



## COUNCIL OF COLLEGES OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE

**FALL 2003**

### **Council Adopts New Strategic Plan**

At its May 2003 meeting in Safety Harbor, FL, the Council adopted as a guideline a new strategic plan that consists of a Vision Statement, a revised Mission Statement, and four Three Year Goals. The Council's new Vision Statement provides that the Council will be the recognized authority and leader in acupuncture and Oriental medicine education. Highlighting the importance of academic diversity in AOM education, the modified Mission Statement specifies that the mission of the Council is to advance AOM by promoting educational excellence within the field and supporting diversity among its member colleges. The new Three Year Goals state that the Council will: (1) increase the visibility of AOM and the Council, (2) work with other national organizations to advance AOM, (3) review and implement a position on entry levels for acupuncture and for Oriental medicine, and (4) serve as a resource for academic innovation, freedom, and excellence.

The development of the Council's new strategic plan was the product of a professionally facilitated, all-day session in which the participating schools brainstormed ideas about the future of the Council in the context

of contemporary developments within the field. Each of the four Three Year Goals was further defined into six-month strategic objectives that envision specific actions by various committees of the Council. To increase the visibility of AOM and the Council (Goal 1), the Marketing, Public Relations, Funds Development Committee was charged with developing an AOM informational brochure for distribution to all college and university counselors in the U.S. and a media packet. The Executive Committee is to identify and compare the missions, visions, and goals of other national organizations with those of the Council as a first step in working more closely with other national organizations to advance AOM (Goal 2). A new Ad Hoc Entry-Level Standards Committee was created and tasked with soliciting proposals/visions from the AOM community for possible changes to entry-level standards for the independent OM provider and the independent acupuncture provider in the context of a reaffirmation of the Council's continuing support for the Master's degree as the entry level during this process (Goal 3). Additional initiatives were contemplated to facilitate online communication

among the Council colleges and to determine the best practices in distance education (Goal 4).

### **Message from President Lixin Huang**

The wise say that distractions are what we see when we lose sight of the goal. In today's environment, there are many points of potential focus as the Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (AOM) field continues its dynamic growth in the U.S. and as we experience the growing pains that often accompany significant changes and opportunities. The focus of the CCAOM is defined by its mission, vision, and strategic plan, as recently modified this past May at Safety Harbor, FL. Fundamentally, the Council has always been dedicated to promoting educational excellence in AOM. This principle is contained in the Bylaws of the Council.

Additionally, the Council must take cognizance that both within the AOM field as a whole and within its own membership, there are a multiplicity of viewpoints about a variety of issues, such as appropriate entry-level standards for the profession, professional titles, and academic curriculum for AOM

training. One of the great strengths of the Council, and certainly a key to its continuing viability as a membership organization for most of the accredited and candidate AOM schools in the U.S., is its willingness to serve as a forum for discussion of these varying perspectives and, indeed, to respect and honor the diversity of its member colleges. Accordingly, in revising its Strategic Plan to set goals and objectives at Safety Harbor, the Council supplemented its basic mission statement concerning the promotion of educational excellence in the AOM field by adding an explicit commitment to advance AOM by supporting diversity and academic freedom.

This particular change to the Council's Strategic Plan in the context of today's often fractious AOM environment perhaps also reflects an unarticulated urge by its membership to draw upon the principles of harmony and balance that constitute the very wellsprings of AOM itself. Harmony and balance are established as much by the spirit of our discourse than by the substantive outcome of a given discussion. There are times when we do not know all the answers even within our own field and when the fullness of an answer can only come when we empty ourselves of some of what we may think must be true. Additionally, an overemphasis on and clinging to the past, particularly where that past may have been characterized by discord, only serves to obscure and to delay in time a present moment in which we are free to redefine issues in a fresh way that brings forth the natural harmony and balance that underlies our true nature.

