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i The 14th Annual Meeting of GP-TCM RA

The 14th Annual Meeting of The Good Practice in Traditional Chinese Medicine Research Association was successfully held in Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore from July 7 to 9, 2026. This year, the Annual Meeting was hosted by Prof. Linda Zhong. As a general practice, the Board of Directors (BoD), coming from different parts of the world, took the opportunity to hold a face-to-face BoD meeting on the afternoon of July 6. During this meeting, BoD members, together with the chairs and co- chairs of the 7 Interest Groups participated, and several items were

discussed, including the future development of GP-TCM RA. The 2-hour BoD meeting was followed by a dinner gathering.



1) Photos taken during the dinner gathering





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The three-day Annual Meeting took place at the School of Biological Sciences inside Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, with the theme “Bridging East and West: Global Collaboration in Integrative Medicine”. A total of over 210 participants from across the world attended the conference, with 77 abstract submission and poster presentations.

On day 1, the Annual Meeting officially opened with a welcome speech by Dr. Mei Wang, President of GP-TCM RA, followed by welcome remarks by Prof. Lidan Zhong, host of the meeting, and Prof. Kanaga Sabapathy, Chair of the School of Biological Sciences at NTU, where the meeting was held. Dr. Ho Pin Teo, Chairman of the TCM Practitioners Board, then delivered an address as the Guest of Honour. The opening ceremony was followed by a group photo, marking the beginning of a stimulating three-day scientific programme.

The first keynote speech was delivered by Prof. Alberto Carlos Pires Dias from the University of Minho, Portugal, on the relevance of edible and medicinal plants as neuroprotective agents. This was followed by the second keynote speech, delivered by Dr. Ting Bao from the Leonard P. Zakim Center for Integrative Therapies and Healthy Living, USA, on the past, present and future of integrative oncology.

The first Interest Group session of the meeting was Publication, chaired by Prof. Myeong Soo Lee and Prof. De-An Guo. The session focused on international standards and good practice guidelines in traditional, complementary and integrative medicine, open science practices and predatory publishing risks, as well as the role of academic journals in promoting high-quality research, including Evidence-Based Chinese Medicine and Technology Assessment, World Journal of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Perspectives on Integrative Medicine and Integrative Medicine Research.

In the afternoon, Interest Group 2 – Pharmacology & Toxicology was chaired by Prof. Clara Bik-San Lau and Prof. Lie-Fen Shyur. The session covered pharmacological target identification and chemical biology research of bioactive components from traditional Chinese medicine, natural products and neuroprotection, and antipruritic TCM research. A panel discussion on integrative pharmacology and toxicology was then held, bringing together speakers and experts for further discussion.

The final scientific session of Day 1 was Interest Group 3 – Regulatory Aspects & Industry, chaired by Dr. Liping Qu and Mr. Abraham Chan. Presentations addressed sustainable Chinese medicine supply chains, analytical method validation for TCM industrial applications, regulatory application of human-use experience in TCM product research and development, and the development of an international B2B trading platform for Chinese Materia Medica. Day 1 concluded with the conference dinner, which provided a warm and informal setting for participants to continue discussions and strengthen professional connections.



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Day 1 concluded with the conference dinner. Gifts from Dr. Simon James Jackson and Davines Group (the host of the next annual meeting) were given to all dinner participants, which provided a warm and informal setting for participants to continue discussions and strengthen professional connections.



(2) Photo of Dr. Mei Wang during the opening remark



(3) Photo of Prof. Lidan Zhong during the opening remark



(4) The group photo.



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(4) The group photo.



5) Keynote Speech 1 – Prof. Alberto Carlos Pires Dias



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(6) Keynote Speech 2 – Dr. Ting Bao

Day 2 began with Interest Group 4 – Clinical Studies, chaired by Prof. Lidan Zhong. The session included presentations on the clinical efficacy evaluation of Tuina combined with medicated oil massage in treating non-specific low back pain, reporting quality and risk of bias in clinical trials, and a translational study on the gut-to-lung axis in treating obesity using *Panax Notoginseng*.

This was followed by Interest Group 5 – Clinical Practice Guidelines, chaired by Dr. Chris Kam Wa Chan and Dr. Wendy Wong. The session discussed major interventions in clinical practice guidelines for major depressive disorder, the development and application of integrated traditional Chinese medicine interventions for insomnia disorders, and the use of high-quality real-world evidence for TCM clinical decision-making.

