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#### About WWWQ

**W**ang 望: inspection **W**en 闰: listening & smelling

Wen 问: inquiry Qie 切: palpation

# The ATCMS Work Report

On June 19, 2011, ATCMS successfully held our summer academic activity. We invited Professor Yanmei Li, an expert of TCM-neurologist from Henan TCM College, China, to lecture on TCM & Acupuncture Therapies for Challenge CNS Diseases. There were more than 100 members and professional colleagues attended the seminar. On the seminar, Prof. Li used the simple way to discuss in depth how to diagnose and treat The Stubborn Headache, Parkinsonism, and Cerebral Stroke with TCM and Acupuncture. She shared with the audience her own knowledge and clinical experiences in this professional field. The brilliant lecture largely benefited our colleagues, and received excellent comments.

Our fall academic activity will be held on Sept. 11 at La Guardia Sheraton, Flushing. Mr. Michael Taromina, a well-known attorney at law will come to lecture on the issues of Professional Ethics, Liability & Risk in TCM & Acupuncture. This subject is required by NCCAOM as PDA credits. ATCMS will hold lecture on this issue every 2 to 3 years to comply with the requests from many members who need to have their status re-certificated.

In order to activate our members' leisure life and to strengthen their mutual communications, our Department of Members' Benefits organized an one-day summer activity on July 10. More than 50 members with their family took the bus to Montauk, the eastern tip of Long Island, NY to climb up the old lighthouse, to stroll along the beach, to visit grape winery and to shop at Tangers Outlet on the way back. For details please refer to our newsletter.

Our Standing Board and Supervision Committee also met on June 19. The meeting decided to jointly hold "Photo Exhibition on American Acupuncture: 1971-2011" with TCM schools in China and other related organizations. Our purpose is to further people's understanding of the current situation of Acupuncture in the U.S.A. as well as how it was developed in the past 40 years. We are also making efforts to hold in New York a preview activity of the same subject by end of this year. The substantial work will be underway in the near future. Presently, through the effort of Dr. Yongming Li, more than 200 graphical materials have been collected to serve the purpose. We wish our members would actively participate in this pictorial activity. Those who have the pictorial collections of the history of Acupuncture in the U.S.A. will be welcomed to share with us what they have. For details please refer to the notice in our newsletter.

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## **Introduction of ATCMS Autumn Seminar on September 11, 2011**

American TCM Society would like to announce that we will be holding a seminar, Professional Ethics, Liability & Risk in TCM & Acupuncture, on Sunday, September 11, 2011 at Sheraton Hotel Garnet Room in Flushing, Queens. The seminar will start at 12:00PM and finish at 4:30PM. The seminar will be giving in English. 4 PDA (Professional Development Activity) points required by NCCAOM is available for attendees.

Our speaker, Michael Taromina, Esq., is one of the foremost experts in acupuncture and Oriental Medicine law and ethics. For over a decade he has litigated, educated, advocated and authored for the advancement and protection of the AOM profession in the United States. During his career Mr. Taromina has lectured before government officials, state regulators, practitioners, attorneys, vendors and students across the country and overseas. Mr. Taromina is the Chair of National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine's Professional Ethics and Disciplinary Committee. In 2006 he codrafted NCCAOM's Code of Ethics and Grounds for Discipline and has personally overseen the adjudication of hundreds of acupuncture misconduct cases from all over the country. Michael is a Public Member and Legal Counsel to the Board of Directors of the American Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (AAAOM), and a legal counsel to the New York State Acupuncture Coalition (NYSAC) and Acupuncture Society of New York (ASNY) where has served an integral role in the drafting and lobbying effort to amend the New York State Acupuncture statute. He is also the legal advisor to the TCM World Foundation and Chinese Medical Science Foundation.

This lecture will mean to be highly intellectual and practical. You are welcome to participate with us.

(Academic Sub-Committee & Secretariat)

# Call for Photos Photo Exhibition on American Acupuncture: 1971-2011

American TCMS Society (ATCMS) is planning to have a special photo exhibition to celebrate the 40 years history of American acupuncture. Now, the organizing committee calls for photo contributions from ATMCS members and non-members.

