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REGIONAL REPORT
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Mission & Goals of UK-CGCM

- To advance the field of Chinese herbal medicine to benefit humankind through joint efforts of the academic institutions, industries and regulatory agencies throughout the UK.
- To develop platform technologies required for advancing Chinese herbal medicine by joint efforts.
- To facilitate the interaction and collaboration among different institutes in advancing Chinese herbal medicine by sharing information.
- To promote a high-quality evidence-based research and develop Chinese herbal medicine internationally.
- To assist industry with the development of new products and their regulatory acceptance



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CGCM-UK Members

1. University of Cambridge
2. Oxford University
3. University of Wolverhampton
4. Nottingham University
5. Brunel University London
6. Bradford University of Bradford
7. **Royal Botanic Gardens**
 - Prof. Monique Simonds retired last year, but remains active in research.
 - Kew hosted the 13th GP-TCM RA Annual Meeting in last July.
8. **The UK Centre of Chinese Medicine (CCMUK): Mr. George He**
9. **UCL School of Pharmacy: Prof. Michael Heinrich**
10. **Chinese Medical Institute and Register (CMIR): Mr. Don Mei**
11. **Association of TCM & Acupuncture (ATCM): Dr Qikan Yin**
12. **King's College London: Dr. Qihe Xu**

1. University of Westminster
2. Liverpool John Moores University
3. University of East London
4. University of Southampton
5. British Acupuncture Council (BAcC)
6. The Register of Chinese Herbal Medicine (RCHM)
7. Federation of TCM Practitioners (FTCMP)
8. Chinese Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine Alliance UK
9. Chinese Medicine Alliance UK
10. London Academy of Chinese Acupuncture (LACA)
11. Lan Academy of Chinese Medicine
12. Asante Academy of Chinese Medicine
13. Modern Tongue Diagnostics

UK
CGCM



Wider UK
Network



UK Centre of Chinese Medicine 英国中医药中心



An independent, not-for-profit organisation based in the UK

Acts as a central hub, providing a foundation for collaboration related to Chinese Medicine

Amplify social impact of Chinese medicine, Enhance standards in education, practice and product quality.

Supports and promotes evidence-based research projects, hosts the annual Chinese Medicine & Human Health Conference, and collaborates with partners to cohost additional events periodically.

By upholding the principles of integrity, honesty, and reputation, CCMUK strives to build trust and strengthen the influence of Chinese medicine within the community.

Supporting the Advancement
of Chinese Medicine

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- Supporting and promoting the European Herbal and Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association (EHTPA) accredited training program in the traditional Chinese medicine diploma course.
- Supporting the legality aspects of Chinese medicine products in Traditional Herbal Registration (THR) and in dietary supplement channels.
- Organised JingFang Seminar and lecture in October 2025, establishing the UK branch of the International JingFang Institute of Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine.
- Supporting charity activities in Ecuador for the Shuar tribe on the border with Peru by teaching and providing acupuncture treatment (March - May 2026)
- Participated in the Kötzing TCM conference in Germany on 26-27th June 2026, delivered a presentation on our research projects from recent years.



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Prof. Michael Heinrich

- **Awarded the Varro E. Tyler Prize 2026** by the **American Society of Pharmacognosy** (announced Oct 2025); award lecture at the ASP Annual Meeting, Denver, **25–29 July 2026**
- Serves as **President of the GA** (Society for Medicinal Plant and Natural Product Research) and **Specialty Chief Editor, Ethnopharmacology, Frontiers in Pharmacology**
- **Yushan Fellowship at China Medical University (Taichung)** renewed for 2025 – 2028, deepening collaborations with Taiwanese colleagues
- **Honorary Professor at HKBU** (Oct 2025)
- **Organised the Spices and Medicine Symposium** with the
Peter Bradley Lecture 2026 on 3rd June 2026



Prof. Michael Heinrich

Research Papers:

- Takubessi MI, Jalil B, Heinrich M. (2025) The impact of climate change on medicinal plants and natural products: a scoping review. **Frontiers in Pharmacology**, 16:1697581.
- Mykhailenko O, Jalil B, McGaw LJ, Echeverría J, Takubessi M, Heinrich M. (2025) Climate change and the sustainable use of medicinal plants: a call for “new” research strategies. **Frontiers in Pharmacology**, 15:1496792.
- Jalil B, Heinrich M. (2025) Pharmaceutical quality of herbal medicinal products and dietary supplements – a case study with oral solid formulations containing Lavandula species. **European Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences**, 208:107042.
- Mou L, Jalil B, Scotti F, Lane ME, Fiebich BL, Sun L, Maake C, Heinrich M. (2025) Wound healing and photodynamic potential of Adiantum capillus-veneris L. (Pteridaceae). **Frontiers in Pharmacology**.
- Mykhailenko O, Jalil B, Uminska K, ... Heinrich M. (2026) The effect of provenance and species on the chemical composition of Epilobium herbal tea. **Pharmaceutical Biology**.