My commitment is to work with the members of the Executive Committee and staff to lead the

Council forward in a spirit of inclusiveness with respect for the diversity of our member colleges, and to continue to provide the best possible opportunities through our meetings and discussions to further the mission of promoting academic excellence in AOM. As the real gold stands through fire, so may the AOM profession, in spite of its current stresses and strains, move into its full potential as we remember to apply the profound principles upon which this medicine is based for greater healing and harmony.

### **New Officers Elected to Council's Executive Committee**

At its November 2002 meeting in Rosslyn, Virginia, the Council elected Lixin Huang as its new President. Ms. Huang is also the President of the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine. Elizabeth Goldblatt, who had been the Council's President since 1996, automatically became the Immediate Past President member of the Executive Committee. Steve Given, Clinical Director at Bastyr University and a former Member-at-Large, was elected as the Council's Secretary. Nancy Browne, Executive Director of Southeast Institute of Oriental Medicine, and Megan Haungs, Dean of the Swedish Institute--School of Acupuncture and Oriental Studies, were elected as Members-at-Large to the Executive Committee.

### **Tribute to Elizabeth Goldblatt**

During its general business meeting at Safety Harbor, FL in May 2003, the Council paid tribute to its former President, Elizabeth Goldblatt, who headed the Council

from 1996-2002 and had been Vice President from 1990-1996. In recognition of her many years of extraordinary commitment and service to both the Council and the AOM profession, a commemorative plaque was presented in her honor and contained the following inscription:

### **COMMENDATION FROM THE COUNCIL OF COLLEGES OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE**

**To Elizabeth A. Goldblatt~**

The Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine wishes to express its deepest gratitude to you for your outstanding service to the Council and to the field of acupuncture and Oriental medicine in the United States. Through your extraordinary leadership as both President and Vice President of the Council, you have successfully advanced the Council's mission of promoting educational excellence among the colleges that comprise its membership. Further, you have brought the Council itself into prominence in the field of acupuncture and Oriental medicine in the United States and internationally. Your dynamic leadership has been consistently characterized by courageous action on behalf of the Council, integrity, and a profound sense of human dignity for all. In the history of acupuncture and Oriental medicine in the United States, your name shall be remembered by future generations. You shall always be cherished in the hearts of those who have been privileged to work with you.

**The Council of Colleges of  
Acupuncture and Oriental  
Medicine  
2003**

**Proposal for Doctorate of  
Acupuncture Degree Submitted to  
ACAOM**

At its November 2002 meeting in Rosslyn, VA, the Council adopted a Doctorate of Acupuncture Degree proposal that contains accreditation criteria for a 4-year 4000 hour course of study with a minimum of 1200 hours beyond the current Masters Degree level. A minimum of 650 hours of advanced clinical training would be required to obtain this degree.

The rationale for this new degree is based on the fact that the body of knowledge of the theory and practice of acupuncture currently far exceeds what can be transmitted in a master's degree program. The extensive knowledge base in acupuncture is reflected in the distinct traditions that have emerged, such as Five Element, Japanese styles, French classical, and others. As the current D.A.O.M degree does not address the needs of a significant number of practitioners who have invested years in studying acupuncture as a stand-alone practice, the new D.Ac. Degree will provide these practitioners with a formal structure in which to focus and deepen their understanding of their area of expertise. Moreover, the D.Ac. Degree is expected to preserve and contribute to the further development of the various distinct acupuncture traditions and to strengthen the profession's longstanding commitment to academic diversity.

In December 2002, the Council's D.Ac. proposal was formally submitted to ACAOM with a

recommendation that ACAOM create standards for the degree. At its June 2003 retreat, ACAOM decided to refer the proposal to a committee of the Commission. The Commission will consider this proposal at its November 2003 meeting. If approved, the Commission will publish the proposal in a forthcoming newsletter with an invitation for public comment and an announcement of a future public hearing.

