



## Acupuncture New Zealand Conference 2023

25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023

### Speakers

We are very excited to introduce our wonderful line up of inspirational and insightful speakers for the Acupuncture New Zealand 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.

[Register now](#), we look forward to welcoming you to a great weekend.

### Kylie Bryant (ACC)



Kylie Bryant's whakapapa links are Ngāti Maniapoto and Waikato. Kylie is based in Amohia Ake – Kirikiriroa office as Māori Health Lead for the Raranga Team in Te Rangapuu Hauora Māori.

### Teremoana Metuamate (ACC)

Teremoana Metuamate is of Ngāti Kauwhata, Ngāti Hauā, Mangaia, Te Whānau a Apanui, and Ngāpuhi descent, based in Manawatu, and is a Kaitohutohu Hauora Māori (Māori Health Services Advisor) in the Raranga Team.

The Raranga team at ACC that led the development of Kawa Whakaruruhau (Cultural Safety) policy and supporting resources, including Te Whānau Māori me o mahi cultural competencies guidance document alongside a dedicated project team to support a meaningful and sustainable advancement towards cultural safety in health and rehabilitation services in Aotearoa New Zealand.



## Sandro Graca



Sandro Graca is a published researcher in the field of menstrual and reproductive health, Fellow of the ABORM, and Director at Evidence Based Acupuncture. He obtained his Licentiate in TCM at the Irish College of TCM in Dublin, including a four-week program at the Beijing University of Chinese Medicine. He completed his MSc at the Northern College of Acupuncture, UK – in conjunction with Middlesex University – focusing on acupuncture for polycystic ovary syndrome.

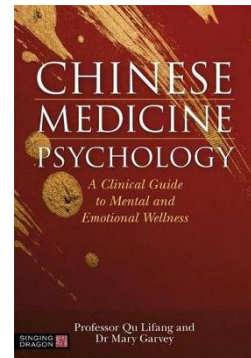
He is the Social Media Editor of the European Journal of Integrative Medicine and a researcher on Cochrane Reviews Groups for dysmenorrhea, endometriosis, and for assisted reproductive technology.

## Dr Mary Garvey PhD



Dr Mary Garvey trained initially in Sydney graduating in 1985, and thereafter at the Nanjing, Beijing and Shanghai Universities of Chinese Medicine and their teaching hospitals. She held an academic position at the University of Technology Sydney for 26 years in the TCM bachelor degree programs. There she was a Senior Lecturer, Program Director, researcher, clinician, supervisor and teacher, and in 2011 completed a PhD in International Studies-TCM.

Dr Garvey has authored more than fifty refereed journal and conference papers, books and book sections, many of these co-authored with Professor Qu Lifang (of the Shanghai University of Chinese Medicine). Dr Garvey has recently retired from private practice in Auckland.

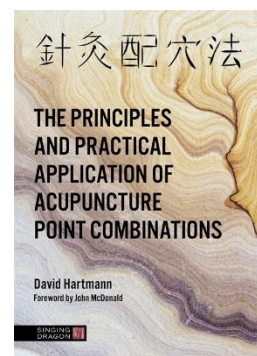


## David Hartmann



David Hartmann lives in Brisbane, Australia and has been practicing acupuncture since 1997. He is also Module Leader for Chinese Classics at the Northern College of Acupuncture (York, UK), which is part of an online MSc of Advanced Oriental Medicine (Research and Practice). David has written two textbooks on Chinese medicine – *'The Principles and Practical Application of Acupuncture Point Combinations'* and *'Acupoint Dictionary 2e'*.

David has also presented at conferences and done his own stand-alone seminars in fifteen countries around the world. He has also developed online workshops for eleven companies world-wide.



## Guangyi Dawson Huang



Dawson gained his Bachelor of Medicine in acupuncture and herbal medicine from Henan University of Traditional Chinese Medicine in 2009. After graduation he worked in China and New Zealand as an Acupuncturist and Herbalist in the last decade.

Dawson's special interest is in the management of women's health, pregnancy care and skin diseases. His approach is to combine therapies (as appropriate) including acupuncture, cupping, and herbal medicine to achieve the greatest outcome for the patient. As a skilled practitioner, Dawson has helped clients from over 70 countries.

Dawson is also the founder of Taiji International Traditional Chinese Medicine Foundation and assist to organize various webinars to help TCM practitioners to enhance their knowledge and skills in TCM and further provide a better care to our community.