AcuMedic and Chinese Medical Institute and Register (CMIR)

Advocacy work with umbrella groups ARA (Acupuncture Regulatory Authority) and IHC (Integrative Health Collaborative) to protect Chinese Medicine reputation and build public awareness. Activities include:

- Founding member of the largest UK regulatory group for Acupuncture to protect and promote the diverse styles of acupuncture.
- Advising group on future direction for the standards for Chinese Medicine.
- Working with both groups on legal changes to clinical practice in the UK.
- Creating social media campaigns to further public understanding of Chinese Medicine.

Developing Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and Diploma Courses

- Creating and delivering CPD courses online.
- Organising clinical practice for students and professionals.
- Developing future diploma courses in Chinese Medicine.

Maintaining and promoting one of the UK's largest Chinese Medicine clinic

- Developing new protocols for the clinic treatments.
- Engaging in discussion with doctors to get feedback to bring to advocacy responsibilities.

Pre-production of new Podcast format for Chinese Medicine

- Scripting episodes
- Planning rollout
- Creating pilots.

ATCM overview and main achievement

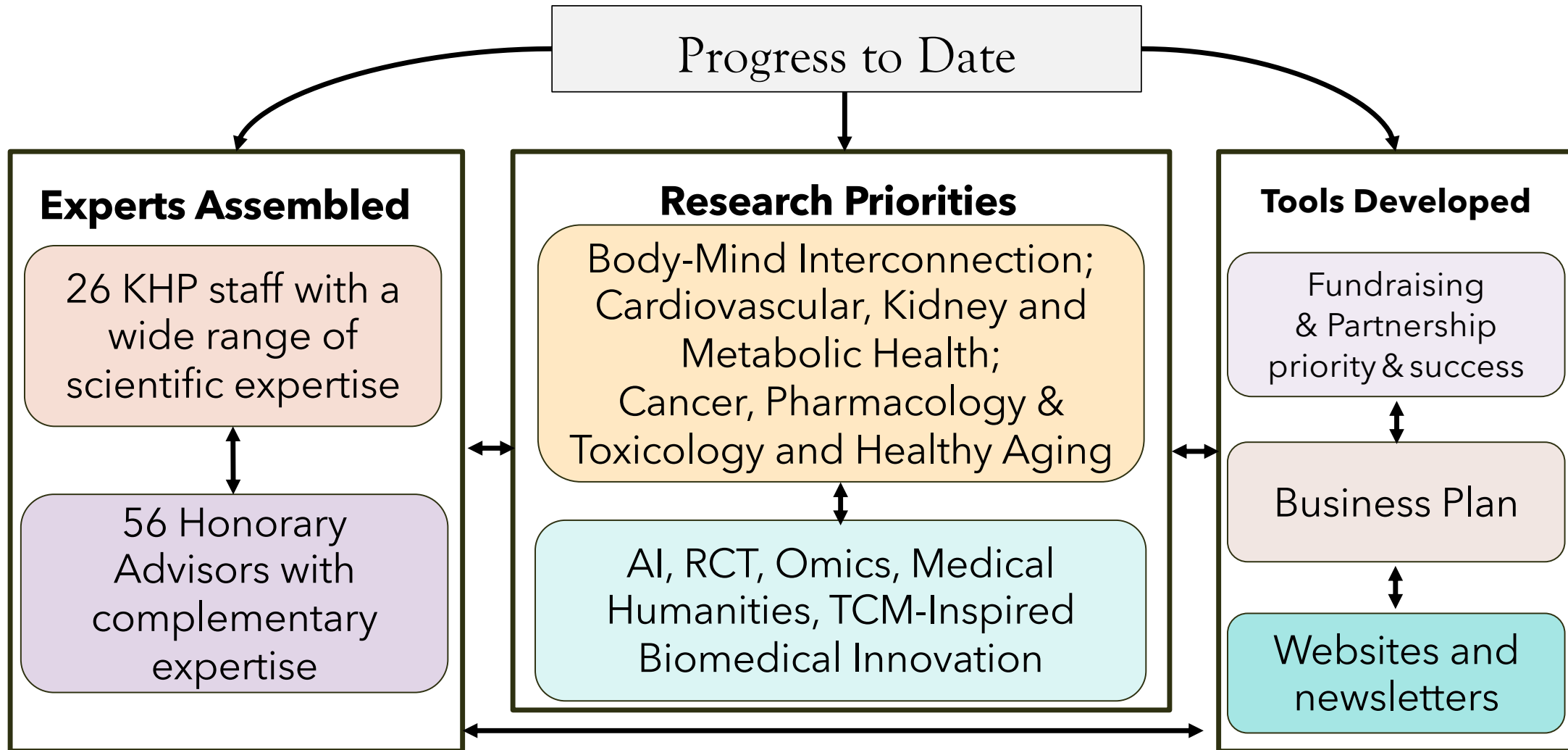


- **Founded:** 1994.
- **Mission:** Promote, develop, and preserve Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) in the UK through professional standards, education, and public engagement.
- **Membership:** ~700 practitioners nationwide.
- **The UK's largest professional association representing Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) practitioners.**
- 7 professional committees (Education, Academic, PR, Editorial, Membership, Research, Professional Conduct)
7 regional groups (London, East England, Northeast, Scotland, Ireland, etc.)
The Traditional Chinese Medicine Accreditation Board (TCMAB) – Safeguarding the quality of TCM higher education in the UK.
- **Milestone achievement:**
Advocacy for UK TCM legislation (2000–2012)
Host of WFAS International Acupuncture Conference, London 2024
Close collaboration with BAAC, BMAS and RCHM



Future Plans:

- **Professional Recognition:** Pursue Professional Standards Authority (PSA) accreditation (UK health and complementary medicine self statutory professional body)
- **Talent Development:** High-quality training programmes to nurture new TCM practitioners
