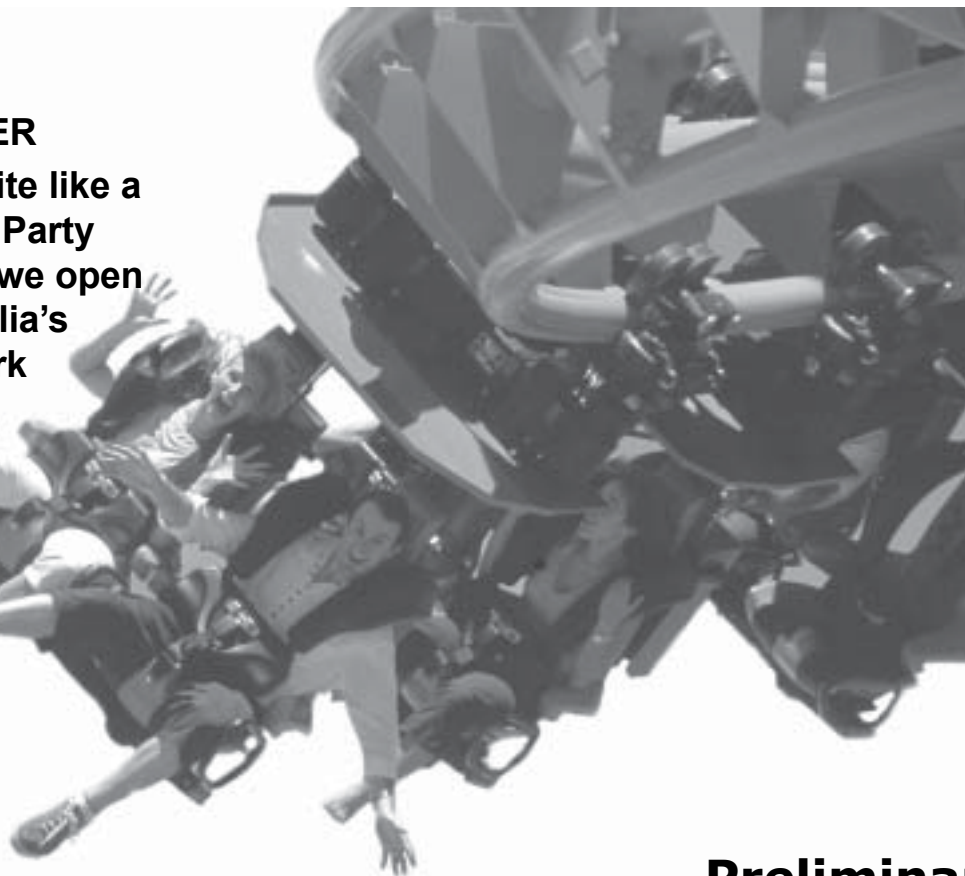
There's nothing quite like a Dreamworld Street Party under the Stars as we open the gates to Australia's favourite theme park - just for you!

The Conference Gala Dinner will be held at Dreamworld - this fantastic theme park comes alive after dark in a world of lights, rides, fun and fantasy. We will enjoy an evening that begins with the thrills and attractions of Dreamworld's rides, koalas and rare Bengal tigers -



Dreamworld pictures © Dreamworld

followed by a night of fabulous entertainment and gourmet buffets.



Preliminary

Date/Time	28 (Thursday)	29 (Friday)
8 am - 9 am		Registration
9 am - 12 pm		Opening ceremony
12 pm - 2 pm	Registration (from 12:30 pm)	Lunch
2 pm - 5 pm		Keynote speaker
6:30 pm		
7 pm - 11 pm		

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WFAS 2004 World Conference Gold Coast

This conference will be held on Queensland's beautiful Gold Coast, situated in southeast Queensland. Stunning natural features plus a sophisticated tourism infrastructure gives the Gold Coast the edge over many national and international destinations. World-renowned beaches, balmy weather, World Heritage listed rainforest and glimpses of rural Australia add up to one of the nations leading tourism regions – the Gold Coast.

The Radisson Resort Gold Coast is the setting for this fantastic international conference nestled in amongst the beautiful surroundings of the internationally renowned Palm Meadows and Lakelands championship golf courses.

This magnificent contemporary resort is an oasis of serenity just minutes from Jupiter's Casino, Pacific Fair, Surfers Paradise and of course, the white sandy beaches of the Gold Coast.



Program

	30 (Saturday)	31 (Sunday)
	Registration	
Concurrent sessions	Concurrent sessions	Concurrent sessions
	Lunch	Lunch
Concurrent sessions	Concurrent sessions	Closing Ceremony
	Bus departs for Gala Dinner	
	WFAS Gala Dinner	

The opportunity for AACMA to host such an event in Australia is a great honour, and it is the first time Australia will have the privilege to host a WFAS World Conference.

The purpose of this most prestigious international event is to promote academic exchange, to develop the science of acupuncture-moxibustion, and to assist in and strengthen the understanding and cooperation between nations and cultures that will participate in the 6th WFAS General Assembly and World Conference in 2004.