**North American Acupuncture  
and Oriental Medicine Day  
Activities**

In conjunction with the recognition of October 24, 2003 as North American Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Day, Council colleges will engage in a variety of activities on that day to promote greater public awareness of the benefits of AOM, such as issuing local press releases, offering free acupuncture treatments at college clinics, providing free talks about AOM, and encouraging alumni to hold an evening of free treatments or talks at their clinics. It is expected that the colleges will work with professionals throughout their local area in celebrating this day. The two national professional associations are encouraged to inform all their state associations about the day so that the local associations can work with the colleges and other relevant organizations in their areas. The Council's Committee on Public Relations, Marketing, and Funds Development is coordinating the Council's effort to bring recognition to this day.

**Recent Developments in Clean  
Needle Technique Program  
by  
Paula Diamond  
CNT Program Manager**

Many may be unaware that the largest single program administered by the Council is the Clean Needle Technique (CNT) course. In 2002 alone, 63 courses were held in 31 cities in the United States and Canada.

The Council's CNT course has been instrumental in raising safety standards within the acupuncture profession. In a study published in Alternative Therapies (Jan/Feb 2003), entitled *Is Acupuncture Safe? A Systematic Review of Case Reports*, the authors point out that for the 35-year period between 1965 and 1999, there were only 202 cases of complications and adverse events associated with acupuncture in the United States, hepatitis being the major complication (94 cases). Their research showed a trend toward fewer complications and adverse events after 1988, at which point no further cases of hepatitis were reported. The authors note that the dramatic decline in incidences of infection in last decade is attributable to the introduction of disposable needles **and** national certification requirements for CNT. As the reduction in complications after 1988 coincides with the adoption by NCCAOM and by many state acupuncture boards of the requirement of the Council's CNT course for national certification, this trend would seem to confirm that implementation of Council's CNT standards has improved public safety.

In addition to the NCCAOM's requirement of CNT for national certification in acupuncture, 16 states

either directly or indirectly require the Council's CNT course as a requirement for licensure. Council verification of CNT completion is a quick and easy process and available upon written request from the Council's national office. In light of the increasing mobility of all health care providers who often move from one state to another during their careers, the existence of a competent and experienced organization charged with the control of CNT records nationally provides practitioners with a significant advantage in meeting their need for CNT verification within a state.

The success of the Council's CNT program is dependent on several factors: an experienced and dedicated force of over 30 Council-trained CNT instructors, a permanent standing committee of Council members who provide close oversight and meet at least twice a year, an experienced program manager in the Council's national office, and superior program content that has been carefully developed and honed over the past 12 years.

The requirements for becoming a Council CNT instructor are rigorous. Each candidate must be an active NCCAOM diplomate with a minimum of two years of professional clinical practice, as well as licensed to practice in his/her state of residence. Instructor candidates also must be nominated by the President/CEO of a Council member school and have successfully completed the Council's CNT Instructor Training Course. In addition, instructors, who are located throughout the U.S., are systematically evaluated in an effort to maintain a high level of instructional standards.

The fifth edition of the *Clean Needle Technique Manual*, published by the National Acupuncture

Foundation, will be available at the end of 2003. The use of the new edition of the *Manual* will require an update of course content and the development of new examinations. New instructional materials have been developed and will soon be available as part of the Council's ongoing effort to improve the overall quality of the CNT course.

In addition to the quality of the course, the Council is vigilant concerning the integrity of the CNT examination process, which is maintained by conducting item-writing workshops to develop new examination questions, use of a rotating bank of examinations, and by many other internal procedures relating to examination security.

NCCAOM has formed a CNT Task Force to develop criteria for the selection of national CNT providers. Successful completion of a national CNT course is a requirement for applicants who wish to take the Commission's certification examination in acupuncture. The Council is represented on the CNT Task Force by Steve Given, who is Secretary of the Council and a consultant to the Council's CNT Committee.

