Symposium 2014

*Check out Pre-Symposium, program, faculty, contests, hotel details*

Preliminary program details on AAMA’s 26th Annual Symposium, April 10-13, 1014 have just been posted online. Check out offerings being planned by Chair Yuan-Chi Lin, MD, FAAMA and Vice Chair Richard F. Hobbs, III, MD, FAAMA at the Grand Hyatt Denver in Denver, CO.

**Pre-Symposium**

Dr. Hobbs is planning these workshops:

**Workshop I: "Eight Modalities for Working with Qi"**
Gabriel Stux, MD

**Workshop II: "Pearls of Medical Acupuncture: From Philosophical, Diagnostic, and Therapeutic Perspectives"**
Steven K. H. Aung, MD

**Workshop III: "Living the Dao: Illuminating the Path to Healing"**
Jeffrey Yuen, LAc

**Workshop IV: "Korean Hand Acupuncture"**
Patrick Yue-Pang Mok, MD

**Symposium Highlights**

- Welcome Reception to honor Diplomats of the ABMA
- Exhibitors with acupuncture-related products and services
- Sharing ideas with your peers
- Group Luncheon
- Symposium Dinner: Five Elements Wine Tasting with Drs. Jay Sandweiss and Robert Gross
- “Early Morning Gong with Aung” with Steven KH Aung, MD
- The Joseph M. Helms Founders’ Lecture “Clinical Science Research in Medical Acupuncture,” by Joseph Audette, MD
- Annual Membership Meeting
- Poster Presentations, Wine and Cheese Reception (featuring “Calligraphy: The Art of Healing,” AAMA fundraising event by Dr. Aung)
- Research Paper presentation
- Free Paper session
- Exciting sessions
- Outstanding Faculty

Faculty being planned in Denver include: Joseph Audette, MD; Steven KH Aung, MD; Jimmy Wei-Yen Chang, LAc; Jen-Hwey Chiu, MD, PhD; Brenda Golianu, MD; Francisco Lozano, MD; Patrick Yue-Pang Mok, MD; Vitaly Napadow, PhD, LAc; Narda G. Robinson, DO; Glenn Rothfeld, MD; Jay Sandweiss, DO; Louisa Silva, MD; Gary Stanton, MD; Gabriel Stux, MD; and Jeffrey Yuen, MD.

**Hotel Details**
Grand Hyatt Denver
1750 Welton St.
Denver, CO 80202
303/295-1234 (be sure to mention AAMA)
Room rate $195 (sgl/dbl)
Cut-off: March 9, 2014 (or when our block of rooms sells out, whichever comes first)
You can also book online using a special Hyatt web page.

The Academy has negotiated a block of rooms at the specially discounted rate of $195/night (single/double). To reserve a room at that rate, call the hotel at 303/295-1234 and be sure to mention the AAMA Symposium. You must make your reservation by March 9, 2014 (or when our block of rooms sells out, whichever comes first) in order to get that discounted rate. The Hyatt also has set up a special web page you can use to book rooms online.

Competitions
Entries are now being accepted for Poster Presentations, the Research Paper competition and Free (Oral) Paper Presentations. Details on those submissions, which will be accepted until Feb. 28, 2014, are listed in this issue.

Check out transportation options, hotel information, Pre-Symposium Workshop sessions, preliminary speakers and topics now posted on the AAMA website. And watch for more information to be posted as it becomes available.

AAMA Education Opportunity
Jason Jishun Hao to offer Chinese Scalp Acupuncture in Texas

AAMA is pleased to announce another offering of an exciting education opportunity, Chinese Scalp Acupuncture, by Jason Jishun Hao, Feb. 15-16, 2014 in Dallas, TX. Register by Jan. 15, 2014 to take advantage of early-bird registration and discounted hotel room rates.

Chinese scalp acupuncture (CSA) is a contemporary acupuncture technique integrating traditional Chinese needling methods with Western biomedical knowledge of the anatomy, physiology, and pathology of the cerebral cortex. Scalp acupuncture has been proven to be the most effective technique for treating acute and chronic central nervous system disorders. Scalp acupuncture often produces remarkable results with just a few needles and usually brings about immediate improvements.

