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Hello everyone,

It is wonderful to be here today, participating in the success of this year's Women's Health and Wellness Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia!

As a TCM practitioner in Ontario and long-time member of CMAAC, for many years I have been hearing good things about Diana Li and her wonderful reputation as a teacher, clinician, and advocate for the TCM profession on the East Coast. I see that she has formed a strong support team - it is amazing to see how the community in Nova Scotia has embraced TCM and Acupuncture in integrative health care.

As President of the Nova Scotia Chapter for CMAAC, Diana has also been doing a great job maintaining regular contact with the CMAAC Head Office and various acupuncture and TCM education institutions across Canada and worldwide. So we look forward to working together in promoting TCM and Acupuncture in Canada for many years to come and we look forward to when Nova Scotia will become the next province in Canada to have regulation of TCM and Acupuncture. Regulation will help to promote high clinical standards and bring our profession to the same platform as allied health professionals such as medical doctors. This leads to improved dialogue with our patients, enhanced opportunities for research studies, and promotion of the positive benefits TCM and Acupuncture provides such as saving health costs and improved outcomes in the treatments of so many conditions such as women's healthcare.

I would also like to take this opportunity to make a special announcement that CMAAC is the host organizer for the next World Federation of Acupuncture-Moxibustion Societies (WFAS) Symposium in Toronto from September 25-27 this year. This will be a big event for the TCM and Acupuncture community in Canada. WFAS was the first international acupuncture organization recognized by the World Health Organization and this international-scale event will attract practitioners from 54 countries and regions. WFAS is well-known in bringing Acupuncturists, TCM practitioners, and other allied health professionals from around the world together to share ideas, experiences, and knowledge. This year, the WFAS Symposium themes emphasize TCM and Acupuncture as part of integrative care, primary health care, and also, according to the WHO strategy 2014 – 2020, promotes Traditional Chinese Medicine at a global level. Papers will be peer-reviewed and we expect this event will prove to be a big draw to not only clinicians but also to researchers, educators and experts in our field.

At the WFAS AGM in Sydney, Australia, Diana was elected as one of the executive members of WFAS. There are total of five executive members from Canada, so on the international level, Canadian TCM and Acupuncture is well-represented and has a strong voice.

Early bird pricing for the WFAS Symposium is available until end of May. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this conference and make arrangements to visit to Toronto this fall.

Both abstract submissions and participant registration can be done online at [www.wfastoronto2015.com](http://www.wfastoronto2015.com). I left some brochures at the booth and I look forward to welcoming many of you this September in Toronto!



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