

Programme for Pre-meeting: Interest Group Discussions

Monday, 8 August 2016

14:00 – 18:00	5/F, AAB	Registration
15:30 – 18:00	AAB 502	<u>Quality Control Interest Group</u> <i>Chairpersons: Prof. Kelvin CHAN; Prof. Yuan-Shiun CHANG</i>
		Report and discussion on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview on Progress of the QCIG with Future Focus on Aqueous Granules and Composite Formulae (Fufang), Prof. Kelvin CHAN• Overall QC of TCM Products in Taiwan, Prof. Yuan-Shiun CHANG• Phytoequivalence of Commercial Granules with the Corresponding TCM Herbal Drug and Decoctions Made Of, Prof. Gerhard FRANZ• Progress of QC Requirement of Herbal Products Prescribed by CM Practitioners in the UK, Prof. Monique SIMMONDS
		<u>Pharmacology and Toxicology Interest Group</u> <i>Chairperson: Prof. Pierre DUEZ</i>
		Report and discussion on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. Pierre DUEZ: "Overview on Progress of the Pharmacology-toxicology interest group"• Dr. Jian-ye ZHANG: "TCM as Treasure for Anticancer Drugs Discovery"• Prof. Valérian BUNEL, Prof. Pierre DUEZ: "Interactions of herbal extracts with drugs: possible mechanisms"• Prof. Kelvin CHAN: on interactions
		<u>Regulatory Aspects Interest Group</u> <i>Chairpersons: Prof. Tai-Ping FAN; Dr. Emiel VAN GALEN</i>
		Report and discussion on: <p>Regulatory Aspects (To be confirmed)</p>
15:30 – 18:00	AAB 504	<u>Clinical Studies Interest Group</u> <i>Chairpersons: Prof. Ai-Ping LU; Prof. Jing-Yan Han</i>

Report and discussion on:

Clinical trials are a key research tool for advancing Chinese medicine (CM). Although clinical trials of CM are emerging, a large number have deficiencies in design, conduct, analysis, presentation, and/or interpretation of results. Improvements have occurred over the past few decades, but too many trials are still conducted without adequate attention to its operating procedure, especially some essential characteristics of CM that influence the efficacy evaluation. Certainly, numerous studies could have been upgraded if the investigators had had a better understanding of standard operating procedure in good clinical research practice for CM (SOPGCRP-CM).

Consequently, Good Practice in Traditional Chinese Medicine (GP-TCM) may issue a SOPGCRP-CM on the recommendation of a clinical practice of the institute. In the pre-meeting interest group discussion section, we hope to discuss fundamental concepts in improving the quality of clinical trials of CM with examples from investigators' experience and the literature. And, the SOPGCRP-CM drafting group members must present an outline to council with an explanatory memorandum which:

- I. explains how and why the SOPGCRP-CM has been developed;
- II. confirms that the SOPGCRP-CM drafting committee has properly consulted with relevant and interested members of GP-TCM and external experts;
- III. discusses the extent to which the SOPGCRP-CM represents generally accepted clinical practices and techniques;
- IV. confirms that the outline of SOPGCRP-CM has been drafted.

Acupuncture – Moxibustion and Meridians Interest Group

Chairpersons: Prof. Nicola ROBINSON; Prof Jian-Ping LIU

Report by Prof. Jian-Ping LIU; Prof. Myeong Soo LEE

Discussion on:

- What are the evidence gaps for acupuncture – how can these be identified?
- What is the importance of mechanism studies – new theories and suggested mechanisms?
- Is the evidence for acupuncture strong enough – what trial design/ methodologies?
- Does evidence reflect TCM theories?
- How should evidence be disseminated – education, CPD, revalidation?
- How does this impact on patient care internationally?
- Is evidence relevant to practice – for the patient/practitioner?
- Does evidence influence implementation?
- Is there bias in the selection of evidence used in guidelines and policy and why?

18:30 – 21:00

Welcome Dinner and GP-TCM Research Association Board Meeting (by Invitation Only)