

The Illinois Acupuncturist

Newsletter for the Illinois Association of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine Winter 2005-6



AAOM Chicago Conference A Huge Success Last October!

By Claudette Baker,
AAOM Conference Co-Chair

The Ilaaom was pleased to co-sponsor the American Association of Oriental Medicine's (AAOM) Annual International Conference at the Westin O'Hare last October. We had the largest number of attendees for any US national OM association meeting in history. There were over 600 practitioners, students and vendors as well as another 100 people attending meetings with the Accreditation Commission of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine (ACAOM), National Certification Commission of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, (NCCAOM), Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (CCAOM) and Federation of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Regulatory Agencies (FAOM-RA). I am pleased to report that there were more than 250 attendees from IL and the Midwest! The Westin was a lovely and very accommodating venue for this robust meeting.

This year's conference featured 38 speakers, 31 classes, 39.5 NCCAOM approved CEU's and 45 exhibitors. Sixteen classes had from 75 to 100+, five had 131-152 and one exceeded 200 attendees! We were honored to have Dr. Miki Shima present a pre-conference panel on Clinical Pearls, which featured our very own Dr. Mei Ling Qian from Chicago. In this class they, along with Dr. Jeannie Kang from IA, discussed three complicated live cases studies, which allowed participants to

see how each doctor analyzed and would then treat each patient.

At the Awards Banquet, we were awed by a beautiful Qi Gong presentation by



Dean Mouscher, Claudette Baker, Patricia Faivre and Steven Morrill at AAOM Awards Banquet

Master Yun Xiang Tseng (in a room of 300, you could hear a pin drop!) We were inspired by an eloquent and enlightened key note speech delivered by Dr. Jeffrey Yuen, an 88th Generation Daoist Master of Yu Ching Huang Lao Pai (Jade Purity School), Yellow Emperor/Lao Tzu Sect. How fortunate we are to have masters of this caliber to study with.

Awards were presented at the banquet to persons with outstanding service to the profession. Among them were three of our beloved colleagues. Claudette Baker was honored to award 'AAOM Lobbyist of the Year' to Steven Morrill, of Morrill and Associates for his hard work and many years of dedication to our profession. Mr. Morrill successfully passed both pieces of legislation, one to initially license acupuncturists and the other to remove the physician referral requirement contained in the first bill. Mr. Morrill proceeded to give us an update of the score for the World Series home game that was in progress, which

was much appreciated by the Sox fans in the crowd.

Next, Dean Mouscher L. Ac., Illinois Acupuncture Federation Director was awarded 'AAOM Acupuncturist of the Year' for his outstanding commitment, dedication and tireless efforts to successfully pass the most recent legislation here in Illinois. And finally, I presented Patricia Faivre, L. Ac., former ISAA Vice President with an "Outstanding Service Award" from the Ilaaom for her support and efforts over the past two years in passing our most recent bill.

Cynthia O'Donnell (FL), AAOM VP and I led the student caucus on Saturday morning for more than 100 students from The Midwest College, Pacific College and 6-8 other OM colleges. At this meeting, two committees were formed as a first step in establishing the American Student Association of Oriental Medicine (ASAOM). Koala Moore, student of Five Branches Institute, CA, is the head of the by-laws committee tasked with developing a set of by-laws for AAOM Board approval. Rhonda Wilber, student of Midwest College of Oriental Medicine, is the leader of the membership development task force.

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Letter from the President

Claudette...

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I wasn't sure about above text that I took from previous newsletter - so please review.

I will double check everything in the morning and finish this page.

Thanks!



President's Message

By James Sullivan

The winter always brings to my mind the stories of Jack London. In *Call of the Wild* Buck was a mutt: half Saint Bernard, half scotch shepherd. He started off tame but the call of freedom, independence, and the wild was too much to pass by. *White Fang* was about a wolf in the wild who ended up happy as a house pet in Santa Clara California. The struggle for autonomy and the need to belong to a pack is a fundamental struggle for our canine friends.

Well folks, all this talk of winter and wolves reminds me that it is the start of the Chinese Year of the Dog. The Year of the Dog can be framed in the context of: idealism, environmental issues, devotion, kindness, and loyalty. In short, positive interaction with other people and groups. So, are you the lone wolf Acupuncturist who has not joined the Ilaaom? Maybe the year of the Dog is your year to join and explore the benefits of being part of a pack. I have to say the larger our organization is the stronger it is and the greater protection we have against incursions to our practice rights. There is safety in numbers and some fun as well.

