



Cambridge Healthtech Institute & International Center for Integrative Systems present

Molecular & Cellular Mechanisms of Traditional Systems of Medicine

Strategies to Conduct Convergent Research on Traditional Medicines and Systems Biology from Cellular to Molecular Mechanisms

November 1, 2010

Workshop Motivation:

SUMMARY

12:00 pm – 6:30 pm **World Trade Center**

Boston

The purpose of this workshop is two fold: to provide an intensive background of Traditional Systems of Medicines (TSM) e.g. Siddha, Ayurveda, Traditional Chinese Medicine, etc. and Modern Systems Biology, and to review in depth the concrete problems and opportunities in pursuing convergent research across both of these systems. The International Center for Integrative Systems develops research programs, curriculum and events to explore the integration of Traditional Medicines Systems with Modern Systems Biology. This workshop represents a condensed curriculum of the Center's course, offered in a 13-week period.

For thousands of years, traditional systems of medicine have employed modalities such as herbs, movement, sound, meditation, and other therapeutic approaches. These traditional systems have been developed across many cultures: Indian, Chinese, Native American, Korean, African, to name a few. Thousands of individual treatments exist across all of these systems, whose benefits have been reported. The public in the United States alone has begun adopting nutraceuticals (herbs and vitamins) and alternative and complementary therapies (yoga, massage, acupuncture, meditation, etc.). Currently, it is estimated that Americans spend \$60 Billion annually, which is growing at 30% per year.

While the growth of the use of these therapies is significant, from a modern and Western perspective, the biological principles and molecular and cellular mechanisms underlying these modalities are not well understood. Recognizing this, National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Dietary Supplements and National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) now supports basic and clinical research programs to verify health claims and to determine the molecular and cellular mechanistic basis of these modalities.

This workshop will offer attendees the opportunity to: 1) acquire a deeper understanding of the nature of these traditional systems of medicine (TSM) and 2) understand the modern biological engineering approaches being now employed to investigate the molecular and cellular mechanisms of these modalities



WORKSHOP LEADERS

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WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION

This workshop is composed of three (3) parts:

- Part I Traditional Systems of Medicine (TSM) & Systems Biology
- Part II Biological Engineering Approaches to Evaluate TSM
- Part III Policies and Issues in Executing Integrative Research

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

If you are working in or have a vested interested in the following topic areas;

- Systems Biology
- Integrative Medicine
- Drug Discovery
- Biochemistry
- Neutraceuticals
- Pharmacology
- Environmental Medicine
- Toxicology
- Computational Biology
- Food Science
- Nutritional Sciences
- Complementary and Alternative Medicine
- Combinatorial Chemistry
- Integrative Therapy (co-regulation therapy / multi-target therapy / co-therapies)
- Include actual therapeutic areas (e.g., cancer, inflammation, etc.)



Dr. V.A. Shiva Ayyadurai, Ph.D., a Fulbright Scholar and Lemelson-MIT Awards Finalist, serves as Faculty Lecturer at MIT Department of Biological Engineering andis the Founder and Executive Director of the International Center for Integrative Systems located in Cambridge, MA. Prof. Ayyadurai is

a leader in the integration of TSM and Systems Biology, including creator of CytoSovle, a platform for dynamic integration of biological pathway models. His research focuses on the bio-molecular linkages across the worlds of Traditional and Modern medical systems.



Dr. Andrew Ahn, M.D., interests include disparities in health care, Traditional Chinese Medicine, and applications of systems biology to the acupuncture model. He obtained a Master's degree in Public Health at the Harvard School of Public Health. He is certified in acupuncture and

continues his apprenticeship with an acupuncturist once a week. He is currently directing investigations as part of an NIH K career award focusing on the electro-magnetic mechanisms of acupuncture neuropathy.



Dr. C. Forbes Dewey, Ph.D., is a professor in MIT's Mechanical Engineering Department and holds joint appointments in the Division of Bioengineering & Environment Health and the Division of Health Science and Technology. He is also Co-Director of the International Consortium for Medical Imaging

Technology (ICMIT) whose goal is the development and promotion of advanced technology for medical imaging. Professor Dewey's research interests include fluids mechanics, cell dynamics and modeling, biomedical imaging, medical informatics, and instrumentation.



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