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## WELCOME & HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR! 恭喜发财 GONG XI FA CAI!

On behalf of the AACMA Board & Staff we wish you all a Prosperous & Happy Chinese New Year!

### AACMAC BRISBANE 2007 (18-20 May 2007)

The Organising Committee for the Australasian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Annual Conference (AACMAC) is planning another exciting array of speakers and workshops for the conference, to be held in Brisbane from 18 – 20 May 2007. As with previous conferences, the focus is on a mix of clinical, practical, academic and research topics in lecture, workshop and poster format. We will continue with the format of broadly streamed concurrent sessions, allowing delegates to focus on areas of interest.

Delegates at previous conferences have continued to describe the conference as a smorgasbord of opportunities – something for everyone. Meet up with your friends and colleagues this year in Brisbane and contribute to building our sense of cohesion and professional identity through the networking opportunities that this event will present.

#### REGISTER BY 30 MARCH 2007 TO ACCESS THE EARLY BIRD RATES

#### CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The conference will kick off with workshops from 1:00 pm on the Friday afternoon, followed by a Cocktail Party which will be free for conference delegates.

The formal opening ceremony will be at 9:00 am on the Saturday morning, followed by keynote and concurrent sessions over two more days (Saturday & Sunday 19 & 20 May).

Also in accordance with precedent, the AACMA/AESO Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 19 May from 4:00 pm.

#### DELEGATE REGISTRATION

Substantial discounts are available on early bird registrations, which close on 30 March 2007. Please refer to the enclosed Registration Form or download an electronic version from the AACMA website on [www.acupuncture.org.au/aacmac\\_2007.cfm](http://www.acupuncture.org.au/aacmac_2007.cfm).

Delegates will be required to register on-site before attending the conference in order to collect their conference pack and delegate lanyard. Lanyards are required to be worn at all times to identify registered delegates. Please register on-site early to avoid delays.

The registration desk will open at the conference venue (Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre) on Friday 18 May at 10:00 am and will be staffed for the duration of the conference.

#### SOCIAL PROGRAM

##### Friday 18 May 2007 – Cocktail party 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

The AACMAC Brisbane 2007 Cocktail Party will be held at the Plough Inn, situated within the South Bank Parklands precinct, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. A cordoned-off section of the bar will be allocated to the function so that you can meet and mingle with other delegates and get into the spirit of the conference. Delegates are then free to make their own arrangements for dinner or can continue partying. There will be no cost to delegates but prior booking is required.

##### Saturday 19 May – Gala Dinner & Launch of the AACMA Journal

The conference Gala Dinner will be held 7:00 pm at the River Room, located on the river at Southbank, a short walk from the conference venue. A live band will provide background music for the dinner and after dance-music until midnight. The gala dinner dress code will be cocktail/smart casual. A non-alcoholic drinks package is included in the price of the dinner ticket. Dinner guests will be responsible for their own alcohol purchases.

##### Launch of the Australian Journal of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine

The gala dinner will also be the backdrop for the formal launch of the *Australian Journal of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine* – Australia's only peer-reviewed journal for the TCM profession.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**James Flowers:** AACMA President, AACMAC Brisbane 2007 Conference President and Vice-President of the Australian Council for Chinese Medicine Education Ltd (ACCME), James is a regular keynote speaker at AACMA conferences. James is also Deputy Chair of the Supervisory Committee of the World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies (WFCMS). His keynote paper for the conference is entitled *A case of imbalance: Chinese medicine and the case of SARS*.

**Prof Charlie Changli Xue:** Charlie Xue has been a regular speaker at AACMA conferences. He is Head of the Division of Chinese Medicine in the School of Health Sciences at RMIT, which is a World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Traditional Medicine. He is also a member of ACCME. Charlie's keynote topic will be *Chinese Medicine: addressing international health challenges through an evidence-based approach*.

**A/Prof Caroline Smith:** Caroline Smith is Adjunct Associate Professor at the CompleMed Research Centre at UWS, and was previously Associate Professor of Complementary Medicine at UniSA. She is also a researcher at the University of Adelaide and has undertaken leading research in acupuncture for women's health and is a member of the AJACM Editorial Board. Caroline's keynote lecture is *Acupuncture on IVF outcomes: a summary of clinical evidence*. She will also present a workshop on *How to run a clinical trial*.

**Greg Bantick:** Greg was in the first cohort of students to graduate from the Brisbane campus of Acupuncture Colleges (Australia) in the late 1970s. He has since obtained a US Masters Degree in Traditional Oriental Medicine. After 20 years teaching and working in the US, Greg returned to Australia a few ago. He is a lecturer at ACNM and conducts Chinese medicine professional education seminars and workshops for Health World. Greg's keynote lecture will be on *Why we should study the classics*. He will also present a workshop on *Chinese moxibustion techniques*.