Annual General Meeting Report

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New Member categories

The following new member categories were introduced at the 2003 Annual General Meeting:

Associate Members (Dispenser – Registered) and Associate Members (Dispenser – General) – new Articles 14V and 14VI

The new member category of Associate Member (Dispenser – Registered) is intended to provide a professional destination for the newly created category of Registered Chinese Herbal Medicine Dispenser in Victoria. Registered pharmacists in Victoria who are authorised to use the title “Chinese herbal medicine dispenser” or similar title may also be eligible under this membership category.

The proposed new member category of Associate Member (Dispenser – General) is intended to provide a similar professional destination for dispensers in states without statutory registration of Chinese herbal medicine dispensers. Registered pharmacists outside Victoria who meet the AACMA criteria for this member type may also be eligible.

Both the above new membership categories are non-voting memberships and do not attract practitioner benefits such as health fund listing and patient referrals.

Accredited practitioner members in Victoria who are registered in the Division of Chinese herbal medicine dispensers may also apply for accreditation with AACMA as a Chinese herbal medicine dispenser.

Associate Members (Provisional) – new Article 14 VII

This membership category is intended as a provisional category for experienced, safe and ethical TCM practitioners of at least ten years full-time practice who, on the basis of their formal training, would not be eligible for admission as a qualified member. A practitioner who is taking genuine steps to upgrade his/her formal qualifications in order to be eligible for Full Membership of AACMA may be admitted as an Associate Member (Provisional) for a limited period while he/she completes the approved study.

Associate Members (Provisional) would not be eligible for practice benefits such as health fund rebates and patient referrals but would be eligible to supply GST-free acupuncture and/or Chinese herbal medicine services (subject to an amended tax ruling). For these reasons, Associate Members (Provisional) would have to demonstrate that they satisfied the transitional criteria applying to the provision of GST-free acupuncture and/or Chinese herbal medicine during the three years ending 30 June 2003.

This membership category is a non-voting membership.

Associate Members (Anmo-Tuina) – new Article 14VIII

The new member category of Associate Member (Anmo-Tuina) is intended to provide a professional destination for qualified TCM Remedial Massage practitioners. Persons admitted under this category would be required to have a Health Training Package qualification in TCM Remedial Massage at minimum Diploma level.

An entry-level accreditation and membership in TCM Remedial Massage would provide a suitable professional destination for future full members such as students of acupuncture and/or Chinese herbal medicine who complete a professional qualification in TCM Remedial Massage during their TCM studies and enter into TCM massage practice while completing those studies. Associate Membership (Anmo-Tuina) will assist in focussing those TCM undergraduates to membership of AACMA rather than a non-TCM massage or multi-modality association in order to obtain massage practice benefits.

This new membership category is a non-voting membership, but does attract practitioner benefits such as health fund listing where available and patient referrals for TCM Remedial Massage.

Accredited acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine members may also apply for accreditation with AACMA in TCM Remedial Massage where they hold suitable qualifications.

Retired Members – new Article 14IX

AACMA had been approached numerous times over the years by long-standing members nearing retirement who have no need or desire to retain membership for professional and practice purposes but who wish to maintain their ties with the profession and keep up to date with developments.

The proposed new member category of Retired Member is intended to provide a mechanism for continued association with AACMA for those members who have entered into genuine retirement from practice. Retired practitioners with less than 20 years membership, may continue as Graduate (Non-Practising) Members until they are eligible for Retired Membership.

The membership fee will be nominal and is intended to cover the basic outgoings associated with the newsletters and other mailouts.

Addition to rules for Student Membership

The rules for Student Membership were amended to allow for persons who are enrolled in an approved course of study and who were in acupuncture and/or Chinese herbal medicine practice prior to the commencement of that approved study to be admitted as Student Members. A person admitted as a Student Member who is covered by this provision is entitled to continue the practice of acupuncture and/or Chinese herbal medicine while a Student Member provided that he/she is not permitted to publicise or promote in his/her practice or to the public in any way whatsoever either directly or indirectly in such a way that could lead another person to believe that he/she is a qualified member of the Association. Student Members not covered by this new provision are not permitted to practise acupuncture or Chinese herbal medicine professionally (that is, to charge a fee for acupuncture or Chinese herbal medicine treatment) and still retain their Student Membership.

Other Changes

The previously titled “Graduate Member” category has been re-named “Non-Practising Member” and the previous membership category of “Associate Member” renamed to “Associate Member (Transitional)”. The latter membership category is currently empty.

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State Roundup

Victoria/Tasmania

The AACMA Victoria/Tasmania State Committee is currently focusing on continuing education, seminars and, of course, social activities, with a dinner planned for the White Lotus Vegetarian restaurant at the end of August.

The focus on continuing education is plain to see, with activities for the following six months already planned out. The Committee is also very proud that it can boast a lower fee for continuing education activities as compared with any other State Committee. What makes them prouder still is that they still manage to provide attendees with a good quality, professional hand out. This is just one of the ways in which the VIC/TAS State Committee is working towards an image of professionalism.