Acupuncture has been used to prevent and treat disease in China for thousands of years. Scalp acupuncture, however, is a modern innovation and development with just 40 years of history. Scalp acupuncture is frequently used in the rehabilitation of paralysis due to stroke, multiple sclerosis, automobile accidents, and Parkinson’s disease. It is also used in pain management, especially that caused by the central nervous system, such as phantom pain, complex regional pain, and residual limb pain. It has been proven to have very effective results in treating PTSD, TBI, aphasia, ataxia, and Menière’s disease.

This course introduces CSA to you through didactic material, demonstration of techniques, and clinical experience for participants. The didactic material covers the anatomy and physiology of the brain and the scalp, in order to show the location and indications of scalp acupuncture points. Demonstration and hands-on segments cover needling technique and stimulation of needles on your classmates. This course contains many case studies from Dr. Hao’s clinical practice and seminars. The range of his successful cases spans the past 30 years.

Accreditation:
The American Academy of Medical Acupuncture is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The American Academy of
Medical Acupuncture designates this live activity for a maximum of 11 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**Dates/Location**
February 15-16, 2014
The Westin Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport
4545 West John Carpenter Freeway
Irving, Texas

Call 800-598-1864 and ask for AAMA Workshop room rate of $95 (sgl/dbl)
(Available until Jan 15 OR when block sells out)
Use the Hotel's online reservation system.
The schedule for the workshop will be as follows:
Saturday 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am – Noon

*There will be a 15 minute break each morning and afternoon and a one and hour a half luncheon break on Saturday (lunch is not included – participants are on their own for lunch).

**REGISTRATION**
Please don’t delay – secure your spot in this workshop and make a room reservation as soon as possible. Each participant is responsible for his or her own travel and hotel expenses. Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

**Call for entries for Poster Presentations at 2014 Symposium**

This is the call for entries to submit Poster Presentations by Feb. 28, 2014 for AAMA's Symposium 2014, in Denver, CO April 10-13, 2014.

Please follow all instructions carefully to allow your application to be fully considered. Poster Presentation Awards will be presented to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place presentations, with $750, $500 and $250 awarded, respectively.

Awards will be announced at the close of the Symposium at the Grand Hyatt Denver. Winners will be notified by March 15, 2014.

Full details are posted here.

**Research Paper competition entries accepted until Feb. 28, 2014**

Entries will be accepted until Feb. 28, 2014 to present an Acupuncture Research Paper at the AAMA Symposium 2014 in Denver, CO on April 10-13, 2014. AAMA expects a hearty number of great submissions from international colleagues.

First, second and third-place awards will be presented at the AAMA Symposium. Prizes offered include: **First Place:** $1,500, Symposium Registration, travel to $500, and three night's hotel lodging for the presenting author. **Second Place:** $750, Symposium Registration, travel to $500. **Third Place:** $350 and Symposium Registration.

The First Place winning paper will be presented in a 30-minute Plenary Session at the Symposium. Papers for second and third place will be announced at the Symposium.
Winners will be notified by March 15, 2014.

Full details are posted here.

Call for Free (Oral) Paper Presentations for 2014 Symposium

The deadline is Feb. 28, 2014 to apply to present a Free (Oral) Paper at the AAMA Symposium 2014, in Denver, CO, April 10-13, 2014.

Please follow all instructions carefully to allow your application to be considered fully. Abstracts should have the title, author, affiliation, contact information and abstract text of no more than 250 words. Free Paper topics may be clinical or research (basic or clinical) related.

Those selected for Free Paper (Oral) Presentations are responsible for their own transportation and housing costs and must pay Symposium registration fees in order to participate in the Free Paper Presentation Sessions. All paper authors and presenters will be listed in the final Symposium program.

Full details are posted here.

Redesigned AAMA website debuts discussion group

Also, access valuable features, such as online renewals, patient referral

Members are encouraged to check out the recently redesigned AAMA website, where you can join your peers in a new discussion group, conveniently pay your 2013-’14 membership dues online and more.

The site includes a Member Only feature that requires that each member have a unique user name and password in order to access the full features of the website. For instance, when you sign on the site as a member, you can access the current and all past issues of the Medical Acupuncture Journal. You need to be signed in as a member in order to access the Webinar recordings, as well.

New Discussion Group

Many Academy members have been presenting cases, getting solutions to problems and discussing issues related to medical acupuncture in AAMA’s new Community Google Group. This email discussion group allows members to communicate, ask questions, and share ideas with each other. Invitations were sent by email, but members can also ask to be added directly to the group by clicking here and then entering your user name and password, or registering.

