

The 6th Annual Meeting of the Good Practice in Traditional Chinese Medicine Research Association (GP-TCM RA)

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Hosted by

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (RBGK) and London South Bank University (LSBU)
London, United Kingdom
4th-6th July 2018

Aims of conference:

1. To provide an overview of new methods that can be used to enhance our knowledge about plants and fungi used in TCM.
2. To identify what evidence is needed to further the development of TCM in the West.
3. To identify key issues associated with the supply and quality of plants and fungi used in TCM and how this could be improved.
4. What are the regulatory challenges that TCM faces in the West and how could these be addressed.
5. What are the commercial opportunities for quality TCM products in China and the West: how can scientists help?

The conference will take place at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (4th & 5th July 2018) and at London South Bank University (6th July 2018)

The conference will bring together scientists, clinicians, regulators and business people involved in different aspects of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM). The conference takes place in the year that celebrates the birth 500 years ago of Li Shizhen. He was the author of the famous Compendium of Materia Medica and considered by many to be the greatest scientific naturalist of China. The aim of the conference is to address the current challenges and opportunities that face the development of traditional Chinese medicine as a global resource in modern day medicine.

To reflect our commitments to good practices in TCM research and development, speakers will include representatives from industry that are bringing new medicines to market based on traditional Chinese medicine as well as those studying different aspects of quality control. This will include the need to embrace new techniques and monographs for monitoring the control of granules entering the trade. Other speakers will provide a summary of the increased knowledge about the chemistry, pharmacology and safety of

TCM plants and fungi. The first two days of the conference (4th and 5th July) will be at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew just outside London. Clinical Studies (herbal) and Acupuncture sessions will be held at London South Bank University (6th July) and will include methodology, evidence, effectiveness, policy and health care provision. The conference will be restricted to about 200 people and there will be no parallel sessions. The conference aims to bring together a multi-disciplinary audience to hear talks from an international group of speakers that will address key questions associated with TCM.

We hope you will be able to attend the conference and share your views as to what needs to be done to optimise the benefits that traditional Chinese medicine could contribute to our wellbeing. We will be accepting posters and hope that young scientists will take this opportunity to showcase their findings.

Who should attend the conference?

- Pharmacologists, natural product chemists and those interested in drug development
- Those involved in the conservation and sustainable supply of medicinal plants and fungi
- Companies interested in developing products based on traditional Chinese medicines
- Clinicians and acupuncturists involved in TCM

Outline of conference (click for more details)



The conference will include sessions on:

- A celebration of Li Shizhen's birth in 1518
- Quality control of plants and fungi used in TCM
- Regulatory Aspects of TCM
- Conservation and sustainable supply of plant/fungal material
- Pharmacology and toxicology
- Clinical TCM studies
- Commercial development of TCM products
- Acupuncture

Below you will find instruction as to how you can register and pay for the conference as well as information about submission of abstracts and booking accommodation.

Registration Fees**

Please book early as the number of seats is limited.

4-6th July 2018 for the meeting at Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and London		
Cost if booked before the	31st May 2018	If booked after the 31st May 2018
Non-members	£350	£400
Members	£300	£350
Life members and students	£200	£250
Dinner 4th July	£40	£40
If you just want to attend the sessions on Friday 6th July 2018 at the London South Bank University		
Cost if booked before the	31st May 2018	If booked after the 31st May 2018
Non-members	£150	£200
Members	£100	£150
Life members and students	£ 75	£125

NB: There is no reduction for just attending the two days at Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

** Please note that students must be able to provide documents that support their status as a student registered at an academic organisation. If you are a corporate member or a member of the Board of GP-TCM RA then please contact GPTCMRAmeeting@kew.org to discuss registration.

To register and pay please go to the following website

<https://tickets.kew.org/WebStore/shop/ViewItems.aspx?CG=GP&C=TCMRA>

For anyone needs a letter of invitation to obtain a visa then please contact

GPTCMRAmeeting@kew.org

Accommodation

The conference runs from the 4-6th July 2018. Wednesday 4th July and Thursday 5th July will be held at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. The conference will then move to London South Bank University for the sessions on Friday 6th July. It is suggested that people book their accommodation near Kew for the conference and then travel on the underground or train into London (about 1 hour) for the sessions at the London South Bank University. We provide some information about hotels near Kew and those near the university.

Information re Kew local hotels

Local Bed and Breakfast and self-catering accommodation. Here is a link to accommodation in the area, (from the National Archives website), which I hope you will find useful <http://www.kewaccommodation.com>

Please note, the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew cannot accept any responsibility for the information on this list or standard of the accommodation services provided.

The Coach and Horses <https://www.coachhotelkew.co.uk/> (walking distance)

Cost including breakfast per night is £125 (corporate rate)

Premier Inn towards Brentford

<https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/greater-london/london/london-kew-bridge.html> (short bus ride or 20 minutes walk)

Travel Lodge between Kew Bridge and Brentford High Street

<https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/48/London-Kew-Bridge-hotel> (short bus ride or 20 minutes walk)

London South Bank University local hotels

H10 Waterloo Hotel

https://www.h10hotels.com/en/london-hotels/h10-london-waterloo?tc_alt=32401&n_okw=h10%20waterloo_e_1t1_c_4681135225&gclid=EAlalQobChMIlnryM7u2AIVrrftCh1eLgg_EAAYASAAEgJGofD_BwE

Hampton by Hilton, London Waterloo

<http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/united-kingdom/hampton-by-hilton-london-waterloo-LONWLHX/index.html>

Travel Lodge, London Central Waterloo

<https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/421/London-Central-Waterloo-hotel>

Premier Inn and Travel Lodge are budget hotel chains across the UK, but very comfortable and reasonable prices. The earlier the booking is made the cheaper the price.

Poster presentation

If you are interested in submitting a poster on TCM then please send an abstract on the attached form:

[Abstract-submission-form](#)

Please submit your poster abstract before the 31st May to the following email address: GPTCMRAmeeting@kew.org. We will be back in contact with the corresponding author by mid-June so they can prepare their poster and also the two powerpoint slides needed for their 2 minute “flash” presentation on Wednesday 4th July. Flash poster presentations: There will also be a 2 minute slot for you to present a verbal overview of your poster at the conference.

Two poster awards (GBP500 each) and three travel awards (GBP500 each) will be presented at the conference.

Poster deadline **31st May**