

ONTARIO APPOINTING A TRANSITIONAL COUNCIL OF THE COLLEGE OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS AND ACUPUNCTURISTS OF ONTARIO

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On June 26th the transitional council of College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of Ontario held its first public meeting.

The members of the council were chosen from a list of people who responded to a public call, advertised across Ontario, for members. The appointment of the 15-member transitional council marks a major step toward the regulation of the TCM profession in Ontario.

The new council joins Emily Cheung who was appointed Registrar of the new college on September 1st, 2007.

The College operates under the *Traditional Chinese Medicine Act, 2006*. The Act requires individuals who wish to practice TCM, practice a specialty of TCM, or call themselves TCM practitioners or acupuncturists to register with the new regulatory College and be accountable to this governing body.

Members of the Transitional Council of College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of Ontario include:

DAVID XIAODONG BAI

David X. Bai holds a Master of Medicine degree from Hunan College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, a Master of Arts degree in Applied Psychology from the University of New Brunswick and was a Ph.D. candidate in the Measurement and Evaluation program of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto. While maintaining his own private TCM practice in Toronto, he has also worked in the financial industry in several middle management roles for over eight years. David currently sits on the Board of Directors of two Canadian Corporations and is actively involved in the community volunteer work.

LYNN BOWERING

Lynn Bowering holds a Master's degree in planning from the School of Policy Studies at Queen's University, which awarded her a Distinguished Alumna award for her work in health planning. She is a Registered Professional Planner and a full member of The Canadian Institute of Planners and The Ontario Professional Planners' Institute.

Lynn has worked in the Ontario health system for almost eighteen years, including eight years as the Executive Director of two District Health Councils. Since 2003, she has operated her own consulting business, specializing in strategic planning, facilitation and organizational development, mostly in the health and social service field.

KRISTIN BULMER

Kristin Bulmer has been a Registered Practical Nurse since 1991. Kristin lives in Kenora, Ontario and is the Health Director/Advisor of Anishinaabeg of Kabapikotawangag Resource Council, a First Nations resource counsel for local communities. It is through this role that Kristin developed her interest in traditional medicine and healing.

Kristin has worked in many areas of health care including the Sexual Assault Partner Abuse Program at the Lake of the Woods District Hospital where she met and counselled hundreds of women and children in the course of many years.

ZHAO CHENG

Zhao Cheng graduated from the Beijing University of Traditional Chinese Medicine and obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in 1983 as well as a Masters Degree of Science in 1986. He worked at the same university as a professor and researcher in Chinese medicine.

In 1992, Zhao was invited to Japan as a visiting professor by the Hiroshima University School of Medicine. From 1993 to 1996, he was a PhD student focusing on research in the field of Clinical Immunology and Cancer treatment. From 1997 to 1999, Zhao worked in the United States for his post-doctoral research at The Eppley Institute for Research in Cancer, University of Nebraska Medical Center. In 1999, he came to Canada and established a TCM Acupuncture Clinic in Toronto.

CEDRIC K.T. CHEUNG

Cedric K.T. Cheung received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Western Ontario (UWO) and continued post-graduate studies in medical physiology at UWO. He also received a Doctor of Science degree in Alternative Medicine from the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine, Sri Lanka. He is currently the National President of the Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Association of Canada (CMAAC), Vice-President of the World Federation of Acupuncture-Moxibustion Societies and resides in London, Ontario. Cedric is a certified doctor in Taiwan, licensed acupuncturist in California, an honorary professor at the Shaanxi Academy of Traditional Chinese Medicine and a visiting professor at Nanjing University of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Guangzhou University of Traditional Chinese Medicine in China.

RICHARD DONG

Richard Dong graduated from the He bei University of Traditional Chinese Medicine in 1984 and received a Masters degree of Traditional Chinese Medicine from the China Academy of Traditional Chinese Medicine in 1989. He worked as an Assistant Professor in the Traditional Chinese Medicine Medical College in China. From 1992 to 1998, Richard practised TCM and acupuncture in clinics and taught in various schools. He opened his own clinic in 1999 and has been in private practice for the last nine years.

IAN ENG

Ian Eng holds a Bachelor of Science and a Masters of Business Administration degree from the University of Toronto. He is a professional engineer retired from the Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO). As the Deputy Registrar, Complaints, Discipline and Enforcement, he was responsible and accountable for : (1) managing the complaints process regarding the conduct and competency of professional engineers and where appropriate, the conducting of discipline hearings; and, (2) developing and managing the programs related to ensuring compliance with the Professional Engineers Act for providing professional engineering services to the public.

Prior to joining PEO, he worked at the former Ontario Hydro for twenty five years.

JAMES FU

James Fu is an active independent TCM practitioner who has practised acupuncture and herbal medicine for more than 20 years. He obtained his Bachelor of Medicine degree in 1984 from Jiangxi College of Chinese Medicine and a Master of Acupuncture degree in 1987 from the China Academy of Traditional Chinese Medicine in Beijing. He has treated patients with chronic pain in the Wasser Pain Management Center at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto.

