

# ACUPUNCTURE FOUNDATION PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION



12<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## 2018 AFPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Thank you for your nomination for the AFPA Executive Committee. Could you please provide us with some information about yourself by completing the following form. Please keep within the space provided on this page.

Name: Xian-Yang Lai ( AFPA number: 8177)

Background Information:

### **Study and Research**

1. Qualified in Medicine(1987-1992) in 1992, in TongJi Medical College, HuaZhong Science & Technology, Wuhan, China, which is a very good Medical college and University in China (website:  
University: <http://www.hust.edu.cn/>; College: <http://www.tjmu.edu.cn/>; Hospital: <http://www.tjh.com.cn/> )
2. Qualified in Master Degree in TCM (1992-1995) in 1995, in TongJi Medical College, HuaZhong Science & Technology, Wuhan, China, which is a very good Medical college and University in China
3. Started to practice ( in 1995) in both Western & Chinese Medicine in the Department of Integration of Western and Chinese Medicine in TongJi Hospital of Tongji Medical College ( <http://www.tjh.com.cn/> ) until 2002 when I came to Ireland for my Ph.D research in cancer.
4. Qualified in Ph.D. in Biochemistry (2002-2007) in NUI, Galway.
5. Postal Doctor Researcher ( 2007-2010 ) in the Pharmacology of NUI, Galway.

### **Work Experience**

1. Practicing TCM including acupuncture & herbs since 1995
2. Practicing Western Medicine since 1992
3. Lecturer & Specialist (Rheumatoid Arthritis) in TongJi Medical College between 1998 and 2002 (until leaving the Hospital)
4. Experienced in charging the teaching task of International Medical Students in the Department of Integration of Western & Chinese Medicine, TongJi Hospital of Tongji Medical College, HUST.
5. Practicing acupuncture in Galway

Any skills or experience that you have that are relevant to working on the AFPA EC:

1. Basic computer skills
2. Basic researching, writing and reporting skills
3. Basic teaching and training skills
4. Experienced in charging the teaching task of International Medical Students in the Department of Integration of Western & Chinese Medicine, TongJi Hospital of TongJi Medical College, HUST between 1998 and 2002.
5. Experienced in teaching TCM for a small group of medical school students recently as the SSM project and training some qualified acupuncturists years ago in Galway

Why you would like to work on the EC:

From our AFPA Chairperson's recent letter, I noticed that it would be urgent for our AFPA to get enough people to work for our association. Otherwise, our AFPA will be in danger. This is the direct reason for me to make a decision to apply for the EC. Of course, in the past years, our AFPA colleagues have worked for me. As a return, I should also do something for our colleagues.

What you hope to achieve:

This is my first time to apply for the EC member. To be honest, if I can become a member of our AFPA, the first thing I will have to do is to communicate with and consult our colleagues and experienced EC members to get more information about our AFPA and then make my plans. Based on my C.V., I will be happy to do some work about Professional Training Standards. Also, if our AFPA colleagues would like to set up more links with Chinese hospitals or universities, I will be pleased to become the bridge between our AFPA and China. More, if possible, we can do some research on some conditions treated by TCM. With no doubt, all above depends on our AFPA plans and arrangements.

This information will be posted on the AFPA website prior to the AFPA AGM. At the AGM you will be invited to speak briefly about yourself to the attendees.

Please return this completed form to the AFPA Chairperson via [info@afpa.ie](mailto:info@afpa.ie) by **midnight on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April.**

Yours sincerely,

*Deirdre Murphy*

AFPA Chairperson