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Professor Lao Lixing, Vivian Taaam Wong Endowed Professorship in Integrative Medicine, Director of the School of Chinese Medicine, The University of Hong Kong. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Family Medicine and the Director of Traditional Chinese Medicine Research Program in the Center for Integrative Medicine of the School of Medicine, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB), USA. Prof Lao graduated from the Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and completed his PhD in physiology at UMB. As a licensed acupuncturist, he has practiced acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicines for over 30 years and served as a Board member for five years on the Maryland State Board of Acupuncture. He is principal investigator and co-investigator of over 20 clinical trials and pre-clinical studies in acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicines funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Department of Defense, USA. He is particularly interested in conducting translational research that bridges basic science, clinical trials, and "real world" acupuncture/Chinese medicine clinical practice. He established the laboratory of TCM research in UMB in 1999 to conduct basic science studies on acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicines. Prof Lao has actively published over 200 peer-reviewed scientific papers and over 10 book chapters, given over 300 presentations at national and international conferences/ symposia. Prof Lao was a board member of the Society for Acupuncture Research and served as a co-president of the Society from 2003-2007. He serves on editorial boards in a number of journals including associate editor in the Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine and the Journal of Alternative Therapies in Health and Medicine, co-Editor in Chief in the Journal of Integrative Medicine. He is currently an elected vice president of the World Federation of Acupuncture and Moxibustion Societies (WFAS) and an appointed Secretary General of the Consortium for Globalization of Chinese Medicine (CGCM). He was recently awarded as Qi-Huang International Award by China Association of Chinese Medicine in 2015.

During the conference, Prof Lao will present on the title “When East meets West”, giving his perspectives on the challenges of conducting acupuncture research under the western medicine framework.