“The goal is to give members updated information with which they can enhance their practice” says Ke Li, chair of the VIC/TAS State Committee. “To make them ‘think smart’” she adds, “by bringing them together to share information and learn from each other”.

Ke Li revealed that the secret to the State Committee’s ability to charge less for their seminars, was in their requirement for members to prebook for their attendance. “By having members prebook for our events, they are far more committed to attending” Ke Li says. “We’ve learnt from experience across the last two years that when people don’t prebook, they are



VIC/TAS State Committee checks out the menu at the White Lotus Vegetarian Restaurant for the next social function - from left to right - Marina Christov, Victor Lam, Kathryn Thomson, Ke Li, Danielle Slade and Luzviminda Agosta.

less likely to turn up at the event, and we in turn are more likely to have wasted precious resources in printing materials.” By cutting the cost of wasted resources, the committee is able to provide higher quality materials while charging lower attendance fees.

Always thinking ahead, the VIC/TAS State Committee has already begun investigating ways in which they can increase promotional and social activities for next year.

On the promotional side, the VIC/TAS State Committee has also revealed plans to attend next year’s Mind Body and Soul Festival. Although this will take place within the next term, planning has begun early to ensure adequate promotion of the activity.

A sub-committee made up of Ke Li, Warrick Poon, and Victor Lam has already been established, with the role of the State Committee to promote AACMA members at the event.

On the social side of things it was decided at the last State Committee meeting, that something would be done to celebrate Chinese New Year

AACMA VIC/TAS STATE COMMITTEE

Presents a Seminar on

Understanding the Basics in the Reading of X-Ray Film and its Application in Clinical TCM Assessment (1)

by
Edwin Miao

Date: Sunday, 31 August, 2003
Time: 1:45 pm – 5:30 pm
Venue: Victorian Health Promotion Foundation
 Ground Floor, 15-31 Pelham Street
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Cost: AACMA Members \$20
 Non-members \$30
 Student Members \$15
Bookings: Ke Li Tel: 03 9374 1815

Advanced booking and payment is required. Cheques payable to AACMA should be sent to 5 Link Arcade, Sunbury VIC 3429. Tax invoice issued at seminar. 48 hours notice required for cancellations.

AACMA VIC/TAS STATE COMMITTEE

Presents a Seminar on

Abdominal (Hara) Diagnosis and Direct Moxa (Tonetskyu) Demonstration

by
Mattie Sempert

Date: Sunday, 26 October, 2003
Time: 1:45 pm – 5:30 pm
Venue: Victorian Health Promotion Foundation
 Ground Floor, 15-31 Pelham Street
 Carlton
Cost: AACMA Members \$20
 Non-members \$30
 Student Members \$15
Bookings: Danielle Slade Tel: 03 9740 5728

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next year. More details of this event will be forth coming in the next edition of Jing-Luo.

Ke Li stresses that the VIC/TAS State Committee is there "for the members, as voted by the members" and as such, welcomes any and all feedback from members as to what they would like to see the State Committee doing for them.

The new Vic/Tas State Committee is as follows:

Luzviminda Agosta	Minutes Secretary
Marina Christov	Social Activities
Victor Lam	Continuing Ed Committee
Ke Li	Chair
Warwick Poon	WorkCover Committee
Ye Shao	IT support for seminars
Danielle Slade	Finance Secretary
Julian Stow	Deputy Chair
Kathryn Thomson	Committee Member

Queensland

Activity in Queensland continues to grow with a number of changes over the past few months. The momentum created by outgoing Chair Wally Simpson continues to be felt as the number of seminars as well as general interest are both increasing. Thanks again go to Wally for all his work as Chair and also the efforts put in by all the Committee members.

The main concern for the Committee at present is the public awareness of acupuncture and a real need to raise the level of awareness not only of acupuncture but also of AACMA. Various ideas were presented on how to do this and we will report on how we progress in the future. It was noted that it is important that our clients are made aware that we are

AACMA members, and doing simple things like having the AACMA decal in the clinic window is a start.

Brett Montgomery shared some of his valuable expertise in a seminar on Stretching for Recovery and Prevention of Injuries. Although poorly attended, it was agreed that the information was so good that regular presentations should be arranged.

The Committee is hoping to organise seminars on a regular basis both as a means of being aware of new ideas for treatments and also keeping in touch with other practitioners. In August Paul McLeod will give a talk on "Moxibustion Techniques", and on 5 September, Heather Tilden will present "Energy Matrix Medicine". Positive attendance will help these seminars become regular features. Contact Matt O'Hara 07 5591 1077 or matt@healthcentre.net.au for more information on either of these seminars or with ideas for future presentations.