## Huanlin (Lynn) Huang



Huanlin (Lynn) Huang is a teacher and clinic supervisor at New Zealand School of Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine (NZSATCM). She graduated from Southern Medical University, formerly known as the First Military Medical University with a Bachelor's degree of TCM and a Master's degree of Clinical Medicine (Acupuncture). Her work focuses on mechanism of acupuncture and acupuncture teaching.

Her publications can be found in *Acupuncture in Medicine*, *Evidence-Based Complementary and Alternative Medicine*, *Neural Regeneration Research*, and some core journals in

China Knowledge Infrastructure (CNKI).

Lynn is an executive board member of the 10th Executive Committee of the World Federation of Acupuncture-Moxibustion Societies (WFAS), an executive council member of the 1st Board of Specialty Committee of Fuyang of World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies (WFCMS).

## Heiko Lade



In 2024 it will be 40 years since Heiko first started practice. In 1984 he graduated with a diploma of TCM from the NSW College of Natural Therapies and then worked in Hangzhou, China. Upon return from China, he started working in a Chinese herb shop in Sydney's Chinatown where he was mentored by Kevin Zheng Ping Lu for 15 years. Upon moving to New Zealand, he lived and worked in Dunedin, Christchurch and now resides in Hawkes Bay.

Over the years he studied a number of styles of acupuncture including Tohohari, Manaka, Ikeda Sensei, electro-acupuncture, Motor Points and sports medicine acupuncture

culminating in the study of Tung acupuncture. In addition, he has continued to study herbs and is predominantly focused on the Shan Han Lun formulas. In his practice he also uses external qi gong healing to complement the treatments.

## Peter Larking



Peter has studied and practiced Chinese medicine for 26 years. In that time, he has achieved a Bachelor of Health Sciences specializing in acupuncture, Diplomas in Tuina, Qigong, Taijiquan and has recently completed cadaver research at the MARC Institute, Miami, achieving the upper torso, head, face, brain, and spine dissection module.

He is a former teacher and faculty member at the New Zealand School of Acupuncture lecturing in Bio medical sciences, Neurological anatomy, Chinese Medical theory, Acupuncture, Tuina, Qi gong, Taijiquan. Peter is a specialist and teacher in electro-acupuncture modalities and is a certified Neuropuncture practitioner and instructor. Peter currently works as the medical director of Neuromedtec in New Zealand and represents Neuropuncture Inc as an instructor.

Peter is now a candidate for a doctoral in neuroscience acupuncture and will be beginning his research dissertation in electro acupuncture for treatment of cognitive and mental health impairment in post-concussion syndrome later this year.

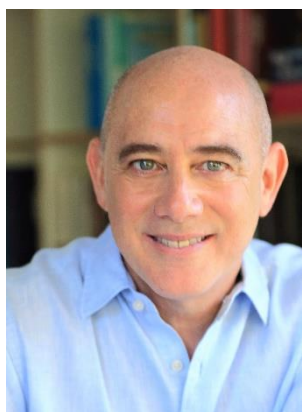
From his 15+ years of teaching he imparts his extensive knowledge in a digestible way, bridging the gap between the traditional Chinese medical model with the 21st century neurosciences.

## Thomas Lin



Thomas Lin, Acupuncturist, Chinese Herbalist; Director of TCM Chinese Medical Centre; Committee member of WFAS (World Federation of Acupuncture and Moxibustion Societies), former vice president of Acupuncture New Zealand, he has been working in ACC as the Asian Cultural Advisor, ACC treatment Provider; he has studied Chinese medicine and Western Medicine in China, he graduated in 1991 with degree of medicine, he has been practising Acupuncture and Chinese medicine in New Zealand since 1994.

## Dr Yair Maimon PhD, OMD



Yair Maion is an internationally renowned figure in the field of Integrative and Chinese Medicine with over 30 years of clinical, academic, and research experience in the United States, Europe, China and Israel. He is the president of the ETCMA -European TCM Association, representing TCM association from 24 countries.

Dr. Maimon formally the director of the complementary medical unit at the Tel Aviv Medical Center for over 15 years and directed an integrative oncology research center at Sheba medical center in Israel. Dr. Maimon has published several outstanding research articles in prominent scientific medical journals showing a unique, promising results on the effect of herbal medicine in cancer care.

He is the founder of TCM Academy of integrative medicine (TCM.AC) and has been a keynote lecturer and taught post-graduate training seminars in many international conferences on Integrative and Chinese Medicine.