For further information about the Council's CNT course or to receive an application packet, contact the Council's national office at 301-313-0868, or visit our website at [www.ccaom.org](http://www.ccaom.org). The CNT Program Manager, Paula Diamond, can be contacted via email at [ccaom1@compuserve.com](mailto:ccaom1@compuserve.com).

### Committee Activity

At its May meeting in Safety Harbor, FL, five Council committees met and made reports concerning matters within their respective charges. Some of the key

recommendations of these committees are summarized below.

#### Faculty Development Committee

Under the chair of Tom Haines (Pacific College of Oriental Medicine-San Diego Campus), the committee is charged with making recommendations concerning faculty development, training, and other programs that will enhance the expertise and skills of faculty at Council colleges. At its meeting in Safety Harbor, the committee identified various characteristics of the faculty at the Council's colleges that seem most important to successful faculty development efforts, including the characteristics of the most effective teachers. The committee's three key recommendations are as follows:

(1) The Council should provide leadership and guidance in an effort to define the "role and responsibilities" of CCAOM college faculty members and identify specific resources (content, pedagogical, and technological) that would best serve the needs of its faculty members.

(2) The Council should fund the development and administration of a survey to member colleges to identify the areas of greatest concern that administrators, teachers, students, and alumni have regarding the quality of classroom and clinic instruction. Further, the Council should task the Faculty Development Committee with the development and administration of this survey, as well as fund the analysis of the data derived from this survey.

(3) The Council should provide funding for an electronic infrastructure that would enable member colleges to begin a systematic, internal process in support of faculty development.

### Mission & Visioning Committee

This relatively new committee, which was established at the Council's meeting in November of 2002, is chaired by Cynthia O'Donnell (East-West College of Natural Medicine). The committee's charge is to provide ongoing review in the development of a vision for the larger AOM community that reflects the Council's bylaws, strategic plan, and mission and goals of the Council.

Meeting for the first time in Safety Harbor in May of 2003, the committee reviewed the context in which it had been established and was then functioning, which included the Vision Search Task Force process within the larger AOM community, as well as the release of ACAOM's doctoral survey in December of 2002. The committee examined a number of topics that were considered to be important to the development of a future vision for AOM, such as institutional diversity, educational excellence, bridge-building with other national organizations, needs of patients, representations concerning AOM expertise, educational standardization for AOM licensure, opportunities for AOM practitioners, doctoral degree as an entry-level standard, impact of other medical professions on AOM, the Council's relationship with ACAOM, and the appropriateness of the use of the term "Oriental."

The recommendations of the committee concerning the future vision of the Council emphasized the need for a reference to educational excellence and service to the patient, as well as some type of mechanism for assisting schools that may be in danger of institutional failure. The Committee also discussed the current representation within the VSTF group, the role of the VSTF

facilitators, and the viability of the VSTF process generally.

### Distance Education Committee

This Committee, chaired by Rose Haywood (Tai Hsuan Foundation: College of Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine) recommended that the Council should fund a presentation by someone knowledgeable in the use of Distance Education in a regionally accredited university. The purpose of the presentation would be to inform Council members of the possibilities that Distance Education offers for the Council's colleges. The Committee also urged that a Statement of Purpose be created regarding appropriate applications to clarify what role Distance Education can and should play in the AOM programs. It was further recommended that a Statement of Best Practices for Distance Education should be developed that is appropriate to AOM programs.

The Committee recommended that the foregoing statements should be presented to the Council for consideration at the next meeting in November 2003. It was also suggested that collaborative efforts with ACAOM should be established to ensure alignment between institutional objectives and accreditation concerns regarding the appropriate use of Distance Education in AOM schools.

