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Time: 8/26/2012, Sunday, 10:00am -6:30pm

Place: Mclean Hospital, Harvard Medical School
115 Mill Street
Belmont, MA 02478 (Free Parking)

(Room 132, FRANCIS de MARNEFFE)

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the American Chinese Medical Exchange Society (ACMES), I'd like to sincerely welcome you to our second annual Autism conference entitled: "Biomedical Treatment of Autism 2012" to be held on August 26, 2012 at Mclean Hospital, Harvard Medical School. The mission of our organization is to promote medical exchange between the US and China. With its knowledge and expertise in the medical field and two medical publications in either Chinese or English, ACMES is uniquely positioned to promote global health.

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD), a complex neurodevelopment disorders with fast rising prevalence, now affects 1 in 88 children and 1 in 54 boys in the USA, with an average prevalence rate at 1% worldwide. Autism is taxing heavily on our healthcare system and is becoming a global public health crisis.

Autism has been one of our major focuses and we at ACMES commit to defeat autism. Our journal "North American Journal of Medicine & Science" has published two special issues of autism in July 2011 and July 2012, introducing newest research findings and different perspectives from panels of expert researchers and clinicians fighting at the frontline. Our "To Cure Autism Institute" has launched and will be dedicated to advocate the most advanced, evidence based research findings and integrative approach to understand and cure Autism. The objectives of the conference are for physicians, researchers, social workers and parents to learn from the leading experts and to exchange ideas.

We are honored to have the keynote speech from Dr. Martha Herbert, a leading expert in integrative management of autism, and three panel discussions with groups of experts, focusing on newest research and innovation, environmental factors and autism, traditional Chinese medicine and acupuncture, and biomedical treatment of autism,

We are also honored to have your attendance in support of our cause. Please visit our websites at www.acmes.net, www.najms.net and www.najmh.org. We appreciate greatly your advice and feedback.

Finally, I'd like to invite you to join us. With shared passion and spirit, we can, and we will make a difference together!

Sincerely,

Xuejun (June) Kong, MD
President of ACMES

Program Agenda

10: 00: Registration

10:15-10:30: Opening remark: Xuejun (June) Kong, MD, President, American Chinese Medical Exchange Society

10:30-12:00: Panel: Traditional Chinese Medicine

10:30-11:00: "Perspective of Chinese Medicine in Treatment of Autism" David Lee, PhD, Associate Professor of Harvard Medical School

11:00-12:00: Panel Discussion with invited panelists Drs David Lee, Jing Liu, Weidong Lu, Zhenzhen Zhang
Panel Moderator: Qunhao Zhang, MD, PhD, President, Massachusetts Chinese Society of Chinese Medicine

12:00-1:00: Lunch
Autism Special Issue of "North American Journal of Medicine & Science" release and signage
Dr. Martha Herbert's new book: "Autism Revolution" release and signage

1:00-2:00: Keynote speech: "Autism Revolution" Martha Herbert, MD, PhD; Assistant Professor of Neurology, Harvard Medical School, Director TRANSCEND Research Program

2:00-3:30: Panel: Research and Innovation

2:00-2:30: "How reversible are social dysfunctions in autistic spectrum disorders?" William Stone, PhD, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School

2:30-3:00: "A modern trending in current therapeutic strategy on childhood & neurological diseases from multicenter clinical trials" Ming Tong, MD, MBE, Senior Medical Consultant & Director, Beijing Biopharma International

3:00-3:30: Panel Discussion/Moderator: Xiang Yang Yu, PhD ,Principal Investigator, Medicinal Chemistry/Drug Discovery Ironwood Pharmaceuticals

3:30-4:00: Coffee Break
"Autism and Toxic Chemicals I" Video presented by William Shaw, PhD , CEO of Great Plains Lab

4:00-6:00: Panel: Biomedical therapy

4:00-4:30: "Enzymes: Applications in Food Intolerance" Devin Houston, PhD, CEO, Houston Enzymes

4:30-5:00: "Berard AIT: An effective, yet counterintuitive intervention" Sally Brockett, MS: Director of the IDEA Training and Consultation Center in North Haven, Connecticut

5:00-5:30: "Evidence based biomedical Defeat Autism Now model and the efficacy" Carol Englender, MD, Private practice, Framingham, MA

5:30-6:00: Panel Discussion/Moderators: Yi Zhang, MD, PhD, Zhen Wu, PhD

6:00-6:30: "Autism and Toxic Chemicals II" Video presented by William Shaw, PhD , CEO of Great Plains Lab