The new QLD State Committee is as follows:

John Deare	Committee Member
Helga Donath	Finance Secretary
David Hartmann	Committee Member
Paul McLeod	Deputy Chair
Brett Montgomery	Deputy Chair
Matt O'Hara	Minutes Secretary
Wally Simpson	Committee Member
Phil Strong	WorkCover Committee
Linda Tedd	Chair
Heather Tilden	Continuing Ed Committee
Tracey Berry	Student Liaison

Heather Tilden has also agreed to take on the mammoth and very important task of heading the sub-committee to organise this year's Christmas party. Good luck, Heather!!

AACMA VIC/TAS STATE COMMITTEE

Presents a Seminar on

Interaction of Drugs and Chinese Medicine Complaints

by
Yifan Yang (NSW)

Date:	Sunday, 16 November, 2003
Time:	1:45 pm – 5:30 pm
Venue:	Victorian Health Promotion Foundation Ground Floor, 15-31 Pelham Street Carlton
Cost:	AACMA & FCMA Members \$20 Non-members \$30 Student Members \$15

Bookings: Danielle Slade Tel: 03 9740 5728

Advanced booking and payment is required. Cheques payable to AACMA should be sent to 46 Brook St, Sunbury VIC 3429. Tax invoice issued at seminar. 48 hours notice required for cancellations.

AACMA QLD STATE COMMITTEE

Presents a Seminar on

Energy Matrix Medicine

by
Heather Tilden

Date:	Friday, 5 September, 2003
Time:	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Venue:	Australian College of Natural Medicine Gold Coast Campus Southport
Cost:	AACMA Members \$30 Non-members \$35 Student Members \$25

Bookings: Matt O'Hara
Tel: 07 5591 1077 or
Email: matt@healthcentre.net.au

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South Australia/Northern Territory

Previous term South Australian Committee Members, Drs Douglas Dickmann and Helen and Darryl Nitschke have just returned from Thailand where they spent some time with Prof Marwah and attending the introductory course of ayurveda. Prof Marwah's centre is a multi-disciplinary scientific centre on holistic medicine. It specialises in treatment and training in the field of ayurveda, acupuncture, aroma therapy, cranial sacral therapy, traditional Thai herbal massage and more. The centre also makes its own herbal products and essential oils.

Prof Marwah will be hosting the 41st World Congress of Alternative Medicine, which will be the first conference of holistic medicine held in Thailand. The conference will focus on different methods of traditional medicines, including acupuncture and manual medicine among others.

The new SA/NT State Committee is as follows:

Douglas Dickmann	Chair/WorkCover Committee
Caroline Smith	Committee Member
Brendon Supple	Committee Member

New South Wales

The newly elected members of the New South Wales State Committee are already hard at work organising what is sure to be a successful term ahead.

The Committee is focussing firmly on both the promotion and implementation of the Continuing

Education Program, and is hoping to achieve strong attendance at their upcoming September seminar.

The Committee asks fellow NSW members to get involved by putting forward any of their suggestions or comments. "After all" says newly elected Chair Hoc Ku Huynh, "we are here to work for the members." Members are encouraged to send their suggestions via email to hockuhuynh@yahoo.com.au, or to phone 02 9212 2289.

The new NSW State Committee is as follows:

Ann Adams	Finance Secretary
Simin Chen	Committee Member
James Flowers	Committee Member
Bernadette Fontaine	Minutes Secretary
Hoc Ku Huynh OAM	Chair
Weihong Li	WorkCover Committee
Mei-Kin Li Rees	Deputy Chair
Peter Rotton	Deputy Chair
Rodrigo Sanchez	Deputy Chair
Yina Wang	Deputy Chair
David White	Continuing Education Committee
Yifan Yang	Committee Member

Australian Capital Territory

ACT members are still recovering from the fires and will reconstitute a new committee later this year.

The ACT State Committee is as follows:

Michelle Cook	Minutes Secretary
Andrew Smith	Chair/Finance Secretary
Domenique Wood	Deputy Chair

AACMA WA STATE COMMITTEE

Presents a Seminar on

Taoist and Medical Qi Gong

by
Dr Bi Song Guo

Date:	Sunday, 31 August, 2003
Time:	10:00am – 4:30 pm
Venue:	78 High Street Freemantle
Cost:	AACMA Members \$35 Non-members \$40
Bookings:	Sono Michetti Tel: 08 9430 8867

AACMA NSW STATE COMMITTEE

Presents a Seminar and Discussion on

Acupuncture and Moxibustion in the Treatment of Asthma

by
Mr Anand Bapat

Date:	Friday, 19 September, 2003
Time:	7:00 – 9.00 pm
Venue:	TCM College, University of Technology, Sydney 4 th Floor, 645 Harris St, Ultimo
Cost:	AACMA Members \$30 Non-members \$35 Student Members \$25 Student Non-members \$30
Bookings:	David White Tel: 02 9221 0699, 02 9904 1967, 0412 131 590, or Email: sydneytcm@yahoo.com.au

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Western Australia

AACMA representatives recently met with the WA Health Minister's office to discuss the registration of TCM in WA. AACMA President, James Flowers, AACMA Executive Officer, Judy James, along with WA State Committee members Wade James (Chair) and Jacqueline Corner had a wide ranging discussion with health department officials. Three major outcomes emerged from those discussions.