During lunch, an Early Career Participants Lunch Gathering with Dr. Mei Wang (President) and Prof. Simon Lee (Secretary General and President-Elect of GP-TCM). Dr. Mei Wang took this opportunity to introduce GP-TCM RA to the students and young researchers and each early career participant had the opportunity to introduce themselves and provide feedback on how GP-TCM RA could facilitate their research career development.

The GP-TCM RA AGM 2026 was held in the afternoon. Dr. Mei Wang presented the President's report, introducing the objectives and mission of GP-TCM RA, the latest membership statistics and the online workshops and other achievement of GP-TCM RA in 2026 followed by Prof. Simon Lee then presented the Secretary-General's report. Mr. George He (Treasurer) and Prof. Tai-Ping Fan (Past Treasurer) presented the Treasurer report. During the AGM, Dr. Mei Wang announced that the 15th Annual Meeting would be held at Parma in Italy on 27-29 July, 2027.



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After the AGM, the third keynote speech was delivered by Prof. Ghassan Karam from the World Health Organization, Switzerland. Entitled “Improving global transparency in clinical trials,” the keynote addressed the importance of transparency, accountability and international standards in clinical trial registration and reporting.

Day 2 concluded with Interest Group 6 – Acupuncture-Moxibustion and Meridians, chaired by Prof. Jianping Liu. The session explored the TCM community model as a cross-cultural framework through global scientific exchange, methodological challenges in the design of acupuncture trials, the current evidence level in acupuncture research, and the effects and mechanisms of acupuncture on circadian rhythm.



(7) Early career participants lunch gathering





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(8) AGM



(9) Keynote Speech 3 - Prof. Ghassan Karam



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Day 3 began with Interest Group 7 – Quality Control, chaired by Prof. Rudolf Bauer. The session highlighted machine learning and chemometric methods for high-throughput authentication of Chinese herbs using ATR-FTIR fingerprints, extent similarity assessment for quantitative fingerprinting of herbal medicinal products, and the development and application of artificial intelligence in the quality control of traditional Chinese medicine.

Selected abstracts were then presented in two-minute flash poster presentations, chaired by Prof. Pierre Duez and Prof. Tai-Ping Fan. The poster session provided a lively platform for students and researchers to present their latest findings, exchange ideas and receive feedback from international experts.

The fourth keynote speech was delivered by Prof. Jing Jih Chin from the National Healthcare Group, Singapore, entitled “Combining the best of traditional Chinese & Western medicine: Are we ready?” The lecture further echoed the meeting theme by encouraging reflection on the integration of traditional Chinese medicine and Western medicine in modern healthcare.

The meeting continued with the awards presentation, chaired by Dr. Mei Wang and Mr. George He. During the Award presentation. Three Travel Awards were given to the top three submitted abstracts by students, and book awards will be presented to the presenters of the top 10 selected abstracts. In addition, the Poster Awards (sponsored by The Hung Chi Ching Charitable Fund) were given out as 1st prize 2nd prize and 3rd prize to the awardees. Finally, at the closing ceremony, GP-TCM RA President Dr. Mei Wang thanked the host Prof. Lidan Zhong and the Conference Organising Team at NTU for hosting this year Annual Meeting. Dr. Simon James Jackson, the host of the 15th GP-TCM RA annual meeting were also invited to present the resources and facilities in Parma, Italy for organizing the Annual Meeting in 2027.



(10) Keynote Speech 4 - Prof. Jing Jih Chin



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(11) Award ceremony

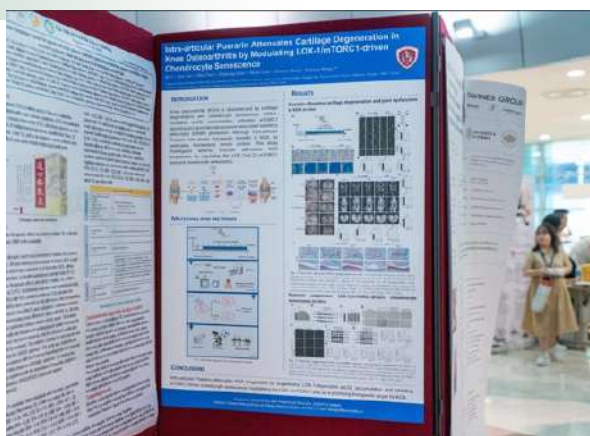


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(11) Award ceremony



(12) Photos showing the poster presentations and tea breaks & exhibition booths





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(13) Closing remarks





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Overall, the 14th Annual Meeting of GP-TCM RA in Singapore provided an inspiring platform for scientific exchange, professional networking and international collaboration. Through keynote lectures, Interest Group sessions, poster presentations, the AGM and social activities, the meeting further strengthened the global GP-TCM RA community and its shared commitment to promoting good practice, scientific excellence and innovation in traditional Chinese medicine research.