As fun and education go we have a great year lining up. We hope to have a gathering in the spring for us to enjoy some fellowship. Continuing Education classes will be great as well. We have Introduction to Meridian Therapy (February 11-12) with Manu Saxena. He is an expert in Japanese Acupuncture from Seattle and has done teacher training in Tokyo, Japan with the Toyohari Association. Matt Callison, master of Orthopedic and Sports Medicine treatments will be with us April 22-23, 2006 with his class: "Huatuojiqiji Points: Vertebral Fixations and Facilitated Segments." We will also be presenting an Advanced clinical Auriculotherapy class with Dr Gary Ditson, D.C.

I would like to welcome our new Administrative Assistant, Paulette Hicks. This is the person who answers the phone when you call. She is a real corner stone in our organization.

All in all, the Year of the Dog looks like a great time to reflect and redefine ourselves. Balancing autonomy, with belonging. Buck was just a big dog from the lower 48, who was plopped down in Alaska and forced to redefine himself. We are forging new alliances this year and redefining the Ilaaom. The Year of the Dog should be the year you become more active with Ilaaom. Bark, howl, and enjoy the New Year but, become active in your profession.



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Financial Report

by Nicole Hohmann, Treasurer

This year ILAOM continued to provide high quality education to the acupuncture community, protect our profession, and act as an information and referral source for the public. A new administrative assistant has come on board, Paulette Hicks, and we are very pleased to have her join us.

In 2005, the organization's expenses narrowly exceeded income. Although we did not need to draw from our reserve, we must improve our income and reduce costs for 2006. Dues for 2005 will not be tax-deductible as dues have not yet exceeded lobbying fees for the past legislative effort which accrue from year to year. The only way that we will be able to deduct our membership dues is if we significantly increase our membership in 2006 and beyond. This will defray our lobbying expenses on the tax return. Please encourage your colleagues to join now!

We are streamlining operating expenses to reduce costs by changing vendors for merchant and telephone services. Now that we have entered the computer age and have our website established, we will streamline our newsletters from 4 per year to twice per year. Visit the website for upcoming events, news and download membership forms. (Don't forget as a profession-

al member you can benefit from listing your business on our site.) Volunteer time from the board members and professional members has also helped to save on costs last year. We always welcome volunteers to help strengthen our organization. Your time is truly a valuable donation and you can make a difference in your profession by keeping ILAOM strong.

Membership was very low in 2005. This needs to change. Dues are a major source for our operating expenses. Your membership is more important than ever for 2006 if we are to thrive. As we enter the year of the dog, remember the dog's loyal character, and renew your loyalty to the profession you love!

Welcome Paulette:

Paulette Hicks recently joined the ILAOM as the Administrative Assistant. Paulette has studied theatre extensively and holds a Master's Degree in Theatre from Miami University and a Bachelor's Degree in History and Theatre from Evangel University in Missouri. Paulette has also studied farther a field in the Czech Republic and in England at Oxford University. She is currently an office manager with Pulling Down the Moon, Chicago. With this combination of skills we know she will be an asset to the association. We welcome Paulette to the ILAOM and encourage you to introduce yourself to her at future events.



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Legislative Update

by Claudette Baker, Chair

Things are relatively quiet in the legislative department for the Ilaaom at the moment. I have to admit that it is a relief for me, given the very active cycle that we have just completed. The Ilaaom is still at the forefront of legislative issues therefore, we must remain engaged with our lobbyists to maintain the great momentum that we created over the past three years.

We are remaining diligent on the herbal issue. We do not have plans to introduce new legislation this year however, we feel that if the TM Congress can pass legislation in Washington DC, it will provide every state, including Illinois, with a strong rationale to follow precedent. (see my article on the Traditional Medicine Congress, page 12)

Dean Mouscher, IAF Director, and I are

negotiating a new contract with Morrill & Associates for 2006. We continue to work with the three Chicago Asian groups and Pacific College of Oriental Medicine. It is important for all of our groups to remember that the gains we have made create a strong foundation, but we have a long way to go if Oriental Medicine is going to be accepted in mainstream health care. We eventually want to have parity among insurance providers so that patients have greater access to our services. This is an obtainable goal, but only with a very organized and professional organization that is comprised of dedicated members, like you. If you have not yet joined the Ilaaom or renewed your annual membership, please take a few moments to do so today.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to become active in the Ilaaom, first by becoming a member and second by asking what you can do for your professional association. We

are a handful of volunteers serving you and it is only fair to rotate responsibilities among us. As I have said earlier, my time on the Ilaaom Board of Directors is coming to an end and I am turning responsibilities over to other board members and our new Administrative Assistant, Paulette Hicks. We need more than 2 or 3 other people to keep this association on track and strong. If we cannot get 5 to 10 Licensed Acupuncturists to step forward to lend a hand, it will be impossible to continue providing for long the services and CEU classes that you have thus far received. We need new Board Members and others to help on committees. It's most fun if you work on something that you are passionate about or want to see implemented or improved. Please don't assume that someone else will step forward. Take the responsibility upon yourself and give back to the Association that has worked hard to afford you the right and the privilege to legally practice the medicine that you love!