- **Practitioner Support:** Develop tailored training programmes for practitioners, leveraging the expertise and academic strengths of ATCM members
- **Professional Collaboration:** Share journals, CPD programmes and seminars with BAoC and RCHM.
- **Research Collaboration:** Advance clinical safety research on Chinese herbal medicine in partnership with RCHM and the University of Westminster
- **Global Outreach:** Expand international partnerships (Australia, Sweden, USA)
- **Innovation & Tradition:** Combine modern research with classical TCM heritage to enhance global health



Honouring Our Heroes: JustGiving Campaigns for Memorial Awards

**Prof Peter Houghton
Championed
pharmacognosy at KCL**



The Peter Houghton Award

Honouring Prof. Peter Houghton

Supporting the research training costs of talented young scientists dedicated to **herbal medicine research**.

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**Prof Peter Hylands
was Co-Founder of
King's CICM**



The Peter Hylands Award

Honouring Prof. Peter Hylands

Supporting the research training costs of talented young scientists dedicated to **Technology-Driven TCM Research**.

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**Prof Boying Ma was
Founder of FTCMP**



The Boying Ma Award

Honouring Prof. Boying Ma

Supporting research in **Medical History and Humanities**, especially Chinese and Comparative Medical History.

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**Prof Man Fong Mei
was Founder of
AcuMedic & CMIR**



The Man Fong Mei Award

Honouring Prof. Man Fong Mei

Supporting innovative research projects that are truly **cross-disciplinary**, merging concepts and methods from distinct fields to create novel approaches in medicine.

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PUBLICATIONS.

- **Xu Q**, Zhang M. Looking Beyond and Thinking Anew: The Case for Integrative Medicine, submitted
- Gao L, Wang X, **Xu Q**, Gao C. Benchmarking Large Language Models in Traditional Chinese Medicine: Challenges, Current Progress, and a Multidimensional Framework, submitted
- Wang X, ..., Bauer R, Duez P, **Xu Q**. International standards and good practice guidelines in traditional, complementary and integrative medicine: a scoping review. *Front Pharmacol*. 2026;17:1742400.
- 付璐*, 谢函霖, 赵中振, Qihe Xu*. 本草西行：大英图书馆馆藏中国本草古籍揭秘. *中医药文化* 2025;20:507-515.
- 黄玉娇，张建军，靳凤玉，赵尹铭，郑佳，赵瑜，叶丹妮，李林泽，王淳，郭宝林， Qihe Xu，王林元。新外来中药红色百金花的中草药药性理论研究. *环球中医药* 2025 ;18:1523-8.
- 贾宇鑫，梁唯灿，何玉玉，付祥彬，王梓旭，修琳琳，郭宝林， Qihe Xu, 张建军，王淳。新外来中药互叶白千层的中草药药性理论研究. *环球中医药* 2025 ;18:1545-52.

