

Wednesday 4th July Royal Botanic Gardens Kew

Keynote lecture **De-an Guo** (Shanghai Institute of Materia Medica, CAS, China)
“To provide an overview of the challenges and opportunities facing TCM”

Session: Introduction of Special Interest Groups of GP-TCM RA

Gerhard Franz Chair of Regulatory Aspects Special Interest Group
Kelvin Chan Chair of Quality Control Special Interest Group
Pierre Duez Chair of the Pharmacology and Toxicology Special Interest Group
Nicky Robinson Chair of Acupuncture Special Interest Group
Zhaoxiang Bian Chair of Clinical Studies Special Interest Group
Rob Verpoorte Chair of Publication Special Interest Group

Lunchtime workshop: “How to write a good scientific paper for publication?”

Rob Verpoorte & Thomas Efferth

Session: Regulatory Aspects Special Interest Group - Can we integrate the regulations for TCM in the West and East – and if not, why not?

Keynote speaker **Mei Wang** (Leiden University, The Netherlands)
“Challenge and opportunity for TCM in Europe”

Speakers **Chen Xie** (The Institute of Medicinal Plant Development (IMPLAD), China)
Title TBC
Linda Anderson (Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency, UK)
Title TBC

GP-TCM RA Annual General Meeting

Thursday 5th July Royal Botanic Gardens Kew

Session: A celebration of Li Shizhen’s birth in 1518

Keynote speaker **Zhongzhen Zhao** (Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong)
“Materia Medica: From Li Shizhen to now and our future”

Session: Pharmacology and Toxicology Special Interest Group - Is there a difference between pharmacology and toxicology or is it a matter of dose?

Keynote speaker **Clara Lau** (The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)
“New concept of ‘good practice’ on pharmacological research – exploration of beneficial herb-drug combined efficacies”

Speakers **Gert Lakeman** (KU Leuven, Belgium)
“Safety Pharmacology of Herbal Products”
Andreas Bender (Cambridge University, UK)
“Applications of chemogenomics to the study of pharmacology and toxicology of medicinal plants”

Session: Quality Control Special Interest Group: From traditional “dry herbs” to granules to what are the quality control challenges and how do we deal with them?

Keynote speaker **Pang-Chui Shaw** (The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)
“Use of DNA techniques in the identification of granule extracts”

Speakers	Jian-Hua Miao (Guangxi Botanic Garden of Medicinal Plants, China) “Introducing Medicinal Plants 4.0” Shao-Ping Li (University of Macau, Macau) “Quality control of polysaccharides from medicinal plants and fungi”
Session: Conservation and sustainable supply - Can demand be met?	
Keynote speaker	Christine Leon (Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, UK) “Conserving TCM plant quality and supply – an overview for the long-term”
Speaker	Cheng Peng (Chengdu University of TCM, China) “Construction of National Chinese Medicinal Plant Germplasm Repository”
Session: From plants to products: Can the scientific community help and if so how?	
Speaker	Abraham Chan – (PuraPharm, Hong Kong) Title TBC

Friday 6th July London South Bank University	
Session: Acupuncture - The importance of International Collaborations	
Keynote speaker	Stephen Birch (The Japanese Acupuncture Center, The Netherlands) “The effectiveness of acupuncture: evidence of extensive real-world clinical interpretations and applications”
Speakers	Mark Bovey (British Acupuncture Council, UK) “An overview of UK acupuncture research” Fan Qu (Zhejiang University, China) “Use of Chinese Medicine in treating gynaecological disorders” Myeong Soo Lee (Korea Institute of Oriental Medicine, South Korea) “Acupuncture in sham device controlled trials may not be as effective as acupuncture in clinical practice: a preliminary network meta-analysis” Ian Appleyard (London South Bank University, UK) “Acupuncture and the placebo”
Session: Clinical studies “What evidence do we need to show they work?”	
Keynote speakers	Aiping Lu (Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong) “Disease diagnosis in western medicine and pattern classification in Chinese medicine: integration and beyond” Lixing Lao (The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong) “Challenges and opportunities in Chinese medicine clinical trials”
Speakers	Peter Fisher (Royal London Hospital for Integrated Medicine, UCL, UK) “Providing integrated medicine NHS services” Martin Logue (University of Southampton, UK) “Trials and Tribulations of Conducting UK Herbal Medicine Trials”