1. The WA Government indicated its intention to proceed with the regulation of TCM in WA.
2. A working group was to be appointed by the Minister for Health last month, but due to a change of portfolio positions we are now waiting for the new Health Minister to make an announcement.
3. The WA Government is keen to progress with registration and to have the legislation in Parliament by the end of this government term (18 months).

A meeting of WA members was held in the evening after the meeting with the WA Health Minister's office to discuss these developments and other matters pertinent to WA.



WA members' meeting 12 June - Back - Yi Wang, Lynette Airey, Xiao Bing Art Huo, Qiu Ji Zhang, William Wu, Sono Michetti, Ping Wang - Front - Suzanne McDonald, Jacqueline Corner, Wade James, James Flowers, Judy James, Marie Hopkinson.

Last month's Chinawest seminar held in Perth and presented by Will MacLean was very well attended. The WA State Committee is planning a seminar on Qi Gong for this month which we hope will be an even greater success. The presenter, Dr Bi Song Guo from the UK provided a similar workshop at the AACMA National Symposium in May and this was very well received.

The new WA State Committee is as follows:

Marie Hopkinson	Minutes Secretary
Wade James	Chair/Finance Secretary
Suzanne McDonald	Committee Member
Fransetta (Sono) Michetti	WorkCover Committee
Qiu Ji Zhang	Committee Member



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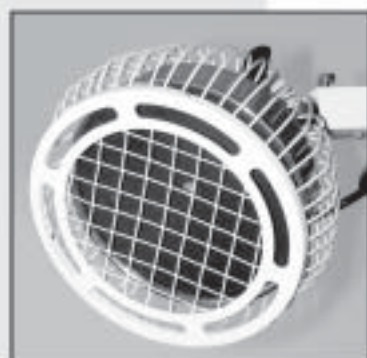
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Disciplinary Committee Update

The Chair of the Disciplinary Committee, John Deare, reports on the following de-identified matters that have come before the Disciplinary Committee in recent months.

Anonymous complaints Anonymous complaints come within the realm of *hearsay* and for legal reasons cannot be acted upon by the Disciplinary Committee.

Verbal complaints Similarly, verbal complaints are also *hearsay*. Although verbal complaints are recorded, for legal reasons they are not investigated by the Disciplinary Committee unless a signed written complaint is also submitted.

Only written and signed complaints can be acted upon If a member of AACMA or a member of the public has a complaint about the professional conduct of a member, they should lodge a signed written complaint which will be dealt with in accordance with the policies and procedures for handling complaints against members.

Falsified qualifications Supplying falsified or fraudulently altered documents/qualifications in order to obtain membership of AACMA will result in expulsion from the Association.

Receipting practices Members and past members are reminded that it is a breach of the AACMA Code of Ethics to:

- intentionally provide a receipt for services not actually provided;
- intentionally issue inaccurate receipts (for example, changing the name of the patient or the type of service provided to enable the patient or their family member to obtain and/or maximise health fund or taxation rebates);
- allowing receipts to be issued under your name and/or membership number where the services were not actually supplied by you;
- allowing a non-member to use your AACMA receipt books for their services;
- holding out that you are member of AACMA when that membership has been terminated (for example, writing your past AACMA membership number on a receipt to enable the patient to obtain a health fund rebate, but you were not a member at the time of completing the receipt).

Consent to treatment Members are reminded that the provision of TCM health care services to a patient is a consensual relationship. In most cases, attendance at the clinic for acupuncture and/or Chinese

herbal medicine services and agreeing to receive that treatment implies consent on the part of the patient.

Members must, however, be aware that the person receiving the treatment must be legally competent to provide that consent. When treating children and youths under 18 years, it is important that the matter of consent be attended to.

According to the Victorian interim privacy guidelines (<http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/privacy/ippg/concepts/gainingconsent.htm>), the AMA recommends 10 years to be the minimum age of consent to medical treatment. Although the law in this area is not always clear or consistent, the review of Queensland laws and policies on consent to treatment of young people conducted some years back is fairly indicative: where the treatment involves physical contact (such as surgery) then the consent of a parent/guardian should be obtained for children and youths under 18 years. Similarly, the prescription of ingestible remedies, such as herbal or vitamin/mineral products, would most likely require a higher level of consent than that applying to non-contact therapies such as counselling and psychoanalysis where a consent age of 16 years may apply.



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The following issues need to be considered when providing treatment to children and youths under 18 years, and whether the consent of the patient's parent/guardian is required before administering the treatment:

- acupuncture – involves the insertion of acupuncture needles/devices into sterile areas of the body;
- Chinese herbal medicines – are ingestible substances which may interact with other medicines, including pharmaceutical drugs, Western herbal medicines, etc.