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i Closing Remarks from the President of the GP-TCM Research Association



Congratulations on the successful 14th GP-TCM Research Association Annual Conference. I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly inspiring and rewarding gathering.



From 7–9 July at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, we shared new scientific insights, exchanged ideas across disciplines and cultures, and explored innovative approaches to advancing Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and integrative medicine. We were honoured to welcome an outstanding group of keynote speakers who presented on cutting-edge and globally relevant topics, including medicinal plants as neuroprotective agents from Portugal, integrative oncology from the USA, improving transparency in clinical trials in collaboration with the WHO, and the integration of traditional Chinese and Western medicine from Singapore. In addition, our seven Interest Groups delivered a rich and highly interactive programme of workshops, further strengthening scientific exchange and collaboration throughout the conference. We enjoyed outstanding presentations, engaging discussions, strengthened existing partnerships, and created new opportunities for future collaboration.

This year's theme, **"Bridging East and West: Global Collaboration in Integrative Medicine,"** was reflected not only in our scientific programme but also in the spirit of the conference. We witnessed how researchers, clinicians, educators, regulators, and industry partners from around the world can come together with a shared purpose: to improve human health through rigorous science, innovation, and mutual respect. The challenges facing global healthcare are significant, but so are the opportunities. As populations continue to age and healthcare systems seek more effective, preventive, and patient-centred approaches, the contribution of evidence-based TCM and integrative medicine is becoming increasingly important. Our collective responsibility is to continue generating high-quality evidence, strengthening international cooperation, and ensuring that our work delivers meaningful benefits for patients, healthcare systems, and society. I am particularly encouraged by the strong participation of early-career researchers and students at this conference. They represent the future of our field, and their enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment give us great confidence for the years ahead.



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On behalf of the GP-TCM Research Association, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all speakers, session chairs, presenters, sponsors, exhibitors, and participants for their valuable contributions. My special thanks go to Professor Linan Zhong and her team at Nanyang Technological University, as well as the local organising committee, for their outstanding support, hospitality, and dedication in making this conference a great success.

Although this meeting is coming to an end, the conversations and collaborations developed here should continue long after we return home. I encourage you to stay connected, build new partnerships, and transform the ideas discussed here into future research projects, publications, innovations, and practical healthcare solutions. Together, we are building a stronger scientific foundation for TCM and integrative medicine and contributing to a healthier future for people around the world.

Before we conclude, I am delighted to announce that **the 15th GP-TCM Research Association Annual Conference will be held in Parma, Italy, in 2027**. We look forward to welcoming you there and continuing this important journey together.

Thank you for your participation, friendship, and commitment to our shared mission.





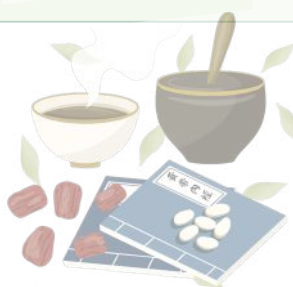
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The Annual Meeting of the Experimental Pharmacological Branch of China Association of Chinese Medicine (EPBCACM) 2026 was Held in Nanning

From June 11 to 14, 2026, the "Annual Meeting of the Experimental Pharmacological Branch of China Association of Chinese Medicine (EPBCACM) 2026" was held in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China. The conference was hosted by CACM and co-organized by EPBCACM and Guangxi University of Chinese Medicine. The theme of the conference was "Upholding Heritage and Innovating by Empowering with Digital Intelligence – High-Quality Development and New Drug Development in Experimental Pharmacology of Chinese Materia Medica." Experts and scholars from across the country attended the event.



