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*Balance* and other publications circulated by CTCMA are the primary sources of information for our registrants in British Columbia. Registrants are responsible for reading these publications to ensure they are aware of latest information, current standards, policies and guidelines.

## NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board is pleased to announce that College registrants elected six Board Members on December 24, 2010. They are Michael Chung, John Blazevic, Fang Liu, Ann Yuan, Sonia Hsiao-Feng Huang and Todd Howard. We would like to introduce the two successful candidates who are new to the Board:



### **HUANG, Sonia**

Dr. Sonia Huang is a Registered Dr. TCM who practices TCM at her own clinic in the city of Vancouver. She was one of the instructors at the Advanced English/Mandarin Interpreter Program at SFU in 2003 and in 2007. Sonia was also appointed as the liaison person of the TCM community to work with the Supplementary Benefit Program of Medical Service Plan of BC to assist in workshops on reporting acupuncture claims.



### **HOWARD, Todd**

Todd Howard is co-founder and president of Pacific Rim College in Victoria, BC. He graduated with distinction from the undergraduate School of Medicine and earned a Doctorate of Acupuncture from the Open International University of Complementary Medicine and a Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine from the International College of Traditional Chinese Medicine in Victoria, British Columbia.

## 2010 Registration Expires March 31, 2011

The 2011 renewal packages included an invitation to join the Community Healthcare and Resource Directory (CHARD). The invitation presents an exciting opportunity for CTCMA registrants to build a stronger relationship with general practitioner physicians (GPs) and increase access for the public to the services of Acupuncturists.

CHARD is a free, secure and easy-to-use web-based service for GPs. GPs will be able to identify the most appropriate referrals for your services when you are listed in the directory as a healthcare provider. The CHARD form that you completed included details on your practice in order that GPs can search and locate the most suitable resources for their patients.

## **WARNING!** Graduates of TCM training programs led to believe that they can practice without CTCMA registration.

The Oriental Medicine Alliance in Canada Society is claiming that it can provide professional qualification evaluation and that “you can start your practice after you get certified.”

For more information on how CTCMA has dealt with individuals practising without CTCMA registration, please refer to the article below entitled *CTCMA continues to take court action against unregistered individuals holding themselves out as TCM/A professionals*.

In order to protect the public from so-called ‘certified’ individuals attempting to offer the public traditional Chinese medicine diagnosis and/or acupuncture treatment, CTCMA will continue to work with provincial authorities including:

- Municipal Government business licensing departments
- Liability insurance companies
- Local police
- Public health departments

CTCMA is the only body in British Columbia that is authorized to grant registration and to regulate members of the profession.

### **CTCMA Continues to Take Court Action Against Unregistered Individuals Holding Themselves out as TCM/A Professionals**

On December 16, 2010 the BC Supreme Court issued a permanent injunction against Nanaimo resident Mr. John Jhun Gao restraining him from practising traditional Chinese medicine and acupuncture. The order was in response to an application by CTCMA.

As reported in the Fall Newsletter, on July 21, 2010 CTCMA applied to the BC Supreme Court and obtained injunctions against four individuals practising acupuncture without registration. One of those individuals was Mr. Young Jern.

In BC Supreme Court January 27, 2011 Mr. Justice Robert Johnston found that Mr. Young Jern has committed civil contempt of court. The ruling was in response to an application brought by CTCMA.

The contempt of court ruling was supported by Affidavit evidence which demonstrated that, despite the earlier injunction order prohibiting him from doing so, Mr. Jern performed acupuncture on a member of the public.

The Court ordered Mr. Jern to pay a fine of \$2,000 for his contempt and also made an order requiring Mr. Jern to pay the College special costs, estimated at over \$7,000.

A copy of the Court’s Reasons for Judgment are posted on the College website.

某些未在管理局註冊的人士對外以中醫師或針灸師自居，卑詩省中醫針灸管理局將持續對這些人採取法律行動。

2011年1月27日，卑詩省最高法院大法官Robert Johnston判定Mr. Young Jern 藐視法庭罪，此判決是針對管理局之前所提出的告訴而來。

最高法院判定Young Jern\$2000 元罰鍰，並下令他支付管理局特殊支出，預估金額為\$7000元以上。

## Farewell to Dr. Arden Henley - Jenny Hu, R.TCM.P.

Ladies and Gentleman – Colleagues:

I have been asked to say a few words about Arden Henley, our departing chairman. We owe him a huge debt for the more than 6 years that he has guided our college.