6:30-7:30: Dinner at Sichuan's Garden, 411 Waverly Oaks Rd. • Suite 109 • Waltham, MA 02452

Conference Moderator: Lichao Chen, MD, PhD; Associate coordinator: Wen Li, MS

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Faculty:

Martha Herbert, MD, PhD: Dr. Herbert is an assistant professor of neurology at Harvard Medical School and a pediatric neurologist at Massachusetts General Hospital, where she is the director of the TRANSCEND Research Program. She is an affiliate of the Harvard-MGH-MIT-HST Martinos Center for Biomedical Imaging. Dr. Herbert earned her medical degree at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. Prior to her medical training she obtained a doctoral degree at the University of California, Santa Cruz, studying evolution and development of learning processes in biology and culture in the History of Consciousness program, and then did postdoctoral work in the philosophy and history of science. She trained in pediatrics at Cornell University Medical Center and in neurology and child neurology at Massachusetts General Hospital, where she has remained. She received the first Cure Autism Now Innovator Award and is on the Scientific Advisory Committee of Autism Speaks.

Presentation highlight: After much thought, I have come to the formulation that autism may be most comprehensively understood and helped through an inclusive whole-body systems approach, where genes and environment are understood to interplay. In autism I had to rethink everything I thought I knew based on the following phenomena: 1) the presence of atypical pervasively large brains in a condition defined by discrete behavioral features, 2) the identification of tissue changes in the brain consistent with chronic medical challenges, 3) the increasing numbers of people with autism, 4) the brilliance (sometimes hidden) of many people with autism, and 5) the presence of people who have "recovered" or profoundly improved their well-being in a condition that had been considered "hopeless" and lifelong. My whole-body systems and gene-environment approach is a framework that can incorporate all these anomalies. I also have great concerns about our planetary environment. We are at an evolutionarily novel and grave turning point. Given what is at stake, I propose that all of our challenges be viewed through this lens. The nature and growing frequency of autism merits being viewed in this light. So does the nature and growing frequency of many other chronic illnesses.

William Shaw, PhD: Dr. Shaw is board certified in the fields of clinical chemistry and toxicology by the American Board of Clinical Chemistry. Before he founded The Great Plains Laboratory, Inc., Dr. Shaw worked for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Children's Mercy Hospital, University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Medicine, and Smith Kline Laboratories. He is the author of Biological Treatments for Autism and PDD, originally published in 1998 and Autism: Beyond the Basics, published in 2009. He is also a frequent speaker at conferences worldwide. He is the stepfather of a child with autism and has helped thousands of patients and medical practitioners to successfully improve the lives of people with autism, AD(H)D, Alzheimer's disease, arthritis, bipolar disorder, chronic fatigue, depression, fibromyalgia, immune deficiencies, multiple sclerosis, OCD, Parkinson's disease, seizure disorders, tic disorders, Tourette syndrome, and other serious conditions.

Presentation highlight: Throughout the last century, society has been exposed to unregulated and potentially dangerous chemicals. A thorough discussion of the most common toxins that have an effect on physical, behavioral and mental health will be presented including heavy metals, triclosan, PCBs, phthalates, organophosphates, and others. This research-based presentation will address the most common and problematic toxic chemicals, their sources, along with detection and treatment options.

David Lee, PhD: Dr. Lee is an associate professor at Harvard Medical School and the Director of the Bioorganic and Natural Products Laboratory at McLean Hospital. He completed his Ph.D. degree in Natural Products Chemistry at Columbia University. Dr. Lee has worked on numerous projects in drug discovery and development related to traditional Chinese medicine. He and his team isolated a potent topoisomerase I inhibitor (NPI-BC-4) from Boswellia caterii, a traditional medicine used in the treatment of inflammatory diseases in India and China without overt toxicity. A preliminary clinical trial of NPI-BC-4 in Germany showed excellent results in patients with brain tumors. Because of its specific activity against CNS (SP-295) and prostate cancer cell lines (DU-145 and PC-3), NPI-BC-4 is also being developed as a potential non-hormonal therapy for advanced prostate cancer and for early intervention, including benign prostate hyperplasia. Dr. Lee has contributed significantly to the development of alternative therapies for substances abuse. He is the principal investigator on a program project grant funded by the National Institutes of Health entitled "Alternative Therapies for Alcohol and Drug Abuse." Under this program, several isoflavone glycosides have been identified and assessed in animal models of alcoholism. Because of their favorable toxicity profile in comparison with naltrexone, an FDA approved drug, and their suppression of alcohol drinking in alcohol preferring rats, these isoflavone glycosides stand a good chance of development for the treatment of alcoholism. Dr. Lee is also serving as Co-PI on the development of the herbal remedy (HLXL) for osteoarthritis. Dr. Lee and his colleagues at McLean Hospital are also looking into natural remedies for depression, insomnia, and Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Lee received an institutional development award in 1985. He has published 100 papers and holds 15 U.S. and international patents. In this presentation, he will speak on the "Potential Treatment of Autism with Traditional Chinese Medicine".

