



Newsletter

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1. An urgent meeting was held by the standing committee of the FCMA Board in Sydney on the 29th March 2015. The meeting was chaired by Secretary-General Chi Jing Liu. Prof. Tzi Chiang Lin reported on the negotiation process with Bupa regarding the recognised provider status for FCMA members. Within the meeting a consensus was reached in regards to the membership renewal form, membership administration and all relevant information was submitted together with a list of members to Bupa.



2. "World Chinese Medicine core curriculum textbooks" editing meeting held in Beijing

Prof Tiz Chiang Lin attended the editing meeting of the "World Chinese medicine core curriculum textbooks" on May 30th, 2015 in Beijing, China. Approximately 150 editors from China, the United States of America, Britain, France, Australia, Canada, Singapore, New Zealand, Malaysia, The Netherlands, Greece, Japan, Spain, Hong Kong and Taiwan attended the meeting. With the increased development of Chinese

medicine courses in the world, there is a need for the development of standardised textbooks for the education of Chinese medicine. Professor Lin has been appointed as co-chief editor, of "Internal Medicine of Chinese medicine" and Dr. Chi Jing Liu and Dr Angela Yang are appointed as co-chief editor and editor for the "Febrile Diseases Textbook". Professor Lin made a presentation for global strategy and the Australian legislative experience at this same meeting where he spoke for two hours under the auspices of Professor Jiping Fan, the Vice president of the Academy of Chinese Medical Science.



3. Election of FCMA-NSW Branch Committee

Elections for FCMA-NSW Branch Committee were held on May 9th, 2015 in Sydney. The newly appointed Committee members are Yangsheng Wu, Harry Xie, Kavin Chang, Xinming Fang, Daniel Deng, Shirley Li, Christina Chow, Charles Xu, Lili Huang, Pingfang Huang, Tieguang Gu, Xiaoyong Yuan, Bill Fan, Fengrong Li, Zhuang Ye and two candidate committee members Xuefeng Wang and Xiaohe Liao. Dr Yangsheng Wu was elected as President of FCMA-NSW branch. FCMA would warmly like to congratulate the NSW branch with their recent election changes of a new president and committee members and would like to add a great appreciation for Dr Kavin Chang, the outgoing President of FCMA-NSW for his team and for his excellent work in the past four years.



4. Representative of the FCMA Meeting with the Expert Review Panel

Dr Sherman Gu, officer of FCMA and Dr Kylie O'Brien, vice-president of FCMA-VIC branch were invited to attend a consultation meeting held by the Health Department of Australian government on May 27th 2015. The Review of Medicines and Medical Devices Regulation released Chapter Nine: Regulation of Complementary Medicines on 20th February 2015. This Discussion Paper invited interested organisations and individuals to provide submissions by the 8th April 2015 to address the issues and options raised in the chapter, and raise any relevant additional issues or options for reform that fall within the Panel's terms of reference, but which have not been covered in the chapter. The Panel received 47 submissions including submission of FCMA in response to Chapter Nine. Please visit the following link for submissions from FCMA and other organisations or individuals:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/Expert-Review-of-Medicines-and-Medical-Devices->

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