ATCM Annual General Meeting Held on 14th October

ATCM had its 2012 Annual General Meeting on Sunday 14th October 2012 in Westminster University in central London. Over 160 members attended the AGM. In the morning AGM session it started with Council Annual Report by the president Dr Huijun Shen, followed by a special guest speech on "Statutory Regulation for TCM practitioners" by Mr Michael Guthrie the Director of Policy and Standards in HCPC (Health and Care Professions Council, formerly named as Health Professions Council HPC). Special guests EHTPA chair Mr Michael McIntyre and BAcC Chief Executive Mr Nick Pahl also made their brief speech.

After tea break, ATCM treasurer Dr Yu Han delivered ATCM annual financial report, and the annual PETS (Prize for Excellence in TCM Study) award was presented to 4 new graduates from TCM courses of Middlesex and Glyndwr universities. The last part in the morning session was council election. Following the brief speeches by 11 candidates, members voted for the 12th ATCM Council. 714 ballots were posted to members in September and members did their vote via post or on the AGM site. 318 ballots were retuned and they were all valid. After the ballot count by a spontaneously formed Council Election Committee of 5 ordinary members who are not the candidates or candidates' relatives, the vote results were announced in the afternoon by the committee chair Dr Ju Lei Zhou. The following 9 candidates were elected to form the new 12th ATCM Council. They are:

Council Election Vote Result (14th October 2012):

1	赵凯存 ZHAO, Kaicun	270
2	沈惠军 SHEN, Huijun	263
3	孟凡毅 MENG, Fanyi	256
4	程铭钊 CHENG, Mingzhao	247
5	韩 煜 HAN, Yu	238
6	赵丽琴 ZHAO, Liqin	226
7	汤 淑 兰 TANG, Shulan	224
8	范 安 杰 FEYLER, Andreas	218
9	唐铁军 TANG, Tiejun	200

The afternoon session is academic seminars and special guest speaker Prof T. C Li delivered his talk on the new development and technology on IVF and other assistant conception therapies in western medicine, and Dr Liqin Zhao gave her talk on Acupuncture and TCM integrating IVF in treating infertility.

The new ATCM Council will have its first meeting on 18th November. The council will then choose a new president and decide the role appointments in the council, along with discussion and decision on TCM statutory regulation, ATCM work plan, etc.

(written by Huijun Shen)