### Marketing, Public Relations, and Funds Development Committee

The report of this Committee, which is chaired by Linda Fontaine (Academy of Oriental Medicine-Austin), largely reflected the outcome of the Council's Strategic Planning Session the day before where it was specified that the Committee would take the following actions:

By September 1, 2003, produce, print, and mail to college and university counselors an informational brochure on the AOM profession and CCAOM;

By September 1, 2003, create and distribute to media personnel at all colleges for feedback a draft press packet for the media that includes a tactful, well-balanced comparison of levels of competency and training, the brochure, and a Letter to the Editor;

At the November meeting, present the media packet to the Council for approval; and

Interface with the Executive Director by monitoring and collecting media information and responding effectively.

### Clean Needle Technique Committee

The CNT Committee, under the Co-Chairs of Shen Ping Liang (American College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine) and Patsy Roth (Tri-State College of Acupuncture) reviewed its current ongoing activities, which included the development of a new set of overheads for CNT instructors. The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the *CNT Manual* is complete and is in the process of being translated into Chinese and Korean. It is expected to be in circulation by the end of 2003. The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the *Instructor Manual* is being edited and will be distributed by the end of 2003. A future item-writing workshop for exam questions is planned and a new set of exams will be prepared by the time the *CNT Manual* is released later this year. New procedures for enhancing the security of the exams are being put into place.

Projects planned for 2004 include the development of a video for the use of instructors concerning the CNT demonstration process. There

will be a 2-day weekend instructor training workshop in New York to fill a need for new instructors in the New York area. Schools outside the New York area will also be given the opportunity to send people to this training and will receive notification of this training by mail.

#### Ad Hoc Entry-Level Standards Committee

During its general business meeting at Safety Harbor, the Council established a new committee known as the Ad Hoc Entry-Level Standards Committee. Subsequently, the Executive Committee appointed Valerie Hobbs (Southwest Acupuncture College) and Megan Haungs (Swedish Institute: School of Acupuncture and Oriental Studies) as Co-chairs.

The impetus for the new committee arose from the desire to create an open process within the Council to obtain input on possible changes to entry-level standards for the AOM profession. The charge of the committee reflects an intent to balance the need for an open-ended and free discussion of this issue with the need to provide a stable context in which the discussion can occur by reaffirming support for the Master's Degree as the entry level during the conversation. The specific charge of the committee is as follows:

**The Council establishes an ad hoc Entry-Level Standards Committee to solicit proposals/visions from the acupuncture and Oriental Medicine community for possible changes to entry-level standards. By October 15, 2003, the ad hoc Entry-Level Standards Committee will develop and begin to implement a plan for soliciting these proposals for implementation of possible changes in entry level to the**

**profession of the independent Oriental Medicine Provider and Independent Acupuncture Provider (for example, 10/15 years respectively for a doctorate). In order to enable all the colleges to participate fully and openly in this process, the Council reaffirms its support for the Master's degree level as entry level during this process.**

After the Council's meeting in Safety Harbor, the Committee initially developed an internal work schedule and identified as the key threshold issues relevant to its charge the need to determine what types of information should be solicited from the AOM community, from whom the information should be gathered, and in what format the information should be obtained. Subsequently, the Committee developed a document containing a call for position papers and proposals for implementation, as well as a topical outline to facilitate organized, comprehensive responses. As envisioned in its charge, the committee is expected to develop and implement a plan by October 15 of this year. The Committee will meet at the Council's conference in Orlando, FL in November and report to the full Council at that time.

#### **Obituary for J.R. Worsley**

Professor Jack Reginald Worsley ("JR"), Dr.Ac. (China), M.Ac. (China), N.D. (England), Professor (China), beloved Master and teacher of Classical Five-Element Acupuncture, husband, brother, father and grandfather, died in the early hours of June 2, 2003, in Miami, Florida.

Professor Worsley had a defining effect on acupuncture in the United States from 1970 to the present. He has taught thousands of practitioners

in this country and inspired others through his writing and lectures. He leaves a lasting influence on the field of acupuncture.

A practitioner with over 58 years' experience, he authored numerous books including *Is Acupuncture for You?*; *Talking About Acupuncture in New York*; and *Traditional Chinese Acupuncture, Volumes I & II*. Additionally, he wrote articles for medical journals and appeared many times on television programs throughout the world.