Also, a complete directory of Academy members can be accessed only when you are signed in as a member. As staff continues to build out the new website, other features, such as case discussions, a Q & A forum among others, will be added for access by members only.

Getting Started

Academy staff has set up online accounts for most members. Each member was assigned a discrete username and a temporary password. Once you log in as a member (the login link is in the upper right hand side of all pages), you can change your password, and update or change other information in your account, but your assigned username will be permanent. See the information below on your assigned user name and temporary password. Please save this information in a safe place for future use.

Web address: www.medicalacupuncture.org
Username: (your 5 digit AAMA member ID #)
Temporary Password: acupuncture
PATIENT REFERRAL PROGRAM SIGNUP FORM ON WEBSITE

Those members who are Associate, Full or Fellow level members may participate in the Academy’s Patient Referral Program if they are available to accept new patients. Those who participate are included in the online listing of physician acupuncturists. The Academy website gets hundreds of queries each week from patients looking for a physician acupuncturist.

Interested members can sign up to be included in the program by signing on to the Academy website with your user name and password, and then going to the “For Physician” tab. Click on the pull-down menu to see the link to sign up for the Patient Referral Program.

Contact the Academy offices if you have any problems or need additional information.

Physician earns Board Certification in Medical Acupuncture

The following physician recently met the stringent requirements of the American Board of Medical Acupuncture (ABMA) and has achieved Board Certification in medical acupuncture. This doctor has earned the designation DABMA (Diplomate, American Board of Medical Acupuncture):

Iris D. Bazing, MD, Baltimore, MD

The Academy has a list of physicians who are Board Certified posted online. Diplomates (DABMA) are listed alphabetically by last name, along with their location, and dates of expiration.

More details on the Board Certification process are posted here.

Physicians complete process for 10-year ABMA recertification

The following physicians have completed the process set by the American Board of Medical Acupuncture Board of Trustees to be recertified as a Diplomate for another 10 years:

Benjamin T. Brown, MD, of Nellysford, VA; James A. Della Valle, MD, of Ithaca, NY; Gene G. Hong, MD, of Clackamas, OR; Grace Kajiwara, MD, of Concord, CA; Anna C. Kelly, MD, of Atlanta, GA; Thomas G. Noll, DO, of Crossville, TN; W. William Shay, DO, of Fleetwood, PA, and Timothy Ying, DO, of Birmingham, MI

After 10 years, each candidate for recertification was required to submit the following:

· Application for recertification.
· Copy of current active medical license.
· Documentation of 150 hours of continuing education credits in medical acupuncture since certification. CME credit is preferred. Topics must be primarily acupuncture. Independently awarded CEU credits may be acceptable, at the discretion of the Board.
· Submission of two written Case Reports on actual cases treated to demonstrate continued knowledge and proficiency in the discipline. Specific Case Report Guidelines will be provided.
· Payment of a recertification fee of $250.

There is no written examination required for recertification.

Applications for recertification should be submitted at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the original certification to assure sufficient time for Board review and approval. Each submission is submitted to the
Board for review to confirm the adequacy of the Case Reports and to confirm that the continuing education requirements were met.

For those designees who are unable to complete the process by the expiration date, an automatic extension of up to three years is available upon request.

**AAMA looking for members to present webinars**

The Academy continues to offer educational webinars as a value-add to membership in the organization and as such, needs your involvement.

If you have an interest in offering a webinar for the membership, please provide the title and a short summary for consideration by the Education Committee. Webinars are typically 45 minutes to an hour in length and can either be personal case presentations or literature reviews.

The Academy has hosted and archived free webinars for members – among them: “Cash-Based Acupuncture: Creating a Successful Practice,” by Laura Bowman, MD; “Acupuncture & Fertility” by Claudia E. Harsh, MD; “Acupuncture Trauma Protocol” by Mitchell Elkiss, DO, FAAMA; and “Advanced Auricular Therapy: Enhanced Clinical Results” and “Acupuncture Related Techniques for Sports and Pain Medicine,” by Bryan L. Frank, MD, FAAMA.

Details on future webinars will be posted on the Academy’s website, in this newsletter and sent via email.

Come be a part of the 21st Century education. Send suggestions to AAMA staff or Dr. Claudia Harsh (claudia.harsh@gmail.com).

**Input sought on children & complementary and alternative medicine**

Many children are using complementary and alternative medicine today. AAMA members can help shape the future direction of the pediatric integrative medicine field by participating in a brief, anonymous survey being conducted by the Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative and the Pediatric Complementary and Alternative Medicine Research Network, with funding from the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine. Results will be used to craft a national research agenda on CAM/IM for children including clinical, health services, and policy research recommendations.