In most cases, where the parent/guardian brings the child or youth for treatment and agrees to the treatment being provided, consent may be implied. However, where the child or youth seeks treatment on their own undertaking, the practitioner needs to exercise judgement as to whether the child or youth is capable of understanding the nature of the treatment and is competent to provide that consent. Because TCM treatment involves physical contact (acupuncture, moxibustion, scraping, cupping) or ingesting medicines (Chinese herbs etc), it is generally considered that a higher degree of onus falls to the practitioner than with non-contact treatments. Where lawful consent is not obtained, the

practitioner may be liable for criminal or civil assault charges.

The treatment of a minor outside the clinical environment carries a similar consensual onus. A practitioner with temporary custody of a child or youth under 18 years (e.g. your son or daughter has a friend over) should obtain the consent of the parent/guardian before administering treatment to that child/youth in their care. For example, the provision of a cough or flu remedy or an acupuncture treatment for an acute sore throat should not be administered without the parent's/guardian's consent. Furthermore, in those circumstances, the practitioner may not necessarily be aware of the full medical background of the child/youth in their care and this may result in an exacerbation of any potential adverse reaction to the treatment. This may extend to emergencies where the parent/guardian may expect only conventional medical/first aid treatment to be applied and may not necessarily consent to emergency TCM also being applied.

Congratulations to our Australian TCM professors

The AACMA Board wishes to extend its congratulations to the following members on their appointments as Associate Professors (A/Prof) in Australian universities:

Name	Title	University	Appointed
Dr Alan Bensoussan	A/Prof of Chinese Medicine	University of Western Sydney	2002
Dr Caroline Smith	A/Prof of Complementary Medicine	University of South Australia	2003
Dr Charlie Xue	A/Prof of Chinese Medicine	RMIT University	2003

Victorian registration update

The CMRB has advised AACMA that the Medical Practitioners Board of Victoria (MPBV) will not be endorsing registered medical practitioners in Victoria in Chinese herbal medicine. It is understood that they will, however, be endorsing registered medical practitioners in acupuncture.

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Wanted

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Alternative Medicine Congress, Chiang Mai, Thailand 23-25 April, 2004 - A group tour is being organised for the congress. Will include rest period and visit to Prof Marwah's teaching clinic in Bangkok. Then head to Chiang Mai for congress. After congress, tour will continue to Hanoi, Vietnam to visit traditional healing centre. Length of tour expected to be approx 10 days. Interested persons asked to register their interest early as places will be limited. Contact Dr Douglas Dickmann on 08 8337 8572.

May 2003 Jing-Luo, correction to article on page 9: Registration - does it make a difference?

The editors wish to correct some unintended errors in the May 2003 edition of the Jing-Luo in the article on page 9 entitled *Registration - does it make a difference?*

The *Chinese Medicine Registration (CMR) Act* of Victoria is based on a protection of title model of practitioner regulation. For example, practitioners in Victoria who are registered with the Chinese Medicine Registration Board of Victoria in the Division(s) of Acupuncture and/or Chinese Herbal Medicine are permitted to use the relevant protected titles (such as registered acupuncturist, registered Chinese medicine practitioner, etcetera). Unregistered practitioners may still *practise* acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine but cannot hold out that they are registered nor that they qualified to practise acupuncture and/or Chinese herbal medicine.

The *CMR Act* also provides for a three year exemption from the penalty provisions of the *CMR Act* in relation to the use of some protected titles for practitioners registered with certain other health professions boards. These other statutory boards are also authorised to exempt practitioners registered with their boards from the penalty provisions of the *CMR Act* for using protected titles such as (acupuncturist, Chinese medicine practitioner, Chinese herbalist, etcetera) where they have completed qualifications and training that, in the opinion of their registration boards qualifies them to practise Chinese medicine.

It is AACMA's opinion, a view AACMA has held since it was first mooted, that the exemptions system for other health professions as laid out in the *Victorian CMR Act* is not in the public interest, that it has the potential to result in nine different standards of education and practice for practitioners authorised to use the protected titles of acupuncturist, Chinese medicine practitioner, Chinese herbalist etcetera, that it will result in confusion for the public in knowing who is sufficiently qualified to practise TCM, and makes a joke of the underlying purpose of statutory registration - to protect the public. However, it was not intended by the interviewee or the publisher of the *Jing-Luo* to infer this legislative debacle was caused by or the responsibility of the CMRB.