His achievements and honors include Honorary Professor of the Department of Oriental Medicine at Won Kwang University, Korea; Vice President of the World Academic Society for Acupuncture; Founding President of the Traditional Acupuncture Society, U.K.; Professor of the Medical Acupuncture Society, South Africa, and the Argentine Medical Acupuncture Society; and Honorary President, Compagnonnage d'Acupuncture Traditionnelle, France.

Born and raised in Coventry, England, Professor Worsley studied physiotherapy while serving as an army education officer in charge of Colleges of the North West Command. After the war, he practiced physiotherapy and studied and practiced osteopathy, naturopathy and Chinese acupuncture. At that time it was not possible to receive professional qualifications in Chinese acupuncture in the west. In the early 1950s he journeyed to Taiwan, Singapore and Korea, earning his Doctorate of Acupuncture. His classical five-element acupuncture teachers, Ono and Hsui, bestowed the rare and honored classical designation of "Master" upon him.

He founded the College of Traditional Acupuncture, UK, in 1956; the Worsley Institute of

Classical Acupuncture, USA, in 1988; and the Master Apprentice Program in 1997. In 1974, he founded the Traditional Acupuncture Institute (now Tai Sophia Institute) with Dianne Connelly and Robert Duggan in Columbia, MD. He also was associated with other schools in the United States, United Kingdom, France and Norway.

Since the early 1980s he and his wife, Judy Becker Worsley, Dr. Ac., traveled extensively across America, conducting seminars and consultations. Professor Worsley also lectured in France, Spain, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Poland, India, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Canada and Switzerland.

Following massive heart attacks, western doctors predicted that his capacity would be severely limited by his weakened heart. However, Professor Worsley continued to travel and teach — a living example of his conviction that this body/mind/spirit medicine can heal people at the deepest level.

He proclaimed many times that he wanted to work until he died. The last date he saw patients was in his room at Baptist Hospital on May 13. He continued to offer advice, giving input for the ongoing Master Apprentice Program, a Worsley Institute Practitioner Seminar, and other business activities until shortly before he died. He exuded love to everyone present — nurses, doctors and visitors were all treated with respect and impeccable manners.

J.R. was an extraordinary human being. Those who met him often remarked on his powerful presence, which was simultaneously and uniquely warm, gentle and kind. He had an extraordinary capacity to forgive, to be patient and compassionate, to subordinate petty personal feelings to his essential and overriding capacity to love and care

for other beings. His sense of humor and fun were legendary. His family, friends and professional community will hugely miss him.

“J.R. was among the first in the west to insist that the health of the patient’s body, mind, and spirit must all be taken into account if we are to help individuals regain their health. He helped initiate this fundamental change in the way medicine of all types is practiced in the west,” says David Goodell, President of the Board of Trustees of the Worsley Institute of Classical Five-Element Acupuncture. “Over the past 18 years I have had the honor and privilege of studying with Professor J.R. Worsley and his wife, Judy Becker Worsley. I have never known a more compassionate man, totally dedicated to treating patients and to helping us master this profound system of healing so that it will be available for generations to come. His presence was a shining light; his passing is a great loss.”

Dianne M. Connelly, Ph.D., Chancellor of the Tai Sophia Institute in Laurel, MD, says, “The co-founders of Tai Sophia Institute were inspired by the work and words of J. R. Worsley. The three major themes of his work, about which he spoke so passionately, were: Learn from nature. Learn through our senses. Learn from our symptoms.”

Professor Worsley is survived by his wife and designated successor, Judy Becker Worsley, Dr. Ac.; a daughter, Hilary Skellon, of Boulder, CO, USA, and a son, John Worsley, of Spain (their mother was the late Ellie Buckland Worsley); three grandchildren, Melanie and Russell Skellon and Ben Worsley; his sister, Eva Shilton; a brother, Harry Worsley; nieces and nephews; and his beloved feline friend, Wellington Worsley, of Church Hill Farm, Burton Dassett, England.