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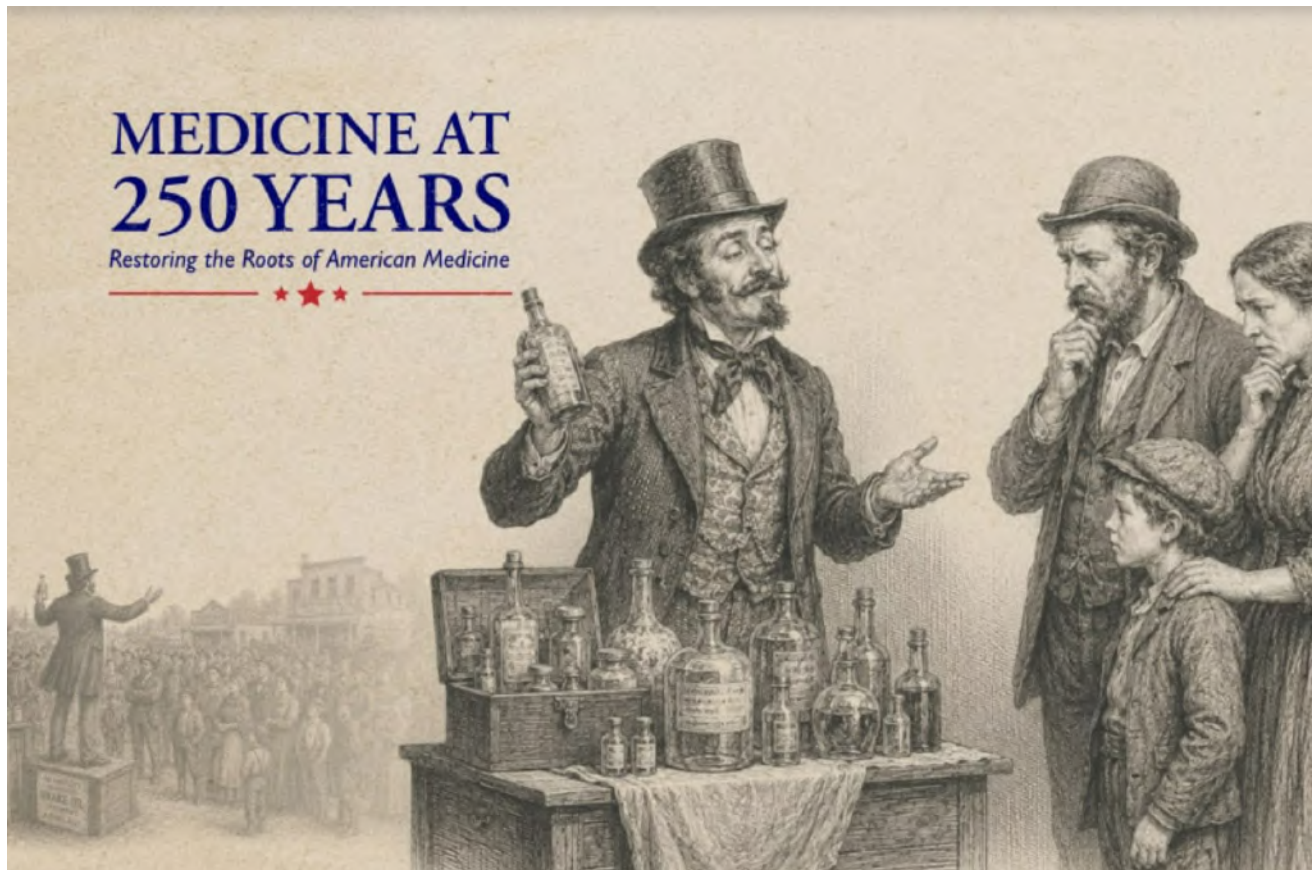
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This blog by Lynne Kristensen, Senior Director of Communications & International Fellowship Program, Independent Medical Alliance, traces the arc of American medicine from 19th-century patent medicines to the modern pharmaceutical industry—and the parallels are striking.

The article examines how patient vulnerability has consistently been exploited for profit, whether through morphine-laced "soothing syrups" for infants or aggressively marketed opioids that minimized addiction risks. It also highlights an uncomfortable irony: the term "snake oil" originated from a legitimate traditional Chinese remedy before becoming shorthand for medical fraud.

Please see link below for full article.

<https://imahealth.org/from-snake-oil-to-big-pharma-the-long-battle-between-fraud-innovation-regulation-and-profit/>

Traditional Chinese Medicine During the Yan'an Period | Li Dingming: Striving to "Make Chinese Medicine Scientific and Western Medicine Chinese"



Traditional Chinese medicine is an important force in safeguarding the health of the people. During the Yan'an period, despite the severe shortage of medical personnel and medicines, the Communist Party of China attached great importance to traditional Chinese medicine and advocated cooperation between Chinese and Western medicine. It not only organized medical workers to collect medicinal herbs and prepare medicines, but also introduced cooperative healthcare services and medical outreach to rural areas, significantly advancing public health in the border region.