**Jim Chalmers:** Jim is past Vice-President of AACMA and was head of the first official AACMA delegation to China in 1997. He has undertaken extensive study in the theory and practice of auricular acupuncture and auricular medicine. Jim currently practises in Scotland where he runs a busy practice incorporating classical acupuncture and auricular therapy. Jim will co-present two keynote workshops with Stephen Janz on auricular acupuncture. The first workshop will be on *Finding the vas pulse* and the second will cover *The clinical application of auricular acupuncture in the effective treatment of scars*.

**Stephen Janz:** Stephen is an AACMA Past-President, Chair of the National Academic Standards Committee for TCM. He is a popular presenter at AACMA conferences and was winner of the WFAS 2004 Best Paper on Clinical Applications for his lecture on the acupuncture treatment of plantar fasciitis. Stephen has also undertaken extensive study and practice in auricular acupuncture and auricular medicine and, with Jim Chalmers, has conducted training workshops in this area. Stephen will co-present two keynote workshops with Jim Chalmers on auricular acupuncture (see above).

**John McDonald:** John McDonald is President of the Australian Council for Chinese Medicine Education Ltd (ACCME). He is also a lecturer in acupuncture at ACNM and has over 30 years experience as a clinician, researcher and author in the field of Chinese medicine. In 2006, he was a consultant to the World Health Organization (WHO) Western Pacific Regional Office (WPRO) on the standardisation of acupuncture point locations. John's keynote presentation will be on *The development of international standard acupuncture point locations: a WHO initiative*. He will also present a lecture on *The impact of time on Acupuncture*.

**Paul Movsessian:** Paul is widely regarded in Australia as both practitioner and teacher in Manaka and Toyohari acupuncture techniques and conducts regular seminars and workshops around Australia on these topics. He will present a lecture on Dr Manaka's work on acupuncture and polarity medicine. He will also present workshops on *Finding the Ki pulse (meridian therapy)* and *Treating the bara (abdomen) according to the Chinese clock*.

*Please see over for more details*

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**Dr Mark Strudwick:** AACMA Fellow, Mark, is a Research Officer at the University of Queensland (UQ) in the Centre for Magnetic Resonance (Faculty of Engineering, Physical Sciences and Architecture). In addition to his acupuncture qualifications, he holds a Diploma of Diagnostic Radiography, a PhD in Natural Science and is presently undertaking a second PhD at UQ in magnetic resonance technology. Mark was awarded Best Research Paper at AACMAC Melbourne 2005 for his three interlocking papers: *Acupuncture Mediated Brain Activity Demonstrated with Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging at 4 Tesla*; *Physiological Effects of Acupuncture Measured with Heart Rate Variability*; and *Physiological Correlates of Point Injection and Traditional Acupuncture*. Mark will be presenting a keynote lecture on aspects of his current research.

**Dr Chris Zaslawski:** Chris is Head of the UTS College of TCM, a Member of ACCME and Deputy Editor of the AJACM. His qualifications include a DipAcu, BPhys and a PhD. Chris has been a consultant to the World Health Organization (WHO) Western Pacific Regional Office (WPRO) on a number of projects including acupuncture clinical guidelines. Chris's keynote lecture is on *The physical substrate of acupoints and channels - a review of the current state of evidence*.

**Dr Zhen Zheng:** AACMA Board Member, Member of the AACMA Research Committee, and Editor-in-Chief of the Australian Journal of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine (AJACM), Zhen is specialist in the neurophysiology of acupuncture. She is also a member of the academic team at the RMIT Chinese Medicine Unit. Details of her presentation were being finalised at the time of printing.

#### INVITED SPEAKERS

**Marina Christov:** AACMA Board Member, Marina has extensive experience in aesthetic acupuncture and will be presenting a workshop on the aesthetic applications of facial acupuncture.

**Warren Cochran:** Warren is a lecturer in Chinese medicine at the University of Technology, Sydney. He is a regular and presenter at AACMA conferences. Warren will present a paper *The Legacy of Sakyamuni: Buddhist Influences in the Traditional Medicine of China and a workshop on The Treatment of Insomnia with Chinese Herbal Medicine*.

**Hoc Ku Huynh OAM:** Hoc Ku Huynh is Secretary of AACMA and Chair of the NSW State Committee of AACMA. His workshop presentation will be on *Bell's Palsy - treatment with acupuncture & Chinese medicine*.

**Alan Jansson:** Alan is well known for his passion for Japanese acupuncture techniques. He has been the acupuncture consultant to the Brisbane Lions (AFL for the uninitiated) for almost a decade and has substantial experience with the treatment of elite athletes. Alan will present a lecture on *What future for traditional acupuncture in the 21st century? Does traditional acupuncture have a part to play in the wellness revolution? and a workshop on the treatment of Olympic and other elite sports athletes*.