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Australian Conferences and Seminars

August

6 Sydney **Conference: Approaches to Pain Management, "Occupational Injury and the Treatment of Pain"**. Contact Sally Lane on 02 9476 0338, fax 02 94766 0328 or email ppledication@hotmail.com

9 Byron Bay **Moxa - Effective and Unusual Techniques: Moxa eyeglasses, Ear-reed Tube Moxa + Tai Yi Methods. Using Plum Blossom/Dermal Hammer** presented by Arnen Parker. Contact The Way College of Oriental Therapies & Bodywork on 02 6685 6500 or fax 02 6685 6699 or email admin@theway.com.au

17 Gold Coast **Moxibustion Techniques** presented by Paul Mcleod. AACMA State Committee Function. Contact Linda Tedd on 07 5532 0121 or email lindatedd@hotmail.com

24 Carlton **Seminar: Medical Qigong Workshop** presented by Dr Bisong Guo. AACMA State Committee Function. Contact Ke Li on 03 9374 1815

31 Freemantle **Workshop: Taoist and Medical Qi Gong** presented by Dr Bi Song Guo. AACMA State Committee Function. Contact Sono Michetti on 08 9430 8867

31 Melbourne **Seminar: Understanding the Basics in the Reading of X-Ray Film and its Application in Clinical TCM Assessment (1)** presented by Edwin Miao. AACMA State Committee Function. Contact Ke Li on 03 9374 1815

September

5 Gold Coast **Seminar: Energy Matrix Medicine** presented by Heather Tilden. AACMA State Committee Function. Contact Matt O'Hara on 07 5591 1077 or email matt@healthcentre.net.au

19 Sydney **Seminar and Discussion: Acupuncture and Moxibustion in the Treatment of Asthma** presented by Anand Bapat. AACMA State Committee Function. Contact David White on 02 9221 0699, 02 9904 1967, 0412 131 590, or email sydneycm@yahoo.com.au

20 Sydney **National Herbalists Association of Australia** presents information sessions on herbs and the liver. For more information, contact the NHAA on 02 9555 8885

October

11 Sydney **Seminar: A Practical Approach to Chinese Medicine: "Introduction and Gynological Conditions"** presented by Will Maclean. Contact Herbcare on 1800 822 223 or 02 9699 2288 or email info@herbcare.com.au

13 Adelaide **Seminar: General Introduction to TCM** with Dr Yifan Yang. Contact Fang Liang or Debra Morley on ph 08 8351 51880, fax 08 8297 9731 or email fliang@bigpond.net.au

26 Melbourne **Seminar: Abdominal (Hara) Diagnosis & Direct Moxa (Tonetskyu) Demonstration** presented by Mattie Sempert. AACMA State Committee Function. Contact Danielle Slade on 03 9740 5728

November

15 Sydney **Seminar: A Practical Approach to Chinese Medicine: "Gastro-Intestinal Conditions"** presented by Will Maclean. Contact Herbcare on 1800 822 223 or 02 9699 2288 or email info@herbcare.com.au

16 Melbourne **Seminar: Interaction of Drugs and Chinese Medicine Complaints** presented by Yifan Yang. AACMA State Committee Function. Contact Danielle Slade on 03 9740 5728

21-24 Melbourne **First World Congress on Chinese Medicine**. RMIT. Contact C Xue on ph 03 9925 7653, fax 03 9925 7616 or view www.wccm2003.com

December

13 Sydney **Seminar: A Practical Approach to Chinese Medicine: "Paediatric Conditions"** presented by Will Maclean. Contact Herbcare on 1800 822 223 or 02 9699 2288 or email info@herbcare.com.au

Regular/Ongoing

April - December Maleny Qld **Well Women's Lives: Bi-monthly 2-day course, 1st Sunday/Monday** of the month. Covering specifically the blossoming of our own time lines, the impact of early life, and how we can look ahead whilst assisting the next generation to emerge. Contact Heather on phone 07 5494 4117 or fax 07 3899 2322 to be sent details

April - December Maleny Qld **Practical application of meridian therapy: Bi-monthly, 1st Sunday** of alternate months (see above). Set of day long seminars incorporating 25 years of study, life experience and professional practice in such bread and butter issues as persistent neck pain, chronic musculo-skeletal, immunological, neurological conditions and general "hard" cases. Contact Heather on phone 07 5494 4117 or fax 07 3899 2322 to be sent details

2004

Jan 10 Sydney **Seminar: A Practical Approach to Chinese Medicine: "Gential-Urological Conditions"** presented by Will Maclean. Contact Herbcare on 1800 822 223 or 02 9699 2288 or email info@herbcare.com.au

Feb 14 Sydney **Seminar: A Practical Approach to Chinese Medicine: "Phycological Conditions"** presented by Will Maclean. Contact Herbcare on 1800 822 223 or 02 9699 2288 or email info@herbcare.com.au

Feb (late) Carlton **Seminar: Long-Term Management of Clients: "How to Keep Them on the Books!"** presented by Lisa McPherson. AACMA State Committee Function. Further details to follow.

Mar 13 Sydney **Seminar: A Practical Approach to Chinese Medicine: "Miscellaneous Conditions"** presented by Will Maclean. Contact Herbcare on 1800 822 223 or 02 9699 2288 or email info@herbcare.com.au

Oct 29-31 Gold Coast **6th WFAS World Conference on Acupuncture-Moxibustion**. To be held at the Radisson Resort Gold Coast. Contact AACMA on 07 3846 5866 or email aacma@acupuncture.org.au. Refer to pages 14-15 for further details.