Plenary & Keynote Speeches and eight invited talks

- **Plenary speech:** Elevating Integrative Medicine: A Guide to International Standards and Guidelines. Seminar on the Future of Integrative Medicine (12 Dec. 2025, Shanghai, China)
- **Keynote speech:** Integrative Chinese Medicine: An innovative approach to addressing unmet medical needs. Dutch Traditional Chinese Medicine Congress "Building Bridges - The Path to Integrative Medicine", the Dutch Traditional Chinese Medicine Association Zhong, The Netherlands, 1-2 Nov. 2025.
- **Keynote speech:** Integrative Chinese Medicine in the UK: Imperatives, Opportunities and Challenges. The International Conference on the Modernization of Chinese Medicine and Health Products (13-15 Aug 2026, Hong Kong, China)

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Research Meetings in 2026

Modern Tongue Diagnosis and AI



Body-Mind Holism in TCM



Quality of Clinical Evidence is Key



British Acupuncture Council (BAcC)

Uniting the professionals



British
Acupuncture
Council

Practitioners working together creates a stronger voice to promote Chinese medicine in the U.K and Europe

BAcC is working closely with:

- Association of Traditional Chinese Medicine (ATCM)
- Acupuncture Association of Chartered Physiotherapists (AACP)
- British Medical Acupuncture Society (BMAS)
- Register of Chinese Herbal Medicine (RCHM)

BAcC is working with the European Traditional Chinese Medicine Association (ETCMA).

- ETCMA promote a wider recognition and acceptance of TCM therapies by European government and the public by lobbying EU bodies and institutions.
- The ETCMA consist of 30 professional bodies in across Europe

UK collaboration recent milestones

- **2025 joint research webinars**,organised with BMAS, AACP, ATCM and RCHM
- **2026 BAcC, ATCM and RCHM agree to share academic journals**
- **2026 BAcC, BMAS, AACP, ATCM and RCHM working towards an MoU to collaborate on research**

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Highlights of the Wider UK Network

Dec. 2025: Prof Hongchun Yin and his Modern Tongue Diagnostics system was honoured by the WHO among 21 most outstanding innovations globally under its “Health and Heritage Innovation (H2I)” initiative.



Jul. 2026: Prof Shulan Tang (Shulan College of Chinese Medicine, UK) hosted the The 1st Global Alumni Forum of Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine in Manchester.

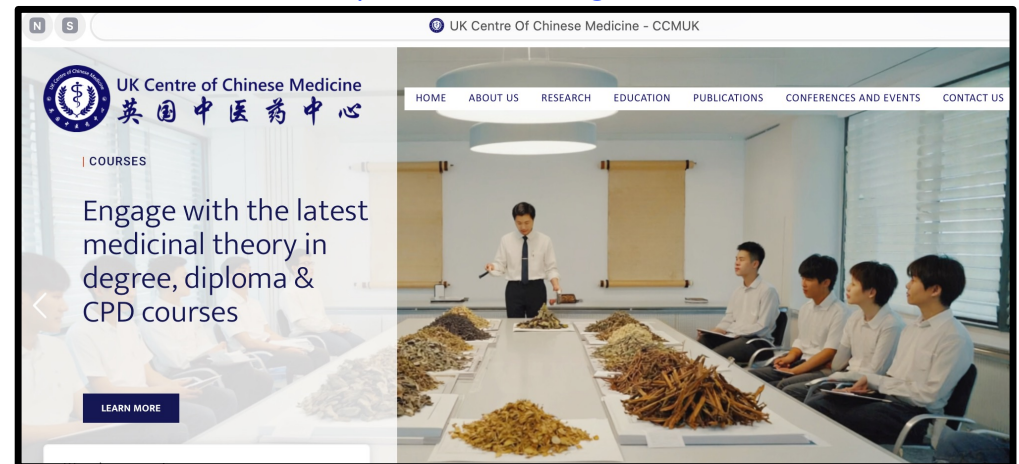


Follow UK's TCM activities via King's CICM and CCMUK websites:

- King's CICM News & Activities: <https://www.kingscicm.org/>



- CCMUK website: <https://ccmuk.org>





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