To help guide the future of pediatric CAM/IM research, take the online survey.

**Dr. Sager helps compile acupuncture training standards worldwide**

Marshall H. Sager, DO, FAAMA, led an effort to compile laws of various countries regarding their acupuncture training standards worldwide. Still ongoing, the compilation to date has now been posted on the website of the International Council of Medical Acupuncture and Related Techniques.

The ICMART Lexicon Medical Acupuncture can be found here.

“Thanks to everybody who has sent information about medical acupuncture education in their country,” said Walburg Marie-Oehler, MD, ICMART general secretary. “Thanks also to Dr. Marshall Sager, the chair of the ICMART Education Chapter, who has collected your data, revised them and brought them in a unified form.”
The ICMART Congress 2013 and 5th International Johannes Bischko Symposium for Acupuncture will be held Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 2013 in Vienna, Austria.

Dr. Nakazawa honored for 51 years of service to hospital

Hiroshi Nakazawa, MD, FAAMA, of Catonsville, MD, was recently honored for 51 years of service to Saint Agnes Hospital, having come there in 1957 to complete an internship and his surgical residency before opening his private practice in 1962.

His accomplishments include serving as president of the Medical Staff in 1979, president of the Emergency Physicians Corporation for four years and its board member for 15 years until he was introduced to medical acupuncture training and AAMA in 1995, which he describes as his “second professional life.”

In addition to his activities at the hospital, Dr. Nakazawa dedicates himself to community service. His efforts were honored at the White House by President Ronald Reagan and by Baltimore Mayors William Donald Schaeffer and Clarence “Du” Burns for his work on behalf of Asian Pacific Americans.

Dr. Nakazawa worked with Sr. Margaret James to recognize and inspire fellow members of the medical staff by expanding the Seton lecture dinner, creating an award for physicians with at least 25 years of service to Saint Agnes, and creating the Presidential Corridor.

Dr. Nakazawa, who remains very involved with AAMA, was honored as the only 50th anniversary physician at a St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Medical Staff Recognition Dinner.

Medical Acupuncture Research News

The following is a review of reported research results and related news recently announced or released through Internet outlets:

- The abstract, “Acupuncture and Counselling for Depression in Primary Care: A Randomised Controlled Trial,” was published in PLOS Medicine (October 2013). Involving 755 patients over three months, this is the first study to evaluate clinical and economic impacts of acupuncture and counseling on patients in primary care experiencing depression. Researchers found evidence that acupuncture vs. usual care, and counseling vs. usual care are both associated with significant reductions in depression, and are not associated with adverse effects.

- Several acupuncture-related abstracts were presented at the Metastatic Breast Cancer Forum at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute on Oct. 5, 2013: “Acupuncture for Patients with Breast Cancer,” “What’s New in Metastatic Research and Clinical Trials” and “Coping with Advanced Breast Cancer.”

- The abstract, “Does Acupuncture Improve Dysphasia in Head and Neck Cancer?” was published in Medscape Medical News (Oct 21, 2013). Dysphasia is an adverse effect of chemoradiation therapy in patients with head and neck cancer. Patients were randomized to 12 sessions of active or sham acupuncture, once every two weeks for 20 weeks after chemoradiation. Researchers concluded that there was an improvement in quality-of-life scores after acupuncture.

- A practical study was conducted at a center in Canada to see if acupuncture improves memory, test performance and reduces anxiety. Half of the subjects received acupuncture while half did not. Then all of them took a computerized test of memory function. Subjects who received acupuncture scored 9.5% higher, while having 36% fewer processing errors. Researchers found that subjects who received acupuncture had significantly less anxiety than those who did not receive it.
The abstract, “Acupuncture Reduces Neuropathy Associated With Bortezomib,” was presented at the 10th International Conference of the Society for Integrative Oncology on Oct. 20, 2013. Bortezomib is an effective treatment for multiple myeloma but can cause sensory neuropathy. Study patients received 10 acupuncture treatments for 10 weeks. Researchers concluded that those patients experienced subjective and objective improvements in symptoms.