**Richard Li:** Richard Li is Australia's representative (Vice-President Oceania region) on the World Federation of Acupuncture-Moxibustion Societies (WFAS) Executive Committee, as well as past Vice-President of AACMA. WFAS is the official NGO adviser on acupuncture to the World Health Organization. Richard will present a paper on *The classifications and applications of needling methods in the chapter "Official Needling" of Lingshu*.

**Liu Xin:** Liu Xin is a master of the practice of medical qigong and has developed the Kaimai (open the channels) style of qigong. He has been undertaking a clinical trial into the effects of Qigong on diabetes as part of his PhD candidature at the University of Queensland. He will present a paper on the findings of a pilot study and outline the scope of the main clinical trial on the qigong for the treatment of diabetes.

**Dr Yun-Fei Lu:** Yun-Fei is a Director of AACMA. His qualifications include a Bachelor degree, Master degree and PhD in TCM. Yun-Fei will present a paper on *Clinical application of phlegm treatment for infertility, depression and cancer*.

**Paddy McBride:** Paddy McBride is the Vice-President of the New Zealand Register of Acupuncturists Inc, the peak Chinese medicine professional body in New Zealand. She will present a paper on *What's happening in New Zealand? (Accident compensation and education - an overview)*

**Paul McLeod:** A popular presenter from WFAS 2004 and AACMACs 2005 & 2006, Paul is Chair of the Queensland State Committee of AACMA. Paul was awarded the Best Paper on Clinical Application at AACMAC Melbourne 2005. Paul will present a lecture on *The treatment of gripping stomach pain with moxibustion - a case study* and a workshop on *The treatment of grade two ligament sprains with moxibustion - a case study*.

**Dr Damien Ryan:** Damien is Acting Head and Research Coordinator of the School of Health Sciences at Victoria University. His qualifications include a PhD, MMed(by research), DipAcu, and two BAs. Damien is a Member of the AJACM Editorial Board. He will co-present a workshop with AACMA Vice-President John Deare on *How to write case reports for the AJACM*.

**John Thompson:** John is a well-known local with passion for the theory and practice of acupuncture. John will be presenting a lecture on *Understanding East Asian thought: why westerners have difficulty making sense of traditional Chinese medicine* and a workshop on *Making Use of Classical Literature: A Study Group*.

**Dr Hong Xu:** Hong is Chinese medicine course coordinator at VU and a regular at AACMA conferences. Details of her presentation were being finalised at the time of printing.

**Yifan Yang:** Yifan Yang is a Lecturer at the Sydney Institute of TCM and a past Board Member of AACMA. He will present a workshop on *Case study on combination treatment of Chinese & Western medicine*.

#### ABSTRACTS SUBMITTED

In addition to the above keynote and invited speakers, the following abstracts had been received as of the date of printing.

**Clive Powell:** *Mistakes in practice: why so many practitioners fail in private practice* (lecture) and *Patient-Practitioner interaction: the implication for therapeutic outcomes* (workshop)

**Xiaoshu (Sue) Zhu 朱小纾** (UWS) *A randomised, double-blind, placebo controlled trial in the use of Chinese herbal medicine in the management of primary dysmenorrhoea in Australia*

**David S White** *An integrative approach to the treatment of spinal trauma* (lecture)

**Jianqiang (Sam) Feng** (RMIT) *The effect of acupuncture on temporal summation of pain in healthy humans: a randomised, controlled-study*

**Philip Strong** *Treating scar tissue using a modern adaptation of a classical needle* (lecture and workshop)

**Heather Bruce** *Using massage with acupuncture to improve outcomes* (workshop) and *Staring at the obvious - jing markers and fertility prognosis* (lecture)

**Belinda Anderson** (Pacific College of Oriental Medicine, USA) *In vitro fertilization and acupuncture: clinical efficacy and mechanistic basis*

**Qizhi Gao 高奇志** (International Institute of Oriental Medicine) *The efficacy of acupuncture combined with conventional multidisciplinary western rehabilitation - a randomized controlled trial*

**Shiu Hon Chui 崔紹漢** (Macau University of Science and Technology) *Antioxidant effects of a Chinese medicinal effervescent tablet used for activating blood and resolving blood stasis* (poster); *A panel study of the slimming effect of Slimpid on healthy subjects not obviously overweight* (poster); *Slimpid may boost plasma IGF-1 level and improve the quality of life in patients with risk of metabolic syndrome* (poster) and *A panel study of the quality of life in patients suffering from allergic rhinitis after treatment with a Chinese herbal nasal drop* (poster)

**Byeongsang Oh** (University of Sydney) *Brain-body interaction: randomized control trial of medical qigong (traditional Chinese medicine) for cancer patients*

**Christine Berle** (University of Technology, Sydney) *A methodological approach to convert a Western disease to TCM patterns of disharmony (bian zheng) - an assessment and re-evaluation/outcome tool*

**Greg Williams** *Five elements & three aspects/levels*

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