During the time he has been our chair we have truly become a profession. Accepted and respected by government; the media; the medical community and most importantly by the general public who we treat and who support us. He has brought us together. He has listened to us. He has encouraged us and he has gently pushed us to be better.

He has given us both his time and his energy and we thank him and his wife Mary for all they have done.

He is a very gentle man but has very strong ideas. He has shown us the power of teamwork, the value of patience and the rewards of harmony. With his help we have come together as a group and moved forward on many issues.

He has been a true friend of TCM and we will miss him. On behalf of the entire college I wish him great success in all his future undertakings and give him our deeply felt thanks.

## 韓立德博士離任告別 - Jenny Hu, R.TCM.P.

尊敬的女士们先生们，各位同行：

我受邀向我们即将离开的主席 Arden Henley 说几句话。在他带领我们管理局的过去六年多时间里，我们亏欠他的实在太多了。

Arden 担任我们主席期间，中医真正成为专业。不仅被政府、媒体、医疗界接受与尊重，更重要的是被我们所治疗与支持我们的公众所认可。他把我们凝聚在一起，聆听我们的需要，激励我们，慈祥地敦促我们前进。

Arden 给予我们无限的时间与精力。在此，我们衷心感谢他与他的夫人 Mary 所做的一切。他是一位非常温柔但意志坚定的人。他展示给我们团队合作的力量，耐心的价值与和谐的回报。在他的帮助下，我们以团队凝聚在一起，完成了许多议题。

Arden 是中医界真正的朋友，我们将会想念他。在此，我谨代表管理局祝愿他未来获得巨大成功，并衷心感谢他所做的一切。

最后祝大家新年快乐，身体健康！

## How CTCMA By-law Amendments are Made

Once the Board determines that it wishes to amend the bylaws, and carries out any necessary background work concerning the proposed changes, the bylaw amendment process is initiated by a Resolution of the Board. If the Resolution to amend the bylaws is passed, instructions are provided to the College legal counsel to draft the proposed amendments into a schedule which is attached to the Resolution authority. The Resolution authority with the attached schedule is then sent to the Minister of Health, emailed to all health professions colleges, and posted on the CTCMA website in accordance with the requirements of the *Health Professions Act* (HPA).

Under HPA, amendments to most health professions college bylaws are subject to a (public) notice period of at least three months, unless the Minister specifies a shorter period. The Board may provide notice for a longer period than three months, particularly where there is substantial feedback that requires further review and consultation on the draft amendments.

During the notice period, feedback from stakeholders is sent to the Ministry of Health and/or CTCMA. Following review of the feedback received, the proposed amendments may be revised, withdrawn or confirmed. If confirmed, the College requests the Ministry of Health to proceed to file the proposed bylaw amendments.

Bylaw amendments must be filed with the Minister to be effective. Filed bylaws come into force 60 days after the date of filing (Government confirms the filing date), unless the Minister either disallows the proposed amendment or specifies an earlier date, or the health professions college withdraws the proposed amendment. Bylaws are then updated on CTCMA website at the time of the in-force (effective) date.

### 卑詩省中醫針灸管理局的理事會如何制訂增修條例

一旦理事會決定增修條例，並著手進行與條例改變相關的必要作業，理事會將先提出增修條例的決議。如果理事會通過決議，接著便指示管理局的法律顧問草擬修訂條例並列出明細計畫送交省政府衛生廳，同時根據醫療專業法(HPA)的規定，電郵給所有醫療專業管理局，並張貼在卑詩省中醫針灸管理局的網站上。

依據醫療專業法的規定，除非衛生廳另有決定縮短公布時間，否則本省多數醫療專業管理局的增修條例都必須至少公布三個月。如果會員對於擬定的增修條例有特別多的回應，需要進一步的評估與諮詢，那麼中醫針灸管理局理事會可能延長公布時間。

在公布期間，所有針對增修條例的回應或反饋都需直接送交省府衛生廳與或卑詩省中醫針灸管理局。反饋意見經過評估後，擬定的增修條例可能修改、撤回或確認通過。如果確認通過，中醫針灸管理局便會正式提交衛生廳要求定案。

增修條例必須正式提交衛生廳定案才生效，除非衛生廳長不批准增修條例，或是廳長另訂提早生效日，或是醫療專業管理局主動撤回修訂條例申請，否則修訂條例通常在提交日（政府確認的提交日期）60天後生效。一旦生效，新修條例便會公布在卑詩省中醫針灸管理局的網站。

## Record Keeping Workshop

CTCMA is sponsoring a 1-day workshop Sunday May 8, 2011 in Vancouver.