“Is Acupuncture a Deception,” was published in The Huffington Post Health Living (Oct. 8, 2013), by Jingduan Yang, MD, founder and medical director, TAO Institute of Mind and Body Medicine. He outlined a radio interview with an infectious disease physician in Philadelphia who called acupuncture “a deception.” Dr. Yang refuted the claim with the World Health Organization's 2003 report listing 128 conditions proven to be helped by acupuncture. He outlined the AMA’s conclusion that acupuncture reduces chronic pain with few side effects. He also talks about the AAMA and formation of the ABMA.

The abstract, “The Effectiveness of Acupuncture for Non-Specific Chronic Low Back Pain: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis,” was published in Spine (Sept. 10, 2013). This systematic review involved 32 studies assessing acupuncture as a treatment for non-specific chronic low back pain. Researchers found that acupuncture had a favorable effect on pain and functional limitations on low back pain.

Please send information you find on research involving the efficacy of medical acupuncture to bart.ortberg@dowdenmanagement.com.

AAMA Member News

The Academy is looking for volunteers interested in working on AAMA committees. Among those seeking volunteers are the Symposium Program Committee and the AAMA Membership Committee. Click here for a list of committees and responsibilities of each. Contact Executive Administrator James Dowden (administrator@medicalacupuncture.org, 310/364-0193) if you have questions or are interested in becoming more directly involved in a committee.

If you are a Full Member or Fellow of the AAMA with DABMA certification, you should be printing the Medical Acupuncture certification mark on your stationary, business cards or other listings to promote your special accomplishments in medical acupuncture. The certification mark is available only to Full Members and Fellows of the AAMA who are currently Board Certified by the ABMA. The mark has been registered with the US Patent Office as a Certification Mark that is available for the exclusive use of those who meet the specified credentials. See Certification Mark Guidelines for standards on how the mark should be used in printed materials including acceptable type face, size, color, etc. For an electronic copy of a reproducible jpeg copy of the logo to provide your printer, Full Members and Fellows who are currently Board Certified through the ABMA may send a request to administrator@medicalacupuncture.org. Upon verification of your status, a jpg file will be sent to you.

Bryan L Frank MD FAAMA, AAMA past-president, taught seminars in Auricular Therapy and Auricular Medicine in Nashville in September. Forty practitioners attended the three-day event, 1 1/2 days each in seminars on AT and AM. He is also looking to return to Kenya, India, Nepal, Ecuador and Mexico on missions in 2014. Please visit www.GlobalMissionPartners.org and plan a vacation with a purpose. This is a great way to see the world and may be the most fun you have had in medicine in years.

AAMA achieved a major new milestone this year: the Academy’s official Journal, Medical Acupuncture, increased from quarterly to bi-monthly – six times each year. Academy members receive the Journal free as part of their membership. Also, members have access to all back issues of the Journal published by the Mary Ann Liebert Co. when accessed through the Members feature of the Academy’s website.

Thomas Burgoon, MD, DABMA, AAMA Membership Committee chair and Board of Directors member, says if each member recruits at least one fellow physician acupuncturist into the Academy, membership can double in the next year. So please contact Dr. Burgoon and make that a special priority to help support and promote physician acupuncture in the US.
**Electro-acupuncture** and **dry needling** are becoming more mainstream and thus **receiving coverage** in the media.

Editor-in-Chief **Dr. Richard Niemtzow** of the journal, Medical Acupuncture, is seeking volunteer reviewers to review manuscripts. Reviewers will access manuscripts online. Reviews must be completed and returned within one business week. Reviewers successfully completing a series of timely, high-quality reviews may be invited to join the Editorial Board (at the discretion of the editor in chief). Please send brief qualifications and contact information to [n5ev@aol.com](mailto:n5ev@aol.com).

The **International Council of Medical Acupuncture and Related Techniques (ICMART) 2013** and 5th International Johannes Bischko Symposium for Acupuncture will be held Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 2013 in Vienna, Austria. For more information on 30 years of ICMART and 60 years of the **Austrian Acupuncture Society**, [click here](#) or visit [http://www.icmart.org/](http://www.icmart.org/).

**Jay Sandweiss, DO, FAAMA**, will be teaching. The Mitchell Institute Master Class on Integrative Clinical Problem Solving, with Fred L. Mitchell, Jr., DO, and Kal Mitchell, CMT, in Ann Arbor, MI. Part One is Nov. 23-24, 2013, and Part Two is Jan. 18-19, 2014. Details are [posted here](#).