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President of the ETCMA-European TCM Association. Director of Marpe integrative medical centre. Dean of TCM Academy of integrative medicine (TCM.AC). He has developed a special insight in diagnosis and treatment of variety of psychological, autoimmune disorders and cancer, which is coming from a deep understanding of the application of Chinese medicine to ease suffering and promote healing.

## Lindsey Pine (CMCNZ: Registrar/General Manager)



Lindsey holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Victoria University of Wellington in English Literature and Film and a Diploma in Business from the Open Polytechnic of New Zealand (now Te Pūkenga).

Lindsey is a consultant in the field of health regulation, providing policy advice and assistance to health regulators and other allied agencies.

Lindsey has worked in health regulation for more than 15 years for numerous regulators including the Medical Council of New Zealand, the Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand and the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board. Over this time, Lindsey has amassed a wealth of experience navigating complaints and competence matters, developing policy and standards, implementing recertification programmes and strategic frameworks, managing offices and staff, and engaging with consumers, practitioners, and stakeholders. Lindsey is currently contracted part-time to assist the Chinese Medicine Council of New Zealand (the Council) in the establishment of the Council, its core scopes of practice, standards, systems, and policies for the regulation of Chinese medicine in New Zealand.

## Dr Kate Roberts PhD (CMCNZ- Professional Advisor)



Kate Roberts holds a PhD in Primary Health Care, a Masters in Traditional Chinese Medicine, a Post-graduate Certificate in Psychological Medicine and a Bachelors of Acupuncture. She is the founder and Chair of the Acupuncture for Mental Health group in Wellington which builds collaborative care pathways and advocates for Chinese medicine as a treatment option for mental wellness.

Kate's clinical practice focuses on the treatment of mental health and musculo-skeletal conditions. She utilises an evidence informed approach and works within a collaborative framework with other allied and mainstream practitioners.

Kate has profound respect and support for Te Reo Māori, Te Ao Māori and the Treaty of Waitangi. She has completed two years of full immersion in Te Reo Māori at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa and continues to be involved with Te Ataarangi. She recognizes the invaluable contributions of Māori culture, language, and knowledge, and is eager to collaborate with diverse perspectives and engage in meaningful dialogue that honors the principles set forth in the Treaty.

Currently Kate also works as a professional advisor to the Chinese Medical Council of New Zealand and has been involved in the development and consultation of the recertification framework for Chinese Medicine Practitioners.

## Ada Sobieszczuk



Ada Sobieszczuk distinctly recalls her childhood experiences massaging her grandmother's back finding all the sore spots. Her formal pursuit of the art of Tuina began after earning her TCM degree, culminating in an extensive six-month internship at the prestigious Beijing Massage Hospital in 2007.

To enrich her practice, Ada also integrated Western techniques by completing a Neuromuscular Therapy paper at Wellpark College where she also taught Acupressure. Ada's curiosity led her to explore the wondrous world of Anatomy Trains Myofascial Meridian Techniques with Mark Finch and Daoist ZangFu Acupressure with Andrew Nugent-Head.

Ada's initial exposure to the JingJin筋經 was with David Legge, and her expertise flourished under Ann Cecil-Sterman's tutelage in the context of the Sinew channels. Ada is eager to share her knowledge and insights.

## Dr Beverley de Valois PhD

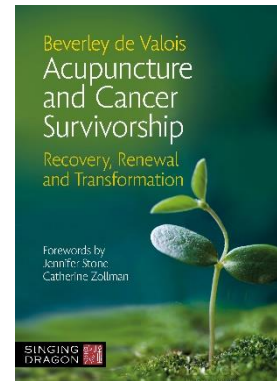


Beverley de Valois PhD LicAc FBACc MBLS is Canadian-born, and is a practising acupuncturist in the UK, where she studied at the College of Integrated Chinese Medicine, Reading, Berkshire. She is a distinguished researcher of acupuncture for the supportive care of people living with and beyond cancer. For nearly 25 years she has been a Research Acupuncturist / Researcher in Integrative Medicine in the Supportive Oncology Research Team (SORT) at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre in the UK's National Health Service. She has conducted several pioneering studies

into using acupuncture to manage the consequences of cancer treatments.

Beverley is an Honorary Research Fellow in the School of Social and Community Medicine, University of Bristol, and a Fellow of the British Acupuncture Council. She chaired the British Lymphology Society (BLS) Scientific Committee from 2017-2020.