Today, the development of traditional Chinese medicine is not only an important component of the Healthy China strategy, but also a vivid embodiment of the Party's commitment to its original aspiration and mission. On the occasion of the 105th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China, we are launching a special column entitled "Traditional Chinese Medicine During the Yan'an Period." Through historical accounts of the Party's leadership in developing traditional Chinese medicine during that period, the column draws inspiration from the Yan'an Spirit, upholds a people-centered approach, and promotes the preservation, innovation, and development of traditional Chinese medicine, enabling this treasure of ancient Chinese science to flourish with vitality in the new era.

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Use of traditional medicine must follow evidence of efficacy and safety

The BRICS economies, including India and China, committed to further collaboration to integrate traditional medicine in healthcare, at a meeting in May 2026. The meeting was held by India's Ministry of Ayush (ayurveda, yoga and naturopathy, unani, siddha, and homeopathy). Globally, interest in complementary and alternative medicine (CAM)—that is, unproved, non-standard interventions—is surging, with the market projected to reach \$359bn by 2032.¹

In December 2025, a multilateral declaration endorsed the World Health Organization's Global Traditional Medicine Strategy 2025-2034, aiming for “universal access to safe, effective” traditional medicine.^{2 3} This proposes integrating CAM into national health systems and universal health coverage through strengthening evidence, tightening safety regulation, expanding workforce, and building a global library of traditional knowledge.²

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Herbs go hip: Creative TCM products a big hit with young people

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1. PhD in Molecular Mechanics of Plant Ion Channels at University of Glasgow, UK

- **Description:** This project aims to understand the molecular mechanics of clustering and gating in plant ion channels, which are crucial for their activity in eukaryotic membranes.
- **Requirements:** Bachelor's or Master's degree in a relevant field, strong background in molecular biology, biochemistry, or related disciplines.
- **Application Deadline:** Open until filled.
- **Contact Information:** Applications are accepted year-round. For more details, visit the University of Glasgow website @ <https://www.gla.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/plantscience/>





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- Jobs4Biotech : Mainly posts research opportunities in France.

- Research Gate : <https://www.researchgate.net/>
- Academia.edu : <https://www.academia.edu/>
- ORCID : <https://orcid.org/>



Postgraduate Opportunities

Opportunities in Europe

Europe offers a wealth of postgraduate opportunities, known for their high-quality education, diverse research programs, and numerous funding options. Many European countries provide international students with affordable or even free education, along with a multicultural environment that fosters innovation and collaboration.

Belgium

80 PhD jobs in Belgium - Academic Positions is to find PhD opportunities in Belgium.

<https://academicpositions.com/jobs/position/phd/country/belgium>

University of Mons (UMONS) : Select a PhD/Post-Doc topic - Université de Mons (umons.ac.be) is to find a PhD or a Post-Doc in UMONS.

<https://web.umons.ac.be/en/recherche/le-doctorat/search-a-thesis-topic/>



France

PhD in France - Subjects (PhD, Master's & Postdoc training) (campusfrance.org) is to find a PhD in France

<https://doctorat.campusfrance.org/en/phd/offers>

Switzerland

23 Postdoc jobs in Switzerland - Academic Positions

<https://academicpositions.com/jobs/position/post-doc/country/switzerland>

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Freely Accessible Learning Material

Interesting articles

An Introduction to Statistics: Choosing the Correct Statistical Test (ijccm.org) :

This article provides a comprehensive overview of the myriad factors that influence the choice of a statistical test and identifies several statistical tests that are commonly utilized in practical application.

- <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC8327789/>

Writing a scientific article: A step-by-step guide for beginners - ScienceDirect:
A guide for beginner to write a scientific article

- <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S1878764915001606>

What every new reviewer should know about peer review: workshop hosted by the SAJS

- <https://www.assaf.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/3-What-every-new-reviewer-should-know-about-peer-review.pdf>

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Online learning Platforms

Functional Metabolomics Lab - YouTube : YouTube channel that upload summer schools, seminars and workshops on Metabolomics

- <https://www.youtube.com/@functionalmetabolomics/videos>

(Galaxy Training! (galaxyproject.org)) : A platform designed for on-site education and training in bioinformatics, omics, and other related areas is available.