#### 1. Content requirements:

Acupuncture related photos with historical significances on prominent figures and stories are all welcome. Color and black & white photos as well as illustrations are all acceptable. A short legend should be provided for each photo or illustration.

#### 2. Format:

Digital files of high resolution photos with legends should be submitted in common format (Word, Adobe, JPEG) to following e-mail address. Individual digital file should be less than 10 MB and a legend should be less than 500 words. Real name and contact information (e-mail, phone number and address) are required.

#### 3. Reviewing process:

The organizing committee will review all submitted works and those meet the requirements of this exhibition will be considered as final displays. The committee will contact submitting authors for details.

4. Deadline: October 31, 2011

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Further announcement: www.ATCMS.org

## Photo Exhibition on American Acupuncture: 1971-2011

**Organizer:** American Traditional Chinese Medicine Society (ATCMS)

**Background:** On July 26, 1971, James Reston, a reporter of the New York Times, published an article about his personal acupuncture experience in Beijing. The paper was later recognized as a landmark for the start of "acupuncture fever" in the United States, and subsequently in all western countries. After 40 years' efforts of many people from both East and West, acupuncture has become a legalized medical profession in the US and helped thousands of Americans who suffer from pains and other illness. The successful journey of Chinese acupuncture to America is regarded as an exceptional example of culture exchanges between modern countries and ancient civilizations. To commemorate acupuncture fever, illustrate key historic events in the 40 years history of American acupuncture, and educate the public about the past and current acupuncture therapies, ATCMS plans to hold a photo exhibition in the later part of 2011. ATCMS is non-profit organization based in New York City and is willing to work with institutes, libraries, museums, conferences, individuals, and other venues to make this event successful.

**Goal:** To educate public and medical professionals about acupuncture journey to America, key historical events, acupuncture publicity, and stories in Sino-American culture exchanges.

Time: September to December, 2011

Place: Institutes, libraries, museums, conferences, and other venues in the US and China.

**Content:** 50 to 100 photos and illustrations in white or color prints. The exhibiting information and photos are mainly from the collections of Dr. Yong Ming Li, who is a scholar in the history of American acupuncture and a founding member of ATCMS.

#### **Management:**

- 1. This is a non-profit exhibition and ATCMS will not make any profit or income from this event.
- 2. Photo prints or digital images with legends in English and Chinese will be provided by ATCMS.
- 3. Venues or co-organizers will provide appropriate gallery or exhibiting spaces, management, security, advertisement, and other exhibiting supports.
- 4. All photos and exhibiting items will be returned to the provider after exhibition.
- 5. The provider will consider to donate selected items for permanent exhibitions at certain museums or institutes.
- 6. Details not mentioned above will be discussed with individual venues.

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### **Acupuncture Research News in Brief**

Cost-Effectiveness of Acupuncture Care as an Adjunct to Exercise-Based Physical Therapy for Osteoarthritis of the Knee. Physical Therapy (PHYS THER), 2011 May; 91(5): 630-41

Effect of Acupuncture on Rats with Acute Gouty Arthritis Inflammation:: A Metabonomic Method for Profiling of Both Urine and Plasma Metabolic Perturbation.

American Journal of Chinese Medicine (AM J CHINESE MED), 2011; 39(2): 287-300

Meta-Analysis of Scalp Acupuncture for Acute Hypertensive Intracerebral Hemorrhage.

Journal of Alternative & Complementary Medicine (J ALTERN COMPLEMENT MED), 2011 Apr; 17(4): 293-9

Effects of Acupuncture at Sanyinjiao (SP6) on Prostaglandin Levels in Primary Dysmenorrhea Patients.

CLIN J PAIN, 2011 Mar-Apr; 27(3): 258-61

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#### **ATCMS Autumn Seminar Announcement**

**Date & Time:** Sunday, September 11, 2011, 12:00am—4:30pm

Location:

Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel, 1st Floor (Garnet Room) 135-20 39th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11354

**Topics & Speaker:** 

NCCAOM required Course:

Professional Ethics, Liability & Risk In TCM & Acupuncture

Michael Taromina, Attorney at Law

Language & PDA Credit: English; NCCAOM 4 PDA/CEU

Fees: ATCMS member (who has paid for 2011' membership fee): \$40,

Student with ID: \$40, Other: \$80

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