Sally Brockett, MS. Sally Brockett is the Director of the IDEA Training and Consultation Center in North Haven, Connecticut. She founded the center in 1992 to focus on interventions for developmental disabilities after 12 years as a special education teacher with all categories of disabilities. After training in France with Dr. Guy Berard, the Berard method of auditory integration training (AIT) and consultation became a special focus of her work. Mrs. Brockett has completed advanced training in AIT with Dr. Guy Berard and currently works as the world-wide representative for his program. She is a certified International Professional Instructor in the Berard method. Mrs. Brockett founded the Berard AIT International Society and has served on the Board of Directors since its beginning. She and Dr. Berard have co-authored Hearing Equals Behavior: Updated and Expanded, the newest edition of Dr. Berard's book about his method of auditory integration training.

Presentation highlight: Can 10 hours of listening to electronically modulated music really create significant improvements in behavior and academic abilities for individuals on the autism spectrum? This presentation will provide a description of the procedure and a review of data collected before and after the intervention.

Ming Tong MD, MBE: Dr. Tong studied Physics and Psychophysics under Nobel laureate Donald Glaser at University of California at Berkeley. He got his double masters degrees from universities Berkeley and Harvard with double majors in Bioengineering-Neurosciences and Medical Ethics. Prior to completing his MD degree from Boston Medical, he conducted Phase I & Phase II new drug investigations at the federal National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Center. Additional clinical studies and research were acquired from Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard affiliated teaching hospitals. Ming engaged in basic sciences with collaborative research work of receptor protein complex and cell biology with faculty at Yale, he published abstract in Cell Biology and papers in scientific and medical journals of Experimental Neurology and Investigative Ophthalmology respectively, his discovery of integrins receptors morphology in developmental human was posted on the front cover of the journal Investigative Ophthalmology. By the same year he graduated from Medical School, Ming was the first American Chinese recipient of the Award in Research & Education Fund from the National Radiology Society of North America (RSNA) while he was medical student in Boston Medical Center and spent postdoctoral research in Nuclear Medicine. Ming attended 2000+ medical sciences seminars & medical technology conferences, meanwhile serving medical consulting for the global biopharma industry with strong interest in developing new drugs and molecular diagnostic tests for patients worldwide. Ming 's personal hobbies ranges from Chinese wok cooking, fusion food and domestic oceanic shark tank automation, a former Marina member of New England Aquarium, volunteer works in the low income minorities community on Early Sciences Education afterschool program.

Presentation highlight: in light of numerous research and studies in ASD, attention needs to focus on acceleration of new drug development through multicenter randomized controlled clinical trials. Discussion will be centered around neurological research that might serve the purpose of future strategic development of druggable target in favor of higher benefit-risk ratio.

William Stone, PhD: Dr. Stone is the Director of Neuropsychology Training and Clinical Services, MMHC; Director of Neuropsychology Fellowship Program at MMHC and BIDMC; Assistant Professor of Psychology, Harvard Medical School, Staff clinical psychologist of department of psychiatry, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. His research is focused on identifying cognitive, clinical and biological risk factors for the development of psychiatric illness. These efforts emphasize attempts to identify liability syndromes for schizophrenia and related disorders. They also aim to develop interventions that will alter or prevent the trajectory to psychosis and other manifestations of major mental illness.

Presentation highlight: Useful treatments for ASDs focus are initiated early, have multiple treatment targets, and are comprehensive as possible. In this framework, social cognition offers a set of interrelated treatment targets that are important because they affect outcome, and are promising because they are at least partially distinct from more standard measures of cognition in their effects on outcome.

Devin Houston, PhD: Dr. Houston received his doctorate in biochemistry from the University of South Alabama College of Medicine. The focus of his graduate work was enzyme characterization and purification. His post-doctoral work at Virginia and St. Louis University focused on signal transduction mechanisms in neurobiological systems and resulted in several peer-reviewed publications. He was director of R&D at a major enzyme manufacturer prior to starting his own company, Houston Enzymes, in 2001.