Overseas Conferences and Seminars

August

14-18 Wanchai, Hong Kong **International Conference & Exhibition of the Modernisation of Chinese and Health Products**. Contact Exhibitions Department Hong Kong Trade Development Council on 852 2584 4333, fax 852 2824 0026, email exhibitions@tdc.org.hk or view hkenterprise.com

September

9-10 Zaandam/Amsterdam, The Netherlands **International Symposium on Pain Release and Diagnostic Methods**. Contact the Secretariat on ++32 (0) 75 670 42 30

12-14 Oslo, Norway **WFAS International Acupuncture Symposium: The Evidence, Safety and Practice of Acupuncture**. Contact Norwegian Acupuncture Association on ph 47 22 98 81 40, fax 47 22 36 18 53, email nfka@akupunktur.no or view www.wfas2003.no

18-19 Vancouver, Canada **Workshop on Facial Rejuvenation through Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine**. Contact Carla Wiseman 604 761 9300 or email cmrwise@healthtoday.ca

20-21 Vancouver, Canada **Workshop on Aromatherapy for Facial Rejuvenation According to the Principles of Oriental Medicine**. Contact Carla Wiseman 604 761 9300 or email cmrwise@healthtoday.ca

27-28 Jakarta Indonesia **Seventh Asean Congress of Traditional Chinese Medicine**. Contact Indonesian Naturopath Association on (62-21) 630-9574, 629-6793, 629-5477, 690-0162, fax (62-21) 600-8835, 6386-5680, 690-8723, 630-9574 or email: dppikni@indo.net.id

November

6-9 Taipei, Taiwan **The 12th International Congress of Oriental Medicine**. Contact Conference Secretariat 12th ICOM on 886 2 2822 5592, fax 886 2 2823 0488, email cfchen@cma23.nricm.edu.tw or view www.nricm.edu.tw

12-14 Hong Kong **The Natural Health Fair**. View www.naturalhealthfair.com
14-16 Lisbon, Portugal **Third International Congress on Traditional Chinese Medicine**. Contact ph 00 351 21 35 90 474, fax 00 351 21 31 52 269 or email apa-da@mail.telepac.pt

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6-8 April 2004 New Delhi, India **Medicare India 2004** Conference and Exhibition. Contact Rob Grant on +44 (0) 20 7723 8020 or email rob.grant@kinexlog.com

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AACMA Pin Points

Staff Changes

AACMA is delighted to announce the appointment of Stuart Myerscough to the AACMA national office. Stuart replaces Miranda Free who was the AACMA desktop publisher. This role has now evolved into a comprehensive strategic marketing position, referred to as the Marketing & Events Administrator, encompassing generalist marketing, desktop publishing (website, promotions and publications), event coordination, and some public relations.

We also welcome Anoop Yadav who replaces Catrina Luu, the past AACMA Administration Officer (Finance). This position also has had some defining changes and is now referred to as the Finance Administrator. Anoop is responsible for all the day-to-day financial activities of AACMA and to provide financial support to Members, State Committees and all other stakeholders.

AACMA would like to take this opportunity to wish both Miranda and Catrina well with their future endeavours, and welcome Stuart and Anoop to the team!

Email contacts at AACMA

aacma@acupuncture.org.au	General inquiries, referrals, requests for forms, orders, course inquiries, etc.
membership@acupuncture.org.au	Membership matters such as change of membership status, application in progress, first aid certificates, CPE cards, professional indemnity inquiries, change of address, member health fund queries.
publications@acupuncture.org.au	AACMA newsletter and advertising inquiries.
complaints@acupuncture.org.au	To lodge formal complaints against AACMA members.
president@acupuncture.org.au	To directly contact the AACMA President (emails to this address are downloaded by the AACMA national office and forwarded to the President).
judy.james@acupuncture.org.au	To directly contact the AACMA Executive Officer, Judy James.

New Members

AACMA welcomes the following new accredited members who have been accepted to AACMA since the last newsletter in May 2003.

Matthew Lee VIC	Erin Nolte NSW
Benjamin Mitchell VIC	Il Woo Nam NSW
John-Paul Sanggaran NSW	Nicola Marishel NSW
Alexandria Page-Robertson VIC	Allison Roache VIC
Ye Tian NSW	Suzanne Grant NSW
Catharine Parkins NSW	Shaun Francis VIC
Xuqiong Fu WA	Jackie Goodwin NSW
Christopher Lack NSW	Michelle Davis QLD
Lisa Liu VIC	Taryn Borgelt QLD
Mrinalini Thandroori VIC	Hai Dong Wang ACT
Thomas Leung QLD	Bing Tian ACT
Sally Coltman QLD	Natalie Chiko SA
Fiona Johnson NSW	Timothy Smallwood QLD
Julianna Murray VIC	Shiu Kiang NSW
Irene Prantalos VIC	Gillian Blacklock WA
Gregory Luscombe VIC	Robyn Gale QLD
Mei Liu NSW	Ealey DeBritt QLD
Sophie Rogers VIC	Erin Jin NSW
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