Some Arizona health care providers can continue providing patients with “dry needling.” A **State Board recently voted** to allow physical therapists to provide the treatment, even though some experts said they do not have enough training. Licensed acupuncturists are angry with the state board of physical therapy after it allowed physical therapists to give patients dry needling.

The Academy has syllabi available from the 2013 Symposium (print or CD format) and four Pre-Symposium workshops. There are also books available by Drs. Charles Moss and Steven and Sandi Amoils at discounted prices for Practice members, other books and audio tapes from sessions in Baltimore. Details are [posted online](#) on this class involving Active Respiratory Technique and Mitchell Intraosseous Technique.

German Auricular Acupuncture will be taught Nov. 21-24, 2013 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada by instructors Dave Maybee, RMT and Lisa Weleschuk, TCMD, RAc. The NCCAOM is granting 27 CEU's. For details, call 204/254-3729 or visit [www.vitalprinciple.ca](http://www.vitalprinciple.ca).

The 2014 spring schedule for "Alternative Medicine Seminars" is now available on the events calendar of the AAMA website. Empower your practice with learning the powerful techniques of "Auricular Therapy" both basic and advanced and the amazing techniques of "Auricular Medicine" based on Nogier's discoveries. Learn the sophisticated techniques of the "SAAT" and treat any allergy permanently with one auricular needle. Also featured is "Auricular Medicine Workshop" to help polish your auricular medicine practice and the study of the the three phase hand acupuncture. Details available at [www.alternativemedicineseminars.com](http://www.alternativemedicineseminars.com).

**Stephen S. Rodrigues, MD**, of Dallas, TX, has some of his cases featured on [YouTube](#).

**Attention all DABMA designees**: The ABMA is into the second year of certification renewals. More recent Diplomates have been completing the renewal process quicker, as they are aware of the requirements and are prepared to meet them. As a reminder, you must document completion of 150 hours of continuing education credits in medical acupuncture-related courses at the time of re-certification. Those who are short are asked to complete those credits before your certification comes up for renewal.

Drs. Alejandro Elorriaga Claraco, Canada; Angelica Fargas-Babjak, Canada; Jay P. Shah, Bethesda, MD; Claudio Couto, Brazil and others will be leading **Contemporary Acupuncture Advances: Technology-Based Approaches and Applications in Musculoskeletal Medicine**, May 23-25, 2014 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Hosted by McMaster University Health Sciences, this event will be sponsored by the Canadian Acupuncture Association.
Joseph M. Helms, MD, FAAMA, reminds members that details on upcoming Helms Medical Institute courses can be found at http://www.hmiacupuncture.com.

Thomas Burgoon, MD, DABMA, is the advisor on acupuncture to Unite for Her, an organization that was created to educate, empower and restore women with breast cancer. Founded in 2009 in Pennsylvania by Sue Weldon, a breast cancer survivor and patient of Dr. Burgoon, this organization educates women with breast cancer about the role of acupuncture, nutrition, massage and yoga in recovering their good health. During the past four years, Unite for Her has partnered with oncologists, surgeons and radiation therapists at eight area hospitals in southeast Pennsylvania.

A former teacher in the Helms Medical Institute, Peter Eckman, MD, PhD, MAc (UK), is offering members a 10% pre-publication discount on his new book, The Compleat Acupuncturist, to be published by Singing Dragon Press in early 2014. It deals with both Constitutional and Conditional pulse diagnosis, as practiced in Korea, India, China and Europe. The book presents 30-plus case histories, in addition to a lot of theoretical material that has never before appeared in English. The retail price will be $50, plus shipping. Contact Dr. Eckman at healingmountain@aol.com for details.

Drs. Yuan-Chi Lin and Richard F. Hobbs, chair and vice chair, are working hard with the Symposium Committee to prepare for the 2014 Symposium April 10-14, 2014. With some very special speakers being planned, the 26th Annual AAMA Symposium will be held at the Grand Hyatt Denver, 1750 Welton St., Denver, CO 80202. The Review Course will be on April 8-9, 2014; Pre-Symposium on April 10, 2014, the Symposium April 11-13, and the Board Certification Exam on April 13, 2014.

Details and a registration form for the 2014 ABMA Review Course are posted at www.dabma.org. Also, the Review Course has been recorded and is available on DVDs. Those can be purchased here.

The International Symposium on Acupuncture Research: Impact of Acupuncture and Moxibustion Research on 21st Century Global Healthcare will be held May 30-June 1, 2014 in Beijing, China. Co-sponsors are the Society for Acupuncture Research and China Association for Acupuncture-Moxibustion.