Presentation highlight: Fungal enzymes have been used for decades as aids in food processing. More recently, enzymes are being presented as dietary food modifiers. Modification of food proteins such as gluten and casein may allow those suffering from food intolerances to add such foods back into their diets. This presentation will highlight the characteristics of fungal-derived enzymes versus pancreatic enzymes and illustrate their mechanisms of actions.

Carol Englender, MD: Dr. Englender is an integrative family physician who has been treating children and adults on the autism spectrum for over twenty years, incorporating the biomedical model known as the Defeat Autism Now protocol. She is a graduate of the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and served as a founding member of the board of Trustees of the American Holistic Medical Association. Her past work settings have included acting as medical supervisor at several clinics of the Illinois Drug Abuse Program, and working as a member of the medical staff of the Kaiser Permanente Richmond Medical Center in California. After moving to Massachusetts she was medical director of the integrative health groups Whole Health Associates in Watertown, and Center for Heath in Newton. Dr. Englender is an active member of the American College for Advancement in Medicine and the American Academy of Environmental Medicine. Her private practice is in Framingham, MA.

Presentation highlight: Treatment Outline for Autism Spectrum Disorder include: Diet: GFCF (+soy free), SCD/GAPS;Baseline lab: CBC/Diff, CMP, ferritin, Fe/TIBC, Vitamin D3, thyroid, carnitine, Testing to determine what the gut requires ; Stool analysis, parasitology. Treatment based on lab results re enzymes, inflammation, dysbiosis; Testing to determine which nutrients need to be added: metabolic analysis/organic acids, need for active precursor forms of vitamins, amino acids, nutrient and toxic minerals – RBC levels;Testing for food allergy (IgE) and food sensitivity (IgG);Additional early treatments: glutathione, methylB12;Other useful treatments: Low dose naltrexone, oxytocin; Chelation for heavy metals: DMSA, DMPS, EDTA

Dr. John Zhang has over 20 years of teaching, practicing and researching Chinese Medicine. He is a professor of Beijing University of Chinese Medicine, editor of Chinese Journal of Integrative Medicine (English & Chinese edition) and fellow/acupuncturist at Mass General Hospital, HMS (including 10 years full time).

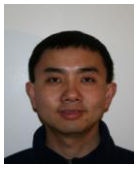
Jing Liu, PhD; Dr. Liu is a licensed acupuncturist and herbalist. He was a physician in China, major in integrative medicine. He has his private clinical practice also at The Marino Center at Cambridge. Dr. Liu has be a research fellow at MGH since 1995. His research interest has been focused on Inflammation, Cancer and Autism with integrative approaches.

Weidong Lu, MB, MPH, PhD; Dr.Lu is Instructor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and the lead acupuncturist at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. He also is Professor in Chinese Medicine at the New England School of Acupuncture, Newton, MA. He is the first recipient of The Bernard Osher Foundation/ The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) CAM Practitioner Research Career Development Award (K01) from NIH. As an investigator, co-principal investigator and principal investigator, he has designed and conducted several NIH-funded acupuncture clinical trials in cancer care. His research interest focuses on evidenced-based acupuncture practice for cancer patients; Chinese herbal medicine and its interactions with western pharmaceuticals.

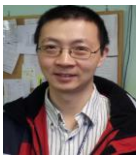
Dr. ZhenZhen Zhang is a professor of New England School of Acupuncture, licensed Acupuncturist and Herbist and practice in Waltham, MA and also working in North Shore Medical Center, Woman's center in Danvers, MA. Dr.Zhang graduated from Hebei Medical School and majored in TCM and graduated from China Academy of TCM majored in Acupuncture, she worked in the department of Psychology and Tokyo University as a visiting scholar, and a Herbal consultant for Isikura herbal company of Japan.

Dr. Xiang Yang Yu is a principal investigator of medicinal chemistry at Ironwood Pharmaceuticals, Cambridge. She has been involved in drug discovery programs in multiple therapeutical areas as well as managing external drug discovery collaborations in the US, Europe and Asia. Prior to joining Ironwood, Dr. Yu was Director of Medicinal Chemistry at Epix Pharmaceuticals leading successful drug discovery programs. She was the project leader for S1P program licensed to Amgen (upfront $ 20 million) for highly potent, selective and orally active agents for autoimmune diseases. She led the teams to advance hits to an early drug candidate in a record period of 9 months and she was also a project leader for GSK collaborative discovery program which resulted in milestone payments ($5.5 million) in 7 months. Before joining Epix, she led anti-infectious programs at Activbiotics and Cubist Pharmaceuticals. Dr. Yu has critical scientific and management job skills including strategic alliances, leadership, inventorship and drafting of patents and publications. She has extensive experience in advance compounds from discovery screening to preclinical & clinical development. Dr. Yu holds a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from Florida State University. She graduated from East China University of Science & Technology in Shanghai with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering.