Link to Galaxy (usegalaxy.eu) which is a scientific workflow, data integration, and persistence and publishing platform for computational biology. It aims to provide research scientists who do not have programming experience with access to computational biology. The platform offers a multi-omics treatment solution.





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Global Studies

Useful tools/databases for natural products datamining

Reactome (<https://reactome.org/>)

- Visualization of metabolic pathways
- Allows identification of active substances acting on a pathology (with metabolic pathway diagram)
- Easy visualization of protein-protein interactions
- For drugs, provides links to "Guide to Pharmacology," which contains precise pharmacology data

Reference:

Marija Milacic, Deidre Beavers, Patrick Conley, Chuqiao Gong, Marc Gillespie, Johannes Griss, Robin Haw, Bijay Jassal, Lisa Matthews, Bruce May, Robert Petryszak, Eliot Ragueneau, Karen Rothfels, Cristoffer Sevilla, Veronica Shamovsky, Ralf Stephan, Krishna Tiwari, Thawfeek Varusai, Joel Weiser, Adam Wright, Guanming Wu, Lincoln Stein, Henning Hermjakob, Peter D'Eustachio, The Reactome Pathway Knowledgebase 2024, *Nucleic Acids Research*, Volume 52, Issue D1, 5 January 2024, Pages D672–D678

<https://doi.org/10.1093/nar/gkad1025>

NPASS (<https://bidd.group/NPASS/>)

- Search by NPC number available
- Identify the species of origin of a compound
- Find known activities of a compound
- Find compounds present in a species
- Find compounds targeting a specific target or a particular organism
- ADME/Tox prediction (via ADMETlab2.0)
- Find compounds with similar structures

Reference:

Hui Zhao, Yuan Yang, Shuaiqi Wang, Xue Yang, Kaicheng Zhou, Caili Xu, Xuyao Zhang, Jiajun Fan, Dongyue Hou, Xingxiu Li, Hanbo Lin, Ying Tan, Shanshan Wang, Xin-Yi Chu, Dongzhi Zhuoma, Fengying Zhang, Dianwen Ju, Xian Zeng, Yu Zong Chen, NPASS database update 2023: quantitative natural product activity and species source database for biomedical research, *Nucleic Acids Research*, Volume 51, Issue D1, 6 January 2023, Pages D621–D628,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/nar/gkac1069>

If the link is not accessible, please use the link provided in the original paper.



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ERC starting grant : is for early-career scientists with 2-7 years of experience after completion of PhD.

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Details: <https://erc.europa.eu/apply-grant/starting-grant>



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Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions : supported by the European Commission, MSCA proposes various fellowships to support research and innovation through the development of human resources.

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Details: <https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/>

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Euraxess – Belgium : Where you can find different funding opportunities for doctoral, post-doctoral, early career or internship in Belgium.

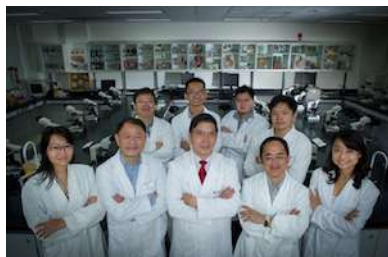
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Details: <https://www.euraxess.be/belgium/jobs-funding>



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School of Chinese Medicine, Hong Kong Baptist University

Details: <https://scm.hkbu.edu.hk/en/education/research-postgraduate.html>



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Details: <http://www.scm.cuhk.edu.hk/en-gb/programs/research-master-doctoral-program/phd-in-chinese-medicine>



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Details: <https://sklqrcm.um.edu.mo/ycmdbs/>



