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# **Canadian Members**

- University of Western Ontario
- McMaster University
- University of Guelph
- University of Windsor
- Canadian Institute of Chinese Medicinal Research
- Ontario Ginseng Innovation and Research Consortium
- Global Institute of Computational Molecular and Materials Science





# Alberta College of Acupuncture & Traditional Chinese Medicine

# TCM in Canada

- Canada has a large and very successful Chinese-Canadian population
- As well, Canadians of all other backgrounds have great interest in TCM
- NHP regulations of H Canada do cover TCM products
- Canada has a number of active TCM programs including formal training programs and Provincial colleges to license and regulate TCM practice
- First Government-funded program at Humber College. Research mandate to follow the Science & technology theme. Advisory committee.



## **Medical Education**

- Curricular revision at many of the 17 Canadian medical schools underway
- At most schools this includes integration of CAM teaching as part of therapeutics teaching. McGill U, U Toronto, U Alberta, U Saskatchewan, U Ottawa, U Manitoba, Western U. However, TCM expertise is limited. On-line modules on Introduction to TCM in progress.
- CAMUME since 2003. Can Academic network for Integrative Health Education in progress.



# One Example

NEW ADVANCED NEUROFUNCTIONAL SPORTS PERFORMANCE SPECIALIST CURRICULUM: IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM DR. ALEJANDRO ELORRIAGA CLARACO



#### **Contemporary Medical Acupuncture Program**

**Neurofunctional Treatment of Pain and Dysfunction** 







### Research

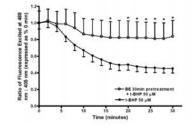
- Active research programs in research in herbal research and TCM at a number of partners
- Work using herbal medicines, herbal formula and acupuncture
- This includes Canada-China collaborations: U Manitoba, McMaster U, Western University
- There are joint funding opportunities





# **Antioxidant Project**

- One example; joint initiative between Western (Canada) and Fudan (China) to explore novel anti-antioxidants
- Work using baicalein, crocetin, transresveratrol or schisanhenol and two defined mixtures of these TCM phytochemicals



- Demonstration of protective effect in the context of hypersensitivity ADRs
  - J Pharm Pharm Sci 2015;18(4):661-82.
  - J Pharm Pharm Sci 2015;18(4):528-46.



- CICMR (founded in 2004)
  Memberships across Canada: academia & government (Canadian Centre for Agri-food Research in Health and Medicine, Winnipeg; NRC)
- Herbal medicines: e.g. American Ginseng, Rhodiola, Berberine, Coriolus Versicolor
- 中醫藥例子:西洋參(花旗參),紅景天,黃連素,雲芝
- Health benefits, quality and agriculture research.
- Regulatory aspects: ISO/TC249 Quality and safety of TCM.
- Addressing Challenges in the Assessment of Botanical Dietary Supplement Safety, NTP, NIH. April 2016. (identify bioactives and principles of similar)
- New direction: to engage the industry partners.
- Acupuncture: Dr Steven Aung, College of Integrative Medicine, U Alberta.



# Summary

- TCM research and education is alive and well in Canada
- The Canadian member institutes have developed focused and complementary expertise, although there are challenges.
- Canadian institutes are also actively working with international partners
- 谢谢 to our hosts in Taipei and we are looking forward to 2016-2017.



# Many Thanks to our colleagues in Taiwan from colleagues in Canada!