She has many publications in scientific journals, lectures internationally, and is the author of "Acupuncture and Cancer Survivorship: Recovery, Renewal and Transformation" published by Singing Dragon.



## Vivian Ting Wang



Vivian is an experienced Chinese medicine practitioner who has been practicing since 2015 in New Zealand, primarily in Dunedin and Auckland. She is currently studying for a postgraduate degree in health science, specializing in pain and pain management, from Otago University, where she has been studying for the past three years.

With her extensive knowledge of acupuncture and pain management, Vivian has dedicated herself to exploring the underlying mechanisms of acupuncture and its effectiveness in reducing pain. She is passionate about increasing awareness and understanding of the benefits of acupuncture in pain management and sharing her knowledge of the latest research in this field.

Vivian is determined to advance the field of pain management within the context of acupuncture and provide valuable insights into the future direction of this fascinating field.

**Prof. Dr. Tianjun Wang PhD**  
**Principal of London Academy of Chinese Acupuncture (LACA)**  
**Guest Professor of Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine**

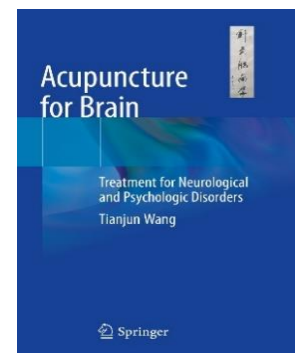


Dr. Tianjun Wang graduated from Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine (NUCM) in 1989. He completed his PhD of Acupuncture at NUCM. Tianjun moved to the UK and joined the University of East London UK as a Senior Lecturer and the Director of Acupuncture Clinic 2007- 2014. He is a Guest Professor of NUCM. Current Prof. Wang is the Principal of the London Academy of Chinese Acupuncture (LACA). Prof. Wang is also the Vice President of the Scalp Acupuncture Committee of World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies (WFCMS)

and the president of the Institute of Scalp Acupuncture UK (ISA). He owns

TJ Acupuncture Clinic and Brain Care Centre in London.

Prof. Wang has authored and co-authored more than 50 academic papers as well as peer reviewers to many international journals. His authored book “Acupuncture for Brain: Treatment for Neurological and Psychologic Disorders” published by Springer 2020.



**Renjie Jay Xi**



Renjie Jay Xi is an Auckland-based Acupuncturist and Chinese Medicine Practitioner after 2018 and he is the Vice President of Acupuncture New Zealand. He gained his Master's and Bachelor's Degree of Medicine in Acupuncture and Tuina from Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine.

Since the pandemic, Jay has been engaging in organizing and hosting/co-hosting Continuing Professional Development (CPD) events to keep our membership updated while dealing with the inconvenience of lockdown. He brings his experience in attending and organizing all kinds of peer support groups remotely and in person to the conference for a discussion on CPD in the post-regulation environment.



## Boyang Mike Yin



Boyang Mike Yin is a lecturer and supervisor at the New Zealand School of Acupuncture and TCM, as well as a TCM practitioner in New Zealand and a TCM doctor in China. He graduated from Shanghai University of TCM with a bachelor's degree and from Tianjin University of TCM with a master's degree and a doctoral program experience in acupuncture field. He has been practicing TCM for more than 15 years and has 3 years of experience working as a physician in a hospital in China.

## Dr Vesna Zdravkovic



Vesna has more than 30 years of medical study and practical experience as a General Practitioner, Nutritionist, Su Jok practitioner, and lecturer of Biomedicine subjects in undergraduate degrees for acupuncture.

Vesna completed her Medical studies in Serbia and after working for a year as a GP, completed her Postgraduate Diploma in Nutritional Science at Massey University. Vesna has been an academic for 15 years. In the last year, Vesna has started her research journey.

## Dr Kay Fielden PhD

Kay Fielden has been an academic for more than 40 years. Kay has taught, supervised, and researched across all sectors of tertiary education, Polytechnic, University, and Private Training. In this time, Kay has taught at all academic levels between 5 and 10. Kay is an active researcher and postgraduate supervisor, examiner, and mentor for others new to supervision.

Kay has been a mentor at several tertiary institutions, training staff to be postgraduate supervisors, using different training models. Kay's academic expertise spans the following academic areas in Research, Business, Information Technology, Leadership, Health, and Education.