Yi Zhang, MD, PhD; Dr.Zhang is an attending physician and pain specialist in Dept. of Anesthesia, Critical Care and Pain Medicine of MGH, Instructor of Harvard Medical School, he also received a PhD degree in Neuroscience from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. His research works involved in degradation of the synaptic vesicle-associated protein, oxidative stress and genetics of Parkinson disease and other neurodegenerative diseases, he has special research interest in autism.



Zhen Wu, PhD: Dr. Wu received his Ph.D in Molecular and Cell Biology/Immunology from Brandeis University,
He finished his Postdoc fellow at MIT in Picower Institute of Learning and Memory; he worked as Research Scientist/Animal facility manager at Saoirse Inc, senior research scientist at Abbott lab and Shire HGT.



Lichao Chen, MD, PhD: Dr. Chen is an instructor in Department of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, and a Health Scientist at VA Boston Healthcare System. He graduated from Henan Medical University in 1992, pursued his postgraduate training in neurophysiology in Henan Medical University and Beijing Medical University, and received his PhD in neuroscience in 2003 from Washington State University. His current research focuses on the molecular mechanisms of sleep regulation and animal models of gamma-oscillation deficiency that is present in many autistic and schizophrenic patients.

June (Xuejun)Kong, MD. Dr. Kong is an Attending Physician on staff in Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Clinical Instructor of Harvard Medical School; Her research interests focus on autism and alternative medicine; she established her Autism consultation clinic in 2003, integrated acupuncture and biomedical approach in her practice and research, co-founded "to cure autism institute"; She published her research on oxidative injury, several reviews and two special issues on autism. She is also the founder and president of American Chinese Medical Exchange Society (ACMES), founder and Editor-in-Chief of "North American Journal of Medicine & Science" and "North American Journal of Medicine & Health".

About ACMES

American Chinese Medical Exchange Society (ACMES) is a 501C3 non-profit organization for medical professionals, founded and operated by leading experts in diverse medical fields and healthcare related areas in both the U.S. and China.

The mission of the organization is to promote medical exchanges between the U.S. and China. With its knowledge and expertise in the medical field and two existing medical publications, ACMES is positioned to contribute to the promotion of global health.

The organization taps into various professional social resources and networks, including leading experts in various medical and healthcare disciplines at Harvard Medical School and its affiliated hospitals, other elite medical schools as well as health administrations. The core members have strong academic and social connections and leadership networks that enable the association to fulfill its mission.

Advisory Board

Lester Thurow, PhD, Chairman of Advisory Committee

Dr. Lester Thurow has been a professor of Management and Economics at MIT for 30 years; He was the Dean of the MIT Sloan School from 1987 until 1993. He served as a staff economist on President Lyndon Johnson's Council on Economic Advisers. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and served as vice president of the American Economic Association in 1993.

Alexander Leaf, MD, Vice Chairman of Advisory Committee

Dr. Alexander Leaf has been honored as the fellow of US National Academy of Sciences and the Jackson Professor of Clinical Medicine, Emeritus, and Harvard University. He served as chairman of the Department of Preventive Medicine at Harvard for 10 years. He is the pioneer in the study of the omega-3, and established research lab of fatty acid metabolism in MGH. He has four students who won Nobel Prize.

Samuel Tinsing Mok,Vice Chairman of Advisory Committee

Mr. Samuel Tinsing Mok is the Managing Member of Condor International Advisors, LLC, a Washington DC based management consulting firm. From January 2001 to May 2007, Mr. Mok served as the Chief Financial Officer of the U.S. Department of Labor for the President George W. Bush administration... He previously served as Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, appointed by former Treasury Secretary James Baker.

Stan Finkelstein, MD, Vice Chairman of Advisory Committee

Dr. Stan N. Finkelstein is a Senior Research Scientist at MIT and Co-Director of the Program on the Pharmaceutical Industry (POPI). Since 1975, he has worked actively in the field of medical technology assessment and transfer at MIT. He conducts research and teaches classes on the development and evaluation of medical practice and technology, as well as on health economics and policy, both at MIT and Harvard Medical School. He is an active consultant to U.S. and international pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and medical device firms, as well as to health services organizations and government agencies.

Publications

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2) **Conferences, seminars and courses.** ACMES hosts continuing medical education programs throughout the year.

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