

The July/August 2015 Newsletter of The GP-TCM Research Association



Meeting Reports

1. The 14th Meeting of Consortium for Globalization of Chinese Medicine (CGCM) was held in University of Western Ontario (Western University), London, Ontario, Canada, on August 17-20, 2015. Pre-meeting Workshop and a Barbecue reception were held on 17th August. The meeting received 200 abstracts from all around the world, which were presented as posters. This was complemented by a series of oral presentation and discussion sessions, covering acupuncture, bioinformatics and omics, clinical studies, education, herbal resources, natural products, and polychemical activities and mechanistic studies.

The meeting was officially opened on the 18th, with welcome speeches delivered by Hon. Kathleen Wynne (Premier of Ontario), Hon. Ed Holder (Member of Parliament for London West, Minister of State (Science & Technology)), Hon. Susan Truppe (Member of Parliament for London North Centre), Hon. Deb Matthews (Member of Provincial Parliament for London North Centre), Matt Brown (Mayor of London), Prof. Yung-Chi Cheng (Chairman, CGCM), Prof. Michael J. Rieder (Chairman, CGCM 2015), Prof. Amit Chakma (President, Western University) and Dr. Margaret Steele (Acting Dean, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry).

The meeting provided an excellent platform for regulatory-industrial-academic exchanges and potential research collaborations on various frontiers of TCM. During the meeting, the Executive Council and the Advisory Board also met to discuss important businesses, including approval of new memberships and annual report, as well as reforms and future planning. As standing features, regional reports were received by all attendees on the 18th August and on the 20th, all session chairs or their representatives summarised outcomes of their discussions, and at the members-only session at the end of the meeting, it was announced that the 15th CGCM Annual Meeting will be held in Taipei, Taiwan, on August 22-25, 2016.

The scientific committee of the meeting was chaired by CGCM Chairman and GP-TCM RA Honorary Member Professor Yung-Chi Cheng. The meeting was attended by ~200 delegates, including GP-TCM RA Board Members Prof. Rudolf Bauer (Past-President of the GP-TCM RA and a CGCM Vice Chairman), Prof. Kelvin Chan and Prof. Vivian Wong. Dr. Qihe Xu (Newsletter Co-Editor), Prof. Wendy Hsiao (Life Member) and representatives of GP-TCM RA Corporate Members, such as Mr. Abraham Chan, Chairman of PuraPharm and Prof. Chuanjian Lu, Vice President of the Guangdong Provincial TCM Hospital, also attended the meeting with high spirits.

The meeting programme can be found here: http://conference.uwo.ca/cgcm/full_program.pdf

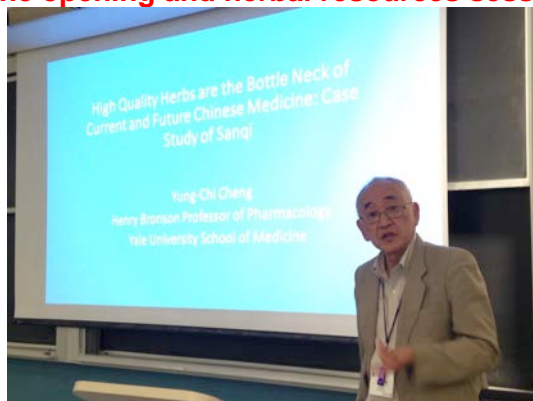
Meeting opened with a fantastic lion dance display and a series of VIP speeches.



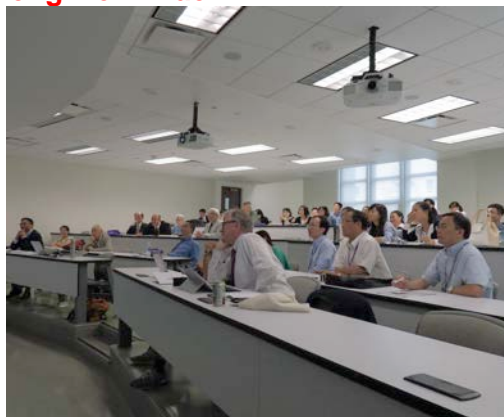
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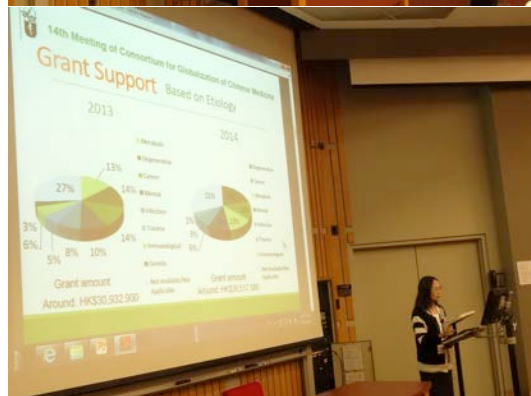
CGCM Chairman Professor Yung-Chi Cheng at the opening and herbal resources sessions.



A Herbal Resources session chaired by Prof. Zhongzhen Zhao.



Profs Rudolf Bauer, Vivian Wong, Qihe Xu @ Regional Reports chaired by Prof. Lixing Lao.



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Gala dinner at the London Convention Center.



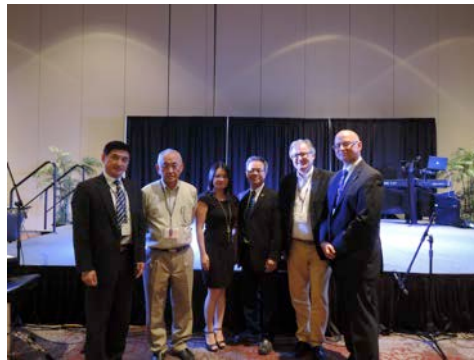
Performing arts and entertainment.



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Old and new friends met at the meeting.



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- Develop platform technologies required for advancing Chinese herbal Medicine by joint efforts.
- Facilitate the interaction and collaboration among different institutes in advancing Chinese herbal medicine by sharing information.
- Promote high quality research and development of Chinese herbal medicine internationally.
- Assist industry which is interested in developing Chinese herbal medicine products and regulatory agencies around the world.
- Bring Chinese herbal medicine into cornerstone for developing future medicine (West meets East).

For more information about CGCM, please visit: <http://www.tcmedicine.org/en/default.asp>

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