The location, time and registration fees are posted on the website at [www.ctcma.bc.ca](http://www.ctcma.bc.ca) under *News and Events*. Early bird rates are available for registration applications received by April 15, 2011.

This interactive workshop will teach the participants the elements and structures involved in accurate and responsible record keeping. The workshop will include a review of requirements for MSP billing.

The attendees will learn how to manage patient records, compile accurate and complete patient assessments, make effective case presentations and improve their ability to motivate patients toward the acceptance of recommended treatment protocols. There will be opportunities to employ the strategies taught.

In addition, patient confidentiality policies will be outlined as per the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act. This portion will also include risk management strategies which can be implemented to prevent the occurrence of legal issues.

## 病歷記錄研習會

卑詩省中醫針灸管理局將於2011年5月8日星期日在溫哥華舉辦一天的研習會，相關細節與報名方式請見管理局網站([www.ctcma.bc.ca](http://www.ctcma.bc.ca)) *News and Events*欄。凡是在2011年4月15日前報名者可享優惠。

請在報名表上註明您是否需要同聲國語（普通話）翻譯。

## Consent to Treatment

- What does it mean to have a patient's consent?
- Do patients need to sign a specific form?
- How is consent given?
- Is it enough to get consent once?
- What if the patient is not capable of giving consent?

The **enclosed booklet** "Consent to Treatment" answers such questions and gives references for more detailed information. Many registrants have contacted the College asking for clarification on obtaining patient consent. The College has also received a number of complaints that center around a registrant's failure to obtain consent. The booklet is required reading for all registrants. Keep it in your clinic for easy reference.

## 同意接受治療

- 取得患者的同意代表什麼意思？
- 患者是否需要簽一份特定的表格聲明？
- 患者如何給予同意？
- 取得患者同意一次就夠了嗎？
- 如果患者沒有能力給予同意該怎麼辦？

“同意接受治療”小冊子解答類似上述的問題，並提供更詳細的相關資料。許多註冊成員曾與管理局聯繫，希望就取得患者同意一事釐清確切規定。管理局也曾接獲一些患者投訴，表示某些執業成員並未事先取得患者同意便進行治療。所有註冊執業成員都必須閱讀這本冊子，並且放在診所裡隨時參閱。



## Inquiry and Discipline Report

The following summaries represent Inquiry investigations and actions since last reported in the Fall 2010 issue of the Balance newsletter. Tariff costs may be applied to CTCMA registrants pursuant to Inquiry and Discipline activities. The tariffs are established under section 19(1)(v.1) of the Health Professions Act and the College bylaws. Cases requiring public notification are posted on the website [www.ctcma.bc.ca](http://www.ctcma.bc.ca) with the publication number noted below.

### Actions Pending Completion of Investigation

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#### Professional Misconduct/Sexual Misconduct

##### Website Publication #1

The registrant remains under suspension until the criminal proceedings are complete, at which time the Inquiry Committee will resume its investigation.

#### Professional Misconduct/Sexual Misconduct

##### Website Publication #2

On January 31, 2011 the Inquiry Committee convened an *ex parte* hearing to consider the need for revising its Order under s. 35 of the HPA with respect to a charge of sexual assault of a patient which allegedly occurred on October 16, 2009. In 2009, the Inquiry Committee suspended the registrant's registration pending completion of its investigation which is in abeyance pending the completion of criminal proceedings. On application by the registrant, the Inquiry Committee subsequently revised the suspension order on January 25, 2010 to permit the registrant to continue practicing under supervision, pending completion of its investigation. In monitoring the terms of the suspension order, the Inquiry Committee discovered on January 31, 2011 that the registrant was not in compliance with the terms of the revised suspension order. As a consequence, the Inquiry Committee has issue a further revised order under s. 35 suspending the registrant's registration pending completion of its investigation.

