



Warm Celebration for the establishment of the World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies (WFCMS)

Establishment Conference of World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies
世界中医药学会联合会成立大会
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THE FORMATION of the World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies (WFCMS) was endorsed on 26th June 2002 by the State Council of China, and was founded on 25th September 2003 in Beijing. Over 118 Chinese medicine societies from 42 countries around the world joined the assembly. The establishment of WFCMS marks a new era of Chinese medicine globalisation, establishing an international standard for TCM and pushing forward its global development. The Organisation also assists Chinese medicine to access the mainstream medical community, and gain legal support worldwide in order to make contributions to global healthcare.

Prof. She Jing, Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Health of China and Director General of the State Administration of TCM was nominated as Chair of WFCMS, Prof. Li Zhenji, vice-minister of the State Administration of TCM as Vice-Chair and Secretary-General. **Prof. Man Fong Mei, chairman of the Chinese Medical Institute and Register, London along with another 12 people from across the globe was elected to serve as Vice-Chairman.**



SFDA, China Meets MHRA, U.K.



Prof. Ren Dequan, Deputy Director General of the Chinese State Drug and Food Administration visited the UK Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency and met with Mr Richard Woodfield to discuss important issues regarding the future of Chinese medicine in the forthcoming EU Directive on 1st September 2003 before his departure for Brussels.



The Crisis and Perspectives of the Chinese Medicine Legislation in UK

Background to Current Chinese Medicine Legislation Proposals

- ◆ The proposed EU Directive to the European Parliament on traditional herbal medicinal products was submitted on January 2002.
- ◆ House of Lords Reports on Complementary and Alternative Medicine (November 2000) which recommended the separation of Acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine.
- ◆ Acupuncture Regulatory Working Group (ARWG) and Herbal Medicine Regulatory Working Group (HMRWG) were set up to propose regulatory frameworks to Department of Health for acupuncture and herbal medicine in UK.
- ◆ Chinese Medical Institute and Register (CMIR) proposed Independent Regulatory Framework for Chinese medicine and provides relevant information to UK Department of Health.



Chinese Medicine Legislation Forum (CMLF)

Facing with the crisis of Chinese medicine legislation in UK, to avoid misinformed legislation on Chinese Medicine, and to safeguard the benefit of Chinese Medicine to patients, Prof. M F Mei organised the Chinese Medicine Legislation Forum with the support of the State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine, China, State Drug Administration of China and World Health Organisation. The aim of the forum was to discuss and formulate a suitable legal position for Chinese medicine and acupuncture. The forum was hailed as a milestone in the history of the development of Chinese medicine acting as an united voice for the unity of Chinese medicine. The overwhelming effects of the CMLF ripple through the world of Chinese medicine with 384 letters of support and congratulations.

Chinese Medical Institute and Register Suggestions

**伦敦中医学院与英国中医注册学会
推荐立法模式**

CMIR Proposed CM Regulatory Model

中医药未来展望
Perspective of Chinese Medicine

努力使中医成为西方医学体系中的**第三种力量**，即促进西方主流医学和当地补充与替代医学相结合的催化剂。

Positioning of Chinese medicine and/or the system of medicine as the Third Force acting as catalyst for the integration of western conventional medicine and complementary & alternative medicine.



The Three Views of Chinese Medicine Legislation

I	Separate Registration of Acupuncture and Chinese Herbal Medicine	<p><i>The united theory of Chinese medicine is divided</i></p> <p>↓</p> <p><i>Divided treatment limits clinical effects</i></p> <p>↓</p> <p><i>Chinese medicine is regarded as less effective or limited therapy</i></p> <p>↓</p> <p><i>Threatening the future of Chinese Medicine as a completed medical system</i></p>
II	Confining Registration of Chinese Medicine under Complementary and Alternative Medicine	<p><i>Chinese medicine diminishes into a part of Alternative Medicine, preventing its medical system to influence western medicine on an equal basis.</i></p> <p>↓</p> <p><i>Governed by a non-Chinese medicine council and lost of independent determination</i></p> <p>↓</p> <p><i>Chinese medicine will lose its effectiveness as a medicine, damaging its future to become a mainstream medicine</i></p> <p>↓</p> <p><i>As part of Alternative Medicine, Chinese Medicine will lose its mainstream position and influence as constituted in China and some other countries.</i></p>
III	Independent Legislation for Chinese Medicine	<p><i>Chinese medicine would be able to establish its own independent council to regulate its own affairs effectively, and more accountable to the public.</i></p> <p>↓</p> <p><i>The independent council will ensure proper development of Chinese medicine without unqualified and unsuitable interferences.</i></p> <p>↓</p> <p><i>Chinese medicine will have an independent legal position as western medicine, which enables it to provide solutions and to counter act the limitations of western medicine.</i></p> <p>↓</p> <p><i>An independent Chinese medicine legislation is the only environment that Chinese medicine can develop as a complete system of medicine with global outlook to maximise its benefits to patients throughout the world.</i></p>

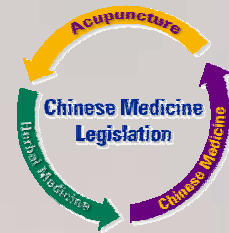
The UK government and EU have yet to decide on the official proposal. Please do not take speculations as facts!

Voting results reached at the CMLF

Declaration Statements	Yes (%)	No (%)	Abstain (%)
<i>The forum declares that Chinese herbal medicine and acupuncture are integral part of Chinese Medicine.</i>	92.3%	0%	7.7%
<i>The forum declares that Chinese herbal medicine and acupuncture should be registered as one single body</i>	80.8%	3.8%	15.4%
<i>The forum agrees on setting up a united council for Chinese medicine and acupuncture, which allows diversities of practice.</i>	86.6%	1.9%	11.5%
<i>The forum agrees on the necessity of the integration of conventional medicine, complementary alternative medicine and Chinese Medicine.</i>	82.7%	1.9%	15.4%



Appeal for the Independent Legislation for Chinese Medicine



The Concept and Implications of Independent Chinese Medicine Legislation

The independent approach to Chinese medicine legislation having equal status as western medicine is a legal framework that has worked well in China. Over the past fifty years, such equal legal status serve the Chinese people well with greater integration between the two systems of medicine, which provides universal solutions in clinical treatment. Thailand, Australia and other countries followed this regulatory approach, which is showing benefits to the healthcare of its people. Integrative medicine will be the future trend, but integration must be based on mutual respects and on an equal legal status. Independent legislation of Chinese medicine will provide an equal legal position for Chinese medicine to interact with mainstream medicine in the west, and thus benefiting the patients and healthcare welfare of the country.

Models of Chinese Medicine Legislation in other countries

Among the world Chinese medicine legislation, Thailand is the first country to accept an independent Chinese medical system. Chinese medicine has an equal legal status with mainstream medicine. Victoria government of Australia has established Chinese Medical Control Agency which enjoys the equal status with their western Medical Control Agency. It admits not only the achievement of Chinese tradition, but also legally protects Chinese medicine. Towards this direction Canada BC province also set legal status for Chinese medicine. According to the qualifications and services traditional Chinese medicine practitioners can register as Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine (Dr TM) or Registered TCM Practitioners (R.TCM.P), or Registered TCM Herbalist (R.TCM.H), or Registered Acupuncturist (R.Ac). The above models should be adopted by other countries throughout the world.

CMIR worldwide appeal for the future of Chinese Medicine and its benefits to mankind

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	Acupuncture and Chinese Herbal Medicine separation	Confining Chinese Medicine into Complementary & Alternative Medicine	Chinese Medicine Independent Registration	Your suggestions
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