Legislative Report

by Evan Williams of Morrill & Associates

The 2006 session of the Illinois General Assembly officially began on January 11. This session is the second-year of the two-year 94th General Assembly.

In recent General Assemblies, second years of a General Assembly session were more restrained in the movement of legislation than first years. This year will be no exception. House members will be limited to calling no more than 3 bills for passage on the House floor. Additionally, the Rules Committees in the House and Senate will hold back legislation and will not assign all introduced bills to standing committee for consideration (in the first year of a General Assembly, all introduced bills are typically referred from Rules to a standing committee for consideration).

2006 is also an election year. Each constitutional office (Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer and Comptroller), one-third of the Illinois Senate and all of the Illinois House will be elected in November, with primaries occurring in March.

The legislative calendar will be compressed this year, therefore, legislative action during this shortened spring session will be



Joint AAOM & Ilaaom Board Dinner in Chicago last July. In front row (l to r): Tricia Miller, Secretary, Jason Bussell, VP, Jeanie Lee Bussell, Committee Member and Nicole Hohmann, Treasurer. Back row left: Claudette Baker; middle & back rows: AAOM Board of Directors

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Class: **Introduction to Meridian Therapy** Presenter: **Manu Saxena** CEU Credits: **14**
Date: **February 11-12, 2006** Time: **9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** # of seats: **45**
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Introduction to Meridian Therapy

Manu Saxena, M.Ac, L.Ac is a graduate of Northwest Institute of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine and has an extensive background in many styles of Japanese Acupuncture. He has done trained in the Toyohari style both in Tokyo Japan as well as in the U.S. He is a graduate of the Toyohari teacher training program Tokyo Japan and the national branch teacher training Jupiter Florida. He has taught Toyohari extensively on the West coast. Manu has also been a Graduate Instructor, University of Washington. Manu's classes are fun and very informative.

Class: **Huatuoqiaji Points: Vertebral Fixations & Facilitated Segments** Presenter: **Matt Callison** CEU Credits: **14**
Date: **April 22-April 23, 2006** Time: **9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** # of seats: **45**
Place: **Pacific College of Oriental Medicine, 3646 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL**
Cost: **Paid by April 10, 2006: \$400** **Paid after April 10, 2006: \$450** **\$50.00 discount to ILaom members**

Huatuoqiaji Points: Vertebral Fixations & Facilitated Segments

This class will discuss in detail the cause and effects vertebral fixations and facilitated segments causing chronic soft tissue pain and zang-fu pathology. Treatment will consist of using appropriate needle technique to the Huatuoqiaji points, mobilizing the vertebral fixation complex and providing therapeutic exercises to hold the treatment. Using this successful diagnosis and treatment protocol combined with TCM differential diagnostics is easy to learn and quickly applicable.

Matt Callison, L.Ac has a BS in sports medicine and began his career as an athletic trainer. In 1991, Mr. Callison received his Masters Degree in TOM at Pacific College of Oriental Medicine in San Diego, where he is currently a faculty member. Currently he is the supervisor at the U of C San Diego Sports Medicine RIMAC center. Mr. Callison's ability to blend Chinese Medicine with Sports Medicine has granted him an excellent reputation, especially among professional athletes.

Save the date – June 10 & 11, 2006:

Class: **Advanced Clinical Auriculotherapy** Presenter: **Dr Gary Ditson, D.C**
Date: **June 10-11, 2006** Place: **Location to be announced**

This seminar will provide an overview of Auriculotherapy including its historical background and terminology. Auricular diagnosis and treatment procedures will be discussed and demonstrated as well as reviewing the Master Points, musculoskeletal, and sensory ear points and detailed treatment of myofascial disorders. The organ ear points and the treatment of internal organ dysfunctions will be discussed along with treatment plans for addictions with special emphasis on nicotine. The seminar is clinical in nature with information and treatment protocols that can be used on Monday morning in the office.

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To the layperson acupuncture is becoming a more mainstream modality of treatment but we offer more. As our profession continues along this path of increasing awareness and acceptance in the West, we would do it a great disservice if we did not work to educate the general public on the entirety of our profession and the services we have to offer.

Continuing with the theme of the Year of the Dog (see Presidents article) our association name helps to establish us as part of a larger pack the AAOM. But equally as important is our logo that we'll use on everything from certificates to signage, and we'd like your help in selecting it.

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