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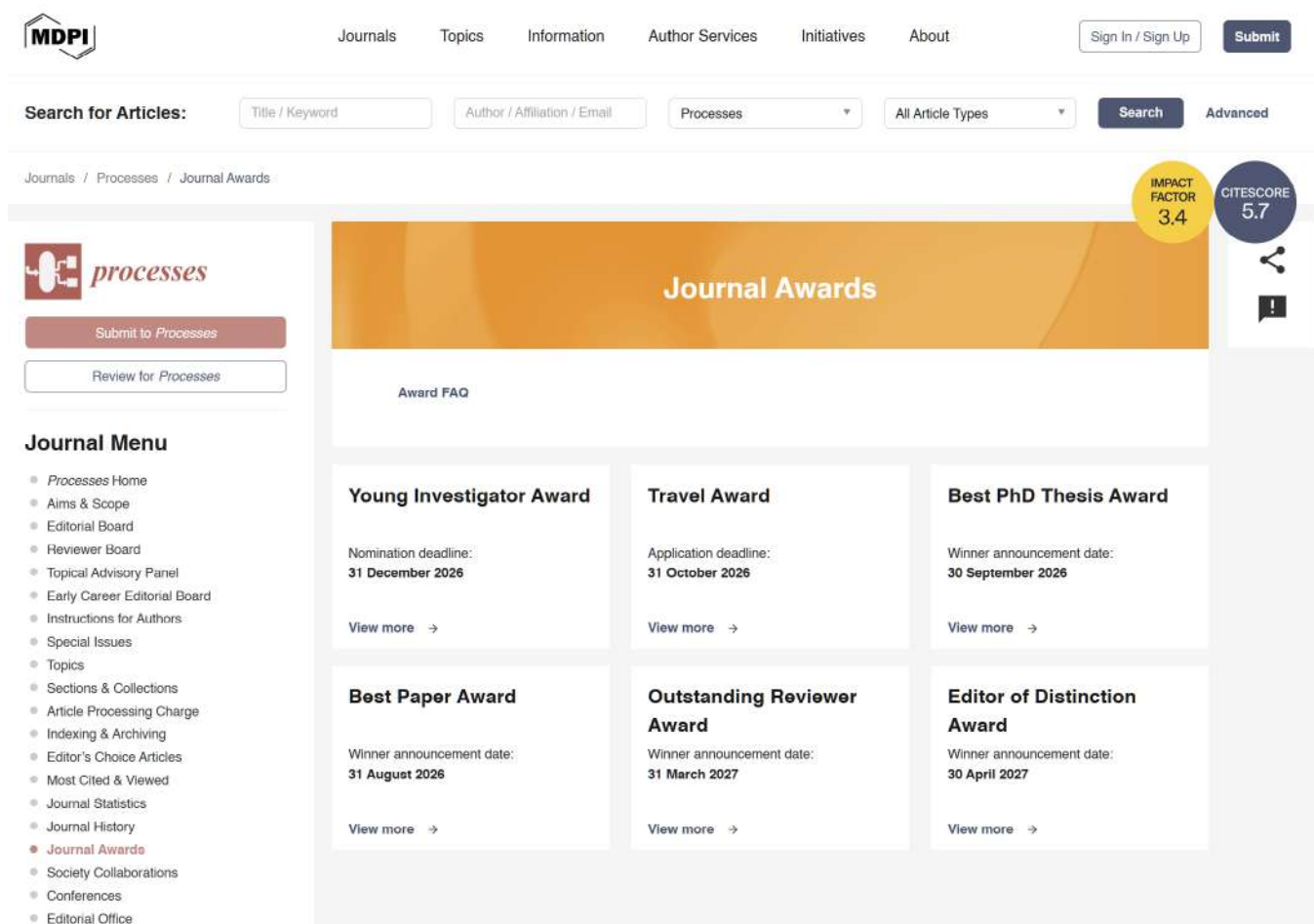
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Details: <https://scm.hku.hk/Views/Programme/English-MPhilPhD.html>

Journal Award by *Processes**processes*

The screenshot shows the MDPI Journal Awards page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links: Journals, Topics, Information, Author Services, Initiatives, About, Sign In / Sign Up, and Submit. Below this is a search bar with fields for Title / Keyword, Author / Affiliation / Email, Processes (dropdown), and All Article Types (dropdown), along with Search and Advanced buttons. The main content area has a header 'Journal Awards' and a sub-header 'Award FAQ'. It features six award categories in a grid:

- Young Investigator Award**: Nomination deadline: 31 December 2026. View more →
- Travel Award**: Application deadline: 31 October 2026. View more →
- Best PhD Thesis Award**: Winner announcement date: 30 September 2026. View more →
- Best Paper Award**: Winner announcement date: 31 August 2026. View more →
- Outstanding Reviewer Award**: Winner announcement date: 31 March 2027. View more →
- Editor of Distinction Award**: Winner announcement date: 30 April 2027. View more →

On the left side, there's a 'Journal Menu' with links: Processes Home, Aims & Scope, Editorial Board, Reviewer Board, Topical Advisory Panel, Early Career Editorial Board, Instructions for Authors, Special Issues, Topics, Sections & Collections, Article Processing Charge, Indexing & Archiving, Editor's Choice Articles, Most Cited & Viewed, Journal Statistics, Journal History, **Journal Awards**, Society Collaborations, Conferences, and Editorial Office. On the right side, there's a sidebar with 'IMPACT FACTOR 3.4', 'CITESCORE 5.7', and social media icons.

