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## **Academic Cooperation and Exchanges**

### **Acupuncture Standardization Forum Held**

(China News of Traditional Chinese Medicine Feb. 11th 2010) Acupuncture Standardization Forum is held in Tianjin University of Traditional Chinese Medicine on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Professor Shi Xuemin, academician for Chinese Academy of Engineering, says at the forum that CM standardization is complicated and that standards on acupuncture should be clinically feasible.

### **International Organizational Standards on Herbal Extract Granule under Formulation**

(Chinanews. com Feb.12th 2010) China starts to formulate international organizational standards on 300 kinds of herbal extract granule, with the purpose of standardizing name, place of origin, processing, and pesticide residue, etc. According to Professor Huang Jianyin, Vice-secretary of WFCMS, these standards cover two areas: processing technique and quality. Standards on processing technique target various new technologies, while standards on quality target name, place of origin, processing, properties, identification, inspection, extract measurement, heavy metal inspection, pesticide residue inspection, functions, dosage, specifications and storage etc.

### **China and Korea: Jointly Develop Chinese Herb Beverage**

(Takungpao Net Jan.29th 2010) Experts from Gansu University of TCM and

Dong-A University, South Korea, hold a meeting to discuss the possibility of developing Chinese herb beverage utilizing rich Chinese herb resources in Gansu province, China. A Jujube beverage development team is set up after the meeting.

### **Memorandum of Understanding Signed**

(YONHAP NEWS AGENCY Feb.3rd 2010)Memorandum of understanding on research, exchanges, and cooperation among Zhejiang University of Chinese Medicine, Probiotics materials Development Co., Ltd., and Zhejiang Korea Institute of Medical Research is signed on 3rd Feb. 2010. An academic conference themed Application of South Korea New Material of Bio-Conversion is convened at the same time.

According to the memorandum, joint research on fermented Korean medicine, drug development, pharmaceuticals, new technologies, and human resources development in the field of traditional medicine will be jointly conducted.

### **TCM lecture in the European Parliament**

(Takungpao Net Feb.3rd 2010) In the afternoon of February 2nd, 2010, A TCM lecture themed “My Health, My Rule”, is held in the European Parliament located in Brussels for the first time. This lecture is highly appraised by the audiences, who suggest that TCM be introduced around the world and benefit all human beings.

Prof. Li Feng, Doctoral Supervisor, and Vice President of School of Basic Medicine, Beijing University of Chinese Medicine, introduced the theory and practice of health

preservation of CM in 4 sections. More than 100 participants from the European Parliament and other international institutes joined the lecture, which lasted for about 1 hour with intermittent applause. After the lecture, about 30 audiences received the diagnosis and some treatments of TCM.

With the help of EU and Chinese Embassy to EU, these lectures become the first activity in the program of “Chinese New Year in the European Parliament”. Wang Xining, the counselor of Chinese Embassy to EU, says that it is the first time for TCM lecture to be held in the European Parliament.

### **Hong Kong: efforts to represent TCM in the Council**

A seminar on suggestions on Political Reforms in the field of CM is held by Hong Kong Registered Chinese Medicine Practitioners Association recently when President Feng Jiu suggest TCM seats be added in the council during the council conference 2012.

## **Chinese Medicine Abroad**

### **Australia: CM Federation Established**

(China News of Traditional Chinese Medicine Feb.2<sup>nd</sup> 2010) The first Australian CM Federation is established in Sydney on Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010. It enables the CM practitioners to communicate with relevant governmental departments in Australia, contributing to the formulation of policies and acts on drug sales, usage, and management by State Drug Administration, says Mr. Mike Smith, an official from State Drug Administration.

This federation is comprised of medicinal professionals from 20 such institutes as research academy, sales enterprises of Chinese medicinal, CM devices, acupuncture devices, and manufacture enterprises of Chinese medicinal.

### **Korea : Doctor Exams about to Change**

(Korean News Feb.19th 2010) Korean Exam Improvement Commission established during Chair meeting at Korea Medical University on July 2nd, 2009, publishes *Draft on Doctor Exams Improvement* at its sixth plenary meeting on Feb. 17th, 2010.

No unanimous opinions are reached on adding subject of acupuncture at this meeting.

### **Obvious Relieve of Postoperative Phantom Limb Pain by Mirror therapy**

(Xin Hua Net Feb.20<sup>th</sup> 2010)Most patients with limb amputation will suffer from phantom limb pain, which means that the patient feels pain from the amputated limb, as if it still existed. For many years, doctors failed to find an effective method to relieve the phantom limb pain. On February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Occupational Injured Hospital, affiliated to Medical School of Ruhr University Bochum declared that the new intervention, Mirror therapy, called by this hospital within last five years, could relieve the phantom limb pain effectively by helping patients neglect it.

It is believed in field of medical science that due to brain's wrong reflection to amputated limb, the patient will suffer phantom limb pain. Due to the limited curative effects and tremendous side effects, most of the patient failed to take medication continuously.

In this hospital, the patient will be asked to sit in front of the special mirror, which can hide the amputated limb so that only the sound limbs will be shown in the mirror. This mirror will give the patient visual illusion that the phantom limb still exists. The patient can have the subjective sensation that he can control and move the amputated limb by moving the sound limbs. This intervention can relieve the phantom limb pain by stimulating brain regulatory center.

During the last five years, more than 150 patients were treated with this special intervention. Most patients will feel the pain relieved obviously after several treatments, within which, the doctor will ask patients to do exercises by using some instruments such as massage ball etc.

Meyer said that, the greatest benefit of mirror therapy is no side effects; however, it should be done under the professional's guidance.

## **Chinese Medicine in Norway**

In the early 1970s, a physician named Bent from Oslo, the capital of Norway, came to WHO Collaborating Center, Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine to learn acupuncture. After returning to Oslo, he ran an acupuncture school, meanwhile established a long-term cooperative relationship with Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine. Annually, the acupuncture school sends a group of students to the collaborating center to learn acupuncture, Tuina, Chinese patent medicine, nutrition, foot therapy etc. for 3 months to one year. Each year, Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine will hold various acupuncture training courses in collaboration with Norway Acupuncture School by sending teaching staffs to Norway to introduce basic theory of Chinese Medicine. Also Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine has helped Norway

to train 4-year program acupuncturists. The candidates selected by Norway government, are firstly sent to department of Chinese Language, Nanjing Normal University to learn Chinese and then to Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine to learn acupuncture.

## **Working Newsletters of WFCMS**

### **French Counselor for Social Affairs Visits WFCMS**

On Feb 26th, 2010, Mrs. Elvire Aronica, French Counselor for Social Affairs, pays a visit to WFCMS and has an amicable meeting with Mr. Li Zhenji, Secretary-General, Mr. Jiang Zaizeng, Vice-secretary, and Mr. Zhang Xiangyong, director of Department of International Liaison and Information.

During the meeting, Mr. Li Zhenji introduces general categorization of TCM subjects and general situations of member associations of WFCMS in France. Mrs. Elvire Aronica spoke of the development status of CM in France and Sino-France governmental exchange and cooperation in the field of CM. Both express willingness to conduct exchange on CM. The ways and direction of exchange and cooperation are explored, and official contact is established, which lays a solid foundation for future exchange and cooperation.