#### Unprofessional Conduct

##### Website Publication #3

On January 11, 2011, the Inquiry Committee initiated an investigation under s. 33(4) of the HPA concerning allegations that the registrant was operating an illegal body rub/bawdy house d.b.a. "Hua Xia Traditional Chinese Medicine" at his clinic in Surrey, BC. The Inquiry Committee also convened an *ex parte* hearing under s. 35 of the HPA and suspended the registrant's registration pending completion of its investigation.

## Other Actions Taken by the Inquiry Committee

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### Criminal Record Review Act

Eighteen registrants failed to complete the five year criminal record re-check as required by the Criminal Record Review Act. Each registrant was sent a request in July 2010 and a reminder in October 2010. In December 2010 all eighteen registrants were suspended by order of the Inquiry Committee. Tariff of costs were imposed on each registrant under s.19(1)(v1) of the Act and College bylaws.

### Unauthorized Title Investigations

A number of investigations were conducted following reports of unauthorized use of title. Six registrants were found to be using unauthorized titles. The cases were resolved by way of consent orders under s. 36 of the HPA which contained undertakings to refrain from the unauthorized use of title and the imposition of tariff costs under s. 19(1)(v1) of the Act and College bylaws.

### Non-authorized use of Registration Number

The College conducted an investigation into allegations that, for third-party billing purposes, a non-registrant was using the registration number of a registrant. The registrant had been unsuccessful in preventing the misuse and had reported the matter to the College. The Registration Committee, on recommendation from the Inquiry Committee, cancelled the registration number and issued a new registration number to the registrant. A separate investigation into the related unauthorized practice continues.

### Medical Fitness to Practice Traditional Chinese Medicine

The College received a notification under section 32.2 of the HPA (*Duty to report registrant*) from a medical practitioner indicating that the registrant was suffering from a mental ailment and indicating that continued practice may pose a risk to the public. The Inquiry Committee determined that a suspension from registration was necessary to protect the public pending further information with respect to the registrant's mental condition.

### Citation for Hearing by the Discipline Committee

On February 21, 2011 the Inquiry Committee directed the issuance of a Citation for a discipline hearing to be held in Vancouver, BC on March 29-30, 2011. The discipline hearing will inquire into the conduct of the registrant to determine whether student registration was procured by making false representations in CTCMA application forms and by maintaining student and full registration on the basis of those false representations and whether she otherwise committed professional misconduct and/or unprofessional conduct.

## REMINDER

CTCMA Bylaw 90 requires registrants to carry liability insurance.

Please note this applies to ALL registrants including non-practising registrants.

The liability policies offered by University Insurance are "claims-made". For further information please contact your insurer.

## Be Involved. Promote Professional Standards

Have you considered becoming involved with the College? You can become involved by:

- Joining a working group mandated with specific time-limited tasks
- Becoming involved in short-term projects requiring certain expertise such as developing safety guidelines and standards
- Participating in the examination process
- Translating newsletters and other documents
- Instructing in CTCMA workshops to assist registrants to improve their knowledge
- Submitting new ideas for consideration in the College's quest to set professional standards for safe quality practice

### Areas of interest

- Ethics
- Practice standards and guidelines
- Policy development
- Remediation programs
- Complaints
- Quality assurance and continuing competence
- Publications
- Registration and licensing

### Availability

- Committee membership (term 2 years)
- Working group (6-12 months)
- Special projects (several hours, a few months)
- Remediation instructor (varies)

**If you are interested, please contact the Registrar ([registrar@ctcma.bc.ca](mailto:registrar@ctcma.bc.ca)) with your areas of interest, experience, availability and include your areas of interest.**

## 參與推動提升專業標準

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For details and enrolment for study, please visit the following website to view a presentation on this topic by Dr. Terry Shao hua Tang: <http://citcmclinic.com/feilongmaifa.html>

Instructor *Dr. Brian La Forgia* will present an introductory seminar on Feilong Pulse Method (in English with Chinese translation) on **April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at 7:00-9:30pm**. For those interested in attending, please contact: **Summer Xia Tel: 604-676-3634 Email: citcm360@yahoo.com.**