Professor Worsley will be cremated in Miami, FL, and his ashes sent to England. A UK Memorial Service at All Saint’s Church, Burton Dassett, is scheduled for September 14, 2003 (JR’s 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday). A USA Memorial Service is scheduled for October 30, 2003, at The Palms Hotel, Miami Beach, FL. This date and venue were booked for a surprise 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration; instead, his friends and family will use this occasion to honor his life in a Memorial Service. For details, please visit [www.worsleyacupuncture.com](http://www.worsleyacupuncture.com) or [www.worsleyinstitute.org](http://www.worsleyinstitute.org).

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be sent to The Worsley Institute, 3915 William Court, Charlottesville, Virginia, USA 22903.

### **New ACAOM Curriculum Standards Effective in 2004**

At its November 2002 meeting, ACAOM adopted as permanent a number of amendments to Essential Requirements 1, 2, 3, 4, 8 and 13. The revised standards for Essential Requirement 8 (Program of Study) take effect for students entering accredited and candidate programs after July 1, 2004. Among other changes, the amendment to Essential Requirement 8 increases the number of minimum hours for the three year professional acupuncture curriculum from 1725 to 1905 hours. The minimum length of the professional Oriental medicine curriculum of four years will also increase from 2175 to 2625 hours. For additional details concerning these and other changes, see ACAOM’s newsletter for Winter 2003, vol. 16, no. 2.

## NCCAOM Announces New Oriental Medicine Certification and Modular Examinations

NCCAOM has developed a new Oriental Medicine (OM) certification and will begin accepting applications in December of this year from persons who wish to earn the credential *Diplomate in Oriental Medicine* (Dip.OM). The Commission will not recognize apprenticeship as a route of eligibility for the OM certification.

Additionally, effective in June 2004, the Commission will offer all its examinations in a modular format that will include separate modules in Foundations of Oriental Medicine, Acupuncture, Point Location, Chinese Herbology, and Biomedicine. Candidates who apply for certification in acupuncture, Chinese herbology, or the new OM program will be required to complete specified modules to obtain the requisite credential.

For further details concerning both of these recent developments, see NCCAOM's newsletter, *The Diplomate* (Summer 2003), vol. 7, no. 2.

## Council Represented at AOBTA National Convention

The Association of Bodywork Therapies of Asia (AOBTA) held its annual convention in August in Boston. The Council was represented by Megan Huang (Swedish Institute) and a Member-at-Large on the Executive Committee. The convention offered to its many participants a program of classes and seminars by leaders in the field including Barbara Esher, Michio Kushi,

Kiiko Matsumoto, Ohashi, Pauline Sasaki, Alex Tiberi and Jeffrey Yuen. At the convention there was a meeting of the AOBTA Council of Schools and Programs (COSP), which discussed legislative issues and plans for the observance of AOM day. There was additional discussion concerning faculty training, transcripts, and the NCCAOM Asian Bodywork Therapy exam.

## CCAOM Officers and Committees

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## Future Meeting Dates

The CCAOM holds two meetings each year, one in May in conjunction with the Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Alliance (AOMAlliance) and one in conjunction with the convention of the American Association of Oriental Medicine (AAOM) in November. The next meeting dates and location are:

**November 11-16, 2003-Orlando,  
FL**

**May 2004, Hollywood, CA**

For more specific information about the events and times for the next Council meeting this fall, see the November conference link on the Council's website at [www.ccaom.org](http://www.ccaom.org).

**Dragon Rises College of  
Oriental Medicine and  
RainStar University Join  
CCAOM**

At its November 2002 meeting, the Council voted into its membership Dragon Rises College of Oriental Medicine located in Gainesville, FL. Dragon Rises achieved candidacy status with ACAOM in May 2002.