James Fu is also an educator who enjoys teaching as much as practising. As a faculty member, he taught on a four-year full time acupuncture program at The Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences. Currently, he is teaching at the Traditional Chinese Medicine Program at Ryerson University.

ELLEN HANNA

Ellen Hanna brings many years of experience from health care, education, administration, and business. She has held a variety of positions as a Registered Nurse, has taught in both university and college programs and has held the position of Department Head in a hospital. Ellen is an active member of several professional organizations and has held executive positions at both the local and provincial levels.

Her education includes a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University and an Honours Bachelor of Arts Degree from the Centre for International Studies and Cross-Disciplinary Program at the Huron University College/University of Western Ontario. She also completed the Certificate in Management program of the Canadian Institute of Management and earned the Certificat de français pratique at the University of Western Ontario.

Ellen is currently employed as a Case Manager in the Home Care Sector in the City of London where she has resided since 1971.

SHARON LAM

Sharon Lam resides in Toronto and is a Certified General Accountant. She has experience in health care, education, financial consulting and quality assurance. Her community involvement includes volunteering with the United Way of Greater Toronto.

HENRY MAEOTS

Henry Maeots holds an Honour Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Political Science from Queen's University and a Masters in Business Administration in Finance and Human Resources Management from the University of Toronto.

As a long term Toronto resident Henry currently lives in Port Union Village with his wife and son. He is associated with Royal LePage Connect Realty Brokerage as a Sales Representative. Mr. Maeots has been active for many years with several academic, charitable, community and ethnic organizations. He has also previously served the Government of Ontario as a public representative on the Council of the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Ontario and as Vice-Chairman of the Ontario Public Service Grievance Board.

RUTH PIKE

Ruth Pike has a Ph.D. in Applied Psychology. During her 24 year tenure as professor at the University of Toronto, she was active in university governance and served on numerous committees including the Governing Council. She was a Visiting Scholar at Teachers College, Columbia University in New York, Hebrew University in Jerusalem and at the Tokyo Institute of

Technology. Her years of experience in consulting and contract research primarily pertained to quality assurance issues and program evaluation in education and in professional regulation.

At the present time, Ms. Pike is Chair of the Benefits Committee and a member of the Executive Committee of the Senior Scholars Committee of the Retired Academics and Librarians at the University of Toronto (RALUT). She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Elizabeth Fry Society of Toronto.

JOANNE PRITCHARD-SOBHANI

Joanne Pritchard-Sobhani is the Director of the Institute of Acupuncture & Traditional Chinese Medicine in Brockville. Joanne is a TCM practitioner, lecturer and researcher. Joanne graduated from the Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine in Toronto in 1995. In pursuit of more advanced clinical training in Acupuncture and TCM, she studied at the Canadian School of Natural Health Science in Toronto, the Shanghai Medical University of Shanghai and the Hua Shan Hospital and Longua Hospital, The Academy of Oriental Heritage, Vancouver, B.C. (Herbology) and The Open International University of Alternative Medicine, Medicina Alternativa Institute in Sri Lanka. Joanne's Doctorate in Acupuncture and Traditional Medicine is from The Open International University of Alternative Medicine, Sri Lanka. Joanne has an undergraduate degree in Psychology from Queens University and is a graduate of St. Lawrence College.

CATHERINE ELIZABETH WILSON

Catherine Elizabeth Wilson received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Cultural Anthropology and her Master of Arts degree in Medical Anthropology at the University of Calgary and terms at Linacre College, Oxford, England. She has a Ph.D. in Medical Anthropology at the University of Manitoba. She completed a Post-Doctoral Fellowship with the Canadian Institute of Health Research and the Segal Fellowship for research.

In addition her Chinese and Aboriginal-based research in Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, the focus of much of her research, has been on the role of cultural interactions between wellness and societal perceptions of illness. Her Master of Arts research was completed in southern China under the auspices of Sun Yet Sen Medical University. Prior to her stay in China, she studied Chinese health practices and societal perceptions of the value of various types of remedies and diverse methods of easing pain and illness.

MARY XIUMEI WU

Mary Xiumei Wu is the Founder and President of the Toronto School of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TSTCM) since 1995. She majored in TCM, receiving her medical degree in China in 1982. She also has a Master of Science degree from the University of Waterloo in 1990. She was a physician and instructor at Shandong University of Traditional Chinese Medicine and the Provincial TCM Hospital before coming to Canada in 1986. She has developed professional TCM training programs, established and directed the Teaching Clinic at TSTCM. She has been teaching TCM students, medical students, undergraduate and graduate students at Canadian universities and professional institutions. She has been involved in medical research in the fields of reproductive physiology, diabetes, gene therapy and TCM.