### 飛龍脈法

飛龍脈法起源於中國傳統脈法，一直在孟河醫派里秘密流傳并完善和發展，至今有超過600年的歷史，美國著名心理醫生海默師承孟河醫派傳人沈鶴峰醫生學習27年，并用畢生的努力，創造了一套實用快捷的學習方法，能讓學習者在短時間內就能夠完全上手，直接運用到臨床中，實為脈診入門和提高的最佳捷徑。為現今不可多得的手把手傳授的脈法。

唐紹華醫師有關於飛龍脈法的專題介紹。如欲瞭解詳情，請查詢下列網址 <http://citcmclinic.com/feilongmaifa.html>

指導老師 *Dr. Brian La Forgia* 將於2011年4月15日晚上7:00-9:30做飛龍脈法的專題講座(中英文)。有意參加者請聯繫 **Summer Xia Tel: 604-676-3634 Email: citcm360@yahoo.com**

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## Dr. Wei-Chieh Young, Ph.D.

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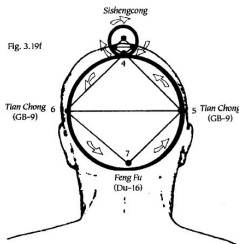
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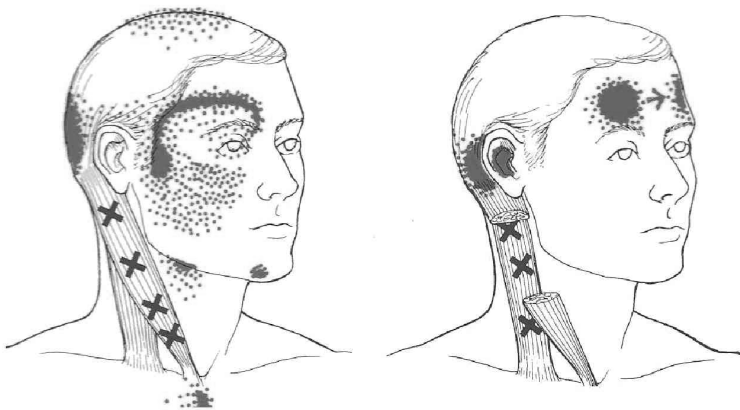
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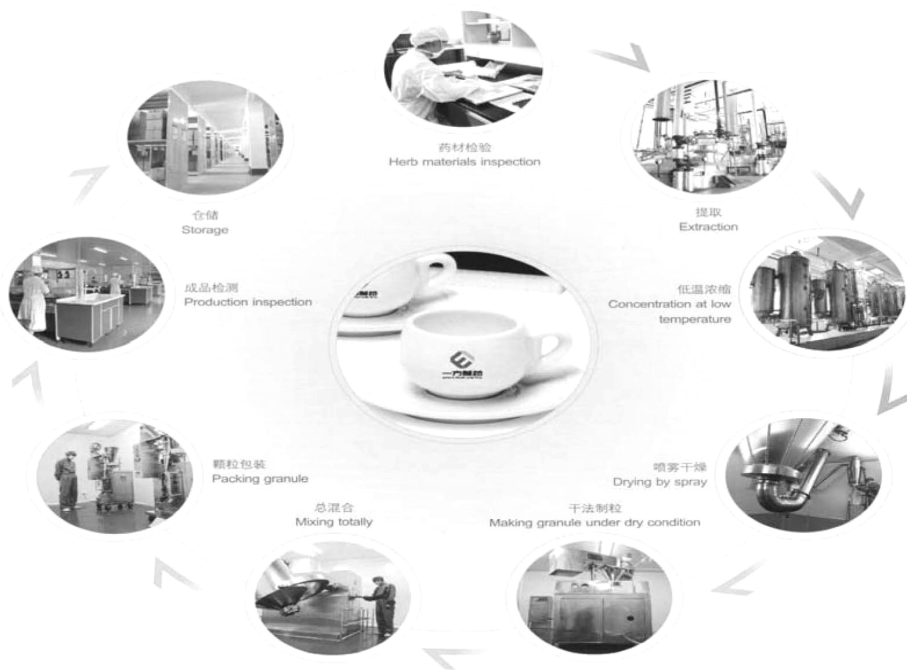




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