

Canadian Contemporary Acupuncture Association (CCAA)

## **"Contemporary Acupuncture Advances: IMPLEMENTING CONTEMPORARY ACUPUNCTURE TECHNIQUES TO IMPROVE CLINICAL OUTCOMES" Conference May 26-28**

*Canadian Contemporary Acupuncture Association and McMaster University Health Sciences Continuing Education host this three-day world-class conference.*

Dr David Salanki and Dr Ravinder Ohson are pleased to once again co-chair the upcoming Spring 2017 CCAA/ McMaster University "Contemporary Acupuncture Advances" Conference be held at the Hamilton Convention Center, 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton Ontario from Friday, May 26 to Sunday, May 28, 2017.

Following a long-established standard of excellence, the Canadian Contemporary Acupuncture Association (CCAA) in conjunction with McMaster University Health Sciences Continuing Education is proud to host this three-day world-class event.

This will be the third of such bi-yearly conferences. The theme for the upcoming 2017 spring conference will be "Implementing Contemporary Acupuncture Techniques To Improve Clinical Outcomes."

The target audiences include health care professionals who integrate acupuncture in a musculoskeletal practice such as licensed acupuncturists, chiropractors, naturopathic doctors, osteopaths, physicians, physiotherapists, dentists, podiatrists and registered massage therapists.

Acupuncture innovators and Contemporary Acupuncture "giants" from around the world have been invited to present including Dr. Narda Robinson, who heads the Colorado State University Center for Comparative and Integrative Pain Medicine. Over the past 16 years, Dr. Robinson has been a leader in the acupuncture field and has taught a variety of medically based acupuncture courses. Her topics will be "Using Neuroanatomical Acupuncture Techniques with an Osteopathic Twist in the Treatment of Musculoskeletal Problems"; "Local, Regional, and Systemic Treatment with Neuroanatomical/Myofascial Acupuncture" and "Hope for Spinal Cord Injury Patients -- A Translational Perspective Based on Success in Veterinary Medicine."

US Navy Capt. Scott A. Cota will also bring first hand military field expertise in implementing contemporary acupuncture to the conference. Dr. Cota serves as command surgeon for the U.S. Navy Special Operations Command. Dr Cota's presentation is titled, "Improving Clinical Outcomes in the Tactical Environment by Integrating Neurofunctional Acupuncture Techniques."

Retired Canadian professional (NHL) ice hockey player, Steve Staios, who has played with the Boston Bruins, Vancouver Canucks, Atlanta Thrashers, Edmonton Oilers, Calgary Flames, and New York Islanders during his career, has also been invited to speak from the perspective of a patient and professional athlete. Steve will discuss, "The use of acupuncture from a professional athlete's perspective in optimizing performance and maintaining health."

These are just a small sample of the diverse speakers that have been invited to present over this three-day world-class event.

Based on the input from previous conference participants, the planning committee will continue to expand on the goal

of providing attendees with a wealth of practical clinical pearls and demonstrations. This will be further highlighted by the fact that presenters will be amongst the world's top leaders and trendsetters in the contemporary acupuncture, and neurofunctional acupuncture field.

The conference will also highlight emerging evidence found in contemporary acupuncture research that will assist those attending in enhancing clinical decision - making relating to diagnosis & contemporary acupuncture treatment.

The conference will also feature an optional (Friday morning) pre-conference "Anatomy Workshop" to be held at McMaster University. The human anatomy workshop will review and reinforce the neuro-anatomy of the most commonly used neurofunctional acupuncture points and those most relevant to conference topics. Seating will be limited to 30 participants for this portion of the conference and registration is available only on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants who are interested in attending this are reminded to register early to avoid disappointment.

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