More information: <https://www.mdpi.com/journal/processes/awards>

Med Plant Hunt with iNaturalist

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In order to promote conservation of wildlife, especially wild medicinal plant and TCM herbs, and their environment, a challenge on **"Med Plant Hunt"** is launched.

The aim of challenge is to encourage our members to identify and recognize the morphological features of living wild medicinal plant in nature.

Eligibility:

Med Plant Hunt is free and open to all GP-TCM RA members.

Entries must abide by the guidelines below.

Rules & Guidelines:

iNaturalist is a nature app to help you identify the animals and plants around you and provide a platform to connect you and experts to share about nature. Users can record and share their observations and the findings can enrich scientific data repositories like the Global Biodiversity Information Facility.

Create your own account and share your wild medicinal plant observation to mobile iNaturalist app or iNaturalist website.

How to enter:

1. Complete the registration form with iNaturalist user ID.
2. Make the observation of living wild medicinal plant around you with iNaturalist app/website.
3. With the submitted iNaturalist ID, your observation for entry will be automatically recorded and results will be announced in the coming issue of the newsletter.



How to join



Registration form



How to upload



For inquiries about Med Plant Hunt, please send email to
gptcm_medplanthunt@outlook.com

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Prizes:

- **Adventurous Observer:** The highest number of observed species
- **TCM Photographer:** Best photo shoot
- **Lucky Observer:** Observe rare species



The selected entries will be published on the next issue of the newsletter. An electronic certificate and a **complementary gift** (e.g. water bottle ideal for outdoor activities, sponsored by Macau Pharmacology Association) will be given.



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MED PLANT HUNT

With iNaturalist

Med Plant Hunt Registration Form

Name:

Email:

Affiliation:

Country or region:

iNaturalist account information

User name:

User email:

(Please send the form to gptcm_medplanthunt@outlook.com for registration)



Online registration



How to join



Registration form



How to upload

Carmichael monkshood (*Aconitum carmichaelii*, Ranunculaceae, 乌头, left) and kusnezoff monkshood (*Aconitum kusnezoffii*, Ranunculaceae, 北乌头, right)



The dried (parent) root tuber of *Aconitum carmichaelii* and the dried root tuber of *Aconitum kusnezoffii* are known as the Chinese medicinal *chuanwu* (aconite root, aconiti radix) and *caowu* (wild aconite root, aconiti kusnezoffii radix), respectively. In Chinese *materia medica*, they are under the category of medicinals that dispel wind-dampness. Pungent, bitter, warm, and highly toxic in properties, they dispel wind, eliminate dampness, warm the channels, and relieve pain. They are applied topically for wind-cold-damp painful obstruction and as anesthetic. Only processed forms such as *zhichuanwu* (aconiti radix cocta) and *zhicaowu* (aconiti kusnezoffii radix cocta) can be taken internally.

The processed lateral root tuber of *Aconitum carmichaelii* is known as the Chinese medicinal *fuzi* (aconite lateral root, *aconiti radix lateralis praeparata*). In Chinese *materia medica*, it is under the category of medicinals that warm the interior. Pungent, sweet, hot, and toxic in properties, *fuzi* revives the yang, rescues from rebellion, replenishes the fire of the vital gate, disperses cold, and relieves pain. It is indicated for devastated yang syndrome, yang deficiency disorders, and wind-cold-damp painful obstruction. Common decoction pieces for clinical application include *heishunpian* (black sliced aconite lateral root), *baifupian* (white sliced aconite lateral root), *paofupian* (blast-fried sliced aconite lateral root), and *danfupian* (desalted sliced aconite lateral root).

Attention should be paid that, for oral administration, all the above-mentioned medicinals should be decocted for 30~60 minutes to reduce their toxicity before adding other ingredients to the decoction.

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附子着生花淡紫
散寒止痛迹常留

北乌头

耐寒喜冷幼常观
裂叶细长花紫蓝
入药之时需炮制
温经止痛供人谈

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Carmichael monkshood (*Aconitum carmichaelii*, Ranunculaceae, 乌头, left) and kusnezoff monkshood (*Aconitum kusnezoffii*, Ranunculaceae, 北乌头, right)



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