The Second International Congress on Naturopathic Medicine will be held July 3-6, 2014 in Paris, France. The 2013 congress was a great success, with 42 countries represented.

As part of AAMA membership, members are being offered access to more than 400 journal articles categorized by disease/health application that promote the efficacy of acupuncture. Contact the Helms Medical Institute at mafp@hmieducation.com to obtain your unique password to access this information anytime. Then go to http://hmieducation.com/home and click on "Published Articles." Scroll down to "View Articles Not in the Public Domain."

Please send news items and photos to bart.ortberg@dowdenmanagement.com.

AAMA Chapter News

Arizona
Arizona Chapter meetings are held at 9 am the second Saturday of the month at Dr. Martha Grout’s office, Arizona Center for Advanced Medicine, 9328 E. Raintree Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85260. For details, call 480/240-2600 or e-mail drmartha@arizonaadvancedmedicine.com. There are monthly speakers on topics related to medical acupuncture, as well as Chinese and Functional/Integrative medicine. Email Dr. Grout to get on the email list for meeting announcements.
Georgia
The Georgia Association of Medical Acupuncturists invites everyone to visit their website to learn more about their organization’s philosophy, mission, events and much more. Their site includes a “Member” page, which includes contact information for each GAMA member. For information regarding membership and seminars, contact GAMA President Carlos Parrado, MD, at parrado.pena@att.net.

Illinois
The goal of President Lorene Wu, MD, DiplAc, and Secretary/Treasurer Anthony DeLorenzo, DO is to provide education and support to members. They plan to interface more with the wider acupuncture community by serving on the Illinois Acupuncture Board and by attending meetings of the local acupuncture society.

The chapter is planning an event with Jeffrey Yuen in April 2014. He is director of classical studies at the College of Chinese Medical Arts. Watch for more details in future issues.

Meetings are held every other month at Memorial Hospital in LaGrange, IL.

Maryland
The Maryland Society of Medical Acupuncture offers educational programs and wants to increase participation. Treat yourself to an interesting evening. It is free, and members whose dues are paid receive a free meal. The lecture is on the Chapter. Contact Dr. Joan Ordman at jordman@aol.com to join MSMA.

Ohio
The Ohio Chapter would love to see more active participation of the current membership, as well as new members. Please join them and invite medical acupuncture colleagues. For more information or questions, contact President Dr. Steve Amoils at Steve.Amoils@myhealingpartner.com.

New Jersey & Pennsylvania
John Kohler, MD, FAAMA, is the president of the Pennsylvania Chapter. Visit www.pamedicalacupuncture.com/ for details on this chapter.

Click here for an up-to-date listing of AAMA Regional Chapter officers, their contact information, Websites and members. Think about joining a Chapter to learn more about medical acupuncture specific to your area. And if there’s not a Chapter in your region, please consider forming one by contacting Jim Dowden, AAMA executive administrator, at administrator@medicalacupuncture.org. Chapters provide fellowship, professional camaraderie, education and curbside consults.

Chapter representatives, please send your news and photos for the AAMA Newsletter via e-mail to bart.ortberg@dowdenmanagement.com.

Employment Opportunities

•Wanted: MD/acupuncturist to join holistic medical practice/offices in Roseville and Auburn, CA, 20 and 30 minutes from Sacramento, CA, respectively. Practice is very lucrative, and both offices are roomy, sunny, with lots of windows. Busy five days/week doing Five Element Acupuncture since 1974, with Jeffrey D. Kauffman, MD, having studied and apprenticed with the Master, Dr. J R Worsley from that date till he passed on in 2003. Dr. Kauffman is happy to teach Five Element Acupuncture. Sacramento has two big rivers in its center, and is 1.5 hrs from San Francisco, and 2 hours from Lake Tahoe, a great area to settle down, raise a family, and have fun. Call 916/202-8158 and/or check out http://www.drkauffman.com.

•Rare practice opportunity for a qualified physician acupuncturist. Lowell E. Kobrin, MD, PhD, is planning to retire within the next 18 months. Assume a 25-year thriving general medical acupuncture practice at North Bend Medical Center on the southern Oregon coast. Built-in referrals from more than 30 physicians,
plus a large patient base encompassing three counties. Visit Dr. Kobrin for a VIP tour, meet other physicians and spend a day or two checking out his practice. 541/290-1888, lekobrin@earthlink.net