RainStar University was admitted into membership at the Council's May 2003 meeting. The university is located in Scottsdale, AZ and achieved candidacy status with ACAOM in November 2002.

**45 Accredited and Candidate  
Colleges in CCAOM**

The following colleges have met the standards of the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine and are members of the Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine:

**Arizona**

**Arizona School of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine**  
Tucson

**Phoenix Institute of Herbal Medicine & Acupuncture**  
Phoenix, AZ

**RainStar University**  
Scottsdale, AZ

**California**

**Academy of Chinese Culture and Health Sciences**  
Oakland

**Acupuncture & Integrative Medicine College, Berkeley**  
Berkeley

**American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine**  
San Francisco

**Dongguk Royal University**

Los Angeles

**Emperor's College of Traditional Oriental Medicine**  
Santa Monica

**Five Branches Institute: College of Traditional Chinese Medicine**  
Santa Cruz

**Pacific College of Oriental Medicine**  
San Diego

**Samra University of Oriental Medicine**  
Los Angeles

**Santa Barbara College of Oriental Medicine**  
Santa Barbara

**South Baylo University**  
Anaheim

**Yo San University of Traditional Chinese Medicine**  
Santa Monica

**Colorado**

**Colorado School of Traditional Chinese Medicine<sup>1</sup>**  
Denver

**Southwest Acupuncture College**  
Boulder

**Florida**

**Academy for Five Element Acupuncture**  
Hallandale

**Atlantic Institute of Oriental Medicine**  
Fort Lauderdale

**Dragon Rises College of Oriental Medicine**  
Gainesville

**East West College of Natural Medicine**  
Sarasota<sup>2</sup>

**Florida College of Integrative Medicine**  
Orlando

**Southeast Institute of Oriental Medicine**  
Miami

**Hawaii**

**Institute of Clinical Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine**  
Honolulu

**Tai Hsuan Foundation: College of Acupuncture & Herbal Medicine**  
Honolulu

**Traditional Chinese Medical College of Hawaii**

<sup>1</sup> In the 2002 Newsletter, the name of the Colorado School of Traditional Chinese Medicine in Denver, CO, was inadvertently omitted from the list of Council colleges.

<sup>2</sup> East West College of Natural Medicine, which was formerly located in St. Petersburg, FL, is currently located in Sarasota, FL.

Kamuela

**Illinois**

**Midwest College of Oriental Medicine**  
Chicago

**Pacific College of Oriental Medicine**  
Chicago

**Maryland**

**Tai Sophia Institute**  
Laurel

**Massachusetts**

**New England School of Acupuncture**  
Watertown

**Minnesota**

**American Academy of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine**  
Roseville

**Minnesota College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine**  
Bloomington

**New Jersey**

**Eastern School of Acupuncture and Traditional Medicine**  
Montclair

**New Mexico**

**Southwest Acupuncture College**  
Santa Fe  
Albuquerque

**New York**

**Mercy College: Program in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine**  
Dobbs Ferry

**New York College of Health Professions**  
Syosset

**New York Institute of Chinese Medicine**  
Mineola

**Pacific College of Oriental Medicine**  
New York City

**Swedish Institute: School of Acupuncture and Oriental Studies**  
New York City

**Tri-State College of Acupuncture**  
New York City

**North Carolina**

**Jung Tao School of Classical Chinese Medicine**  
Sugar Grove

**Oregon**

**National College of Naturopathic Medicine**  
Portland

**Oregon College of Oriental Medicine**  
Portland

**Texas**

**Academy of Oriental Medicine at Austin**  
Austin

**American College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine**  
Houston

**Dallas College of Oriental Medicine**  
Dallas

**Texas College of Traditional Chinese Medicine**  
Austin

**Washington**

**Bastyr University**  
Kenmore

**Wisconsin**

**Midwest College of Oriental Medicine**  
Racine

**Canada**

**Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences**  
Toronto