

Condolences in English

“I wanted to write convey my deep shock and sadness at the loss of Professor Mei.. You will know very well from your work with him at AcuMedic what an inspiring and greatly respected man he was. I have no doubts that you and others will take forward his excellent work in improving healthcare in the UK through Chinese Medicine.”

----- **David Tredinnick MP, House of Common**

“who will be remembered for his gift to be able to bridge, the differences in philosophy; healing the disharmony between East and West by exchanging the knowledge and facilitating the education and training of excellence in the practice Traditional Chinese Medicine, to make it accepted through dialogue as an important part of the main stream medicine.”

---- **Louis & Family Woolf**

“I was one of the first Graduates of the AcuMedic training program for doctors. I will remember his boundless energy and enthusiasm for learning, and for the advancement of Chinese medicine. Both he and Dr Lily have taught me so much, for which I will always be grateful.”

----- **Dr Maria Hurley**

“Professor Mei has over the years worked closely with the MHRA and Department of Health on issues relating to the regulation of herbal medicines and practitioners. He was set to continue this work on the new Herbal Practitioners and Medicines Working Group. His experience and contribution will be greatly missed. I appreciate that your organizations will have other more important priorities at this time but wanted to extend the invitation to participate in the working group to another member of the CMIR.”

----- **ANDREA FARMER | Senior Policy Manager, Policy Division | MHRA**

“Man Fong always surprised his pupils, incorporating his flowing poetry into AcuMedic news letters and seminars- waxing lyrical about the forces of nature and the great powers of the universe. He always wore a cheery smile and was full of laughter – such a tonic for those around him – equal to the Chinese herbal medicines that his gracious staff so meticulously dispenses! I’m sure you too would feel in good hands when the needles hit their mark at his wonderful clinic in London’s Camden Town! His teachings seem very pertinent to our present predicament. At a time when the talk is all of ‘power, trade and military might’ the need to balance and blend the creative forces of East and West and demonstrate holistic engagement in our thoughts and actions

– is ever more vital. For that is the real Tao.

----- Man Fong writes in the Foreword to my new book 'In Defence of Life'-

“With the new synergized energy between East and West, human enlightenment is about to make the next qualitative leap. The emergence of the axial age is upon us..... Our total health, involving our body, heart and mind, is the link in the cycle of existence that holistically connects everything within this universe. I suggest that the change should begin with each of us cultivating our moral and spiritual self. A harmonious heart and an inspired mind in all of us will help to create a healthy society. Act now to ensure a brighter future for our children and the survival of our Earth.”

-----Sir Julian Rose

“My poor Dr. Lily, how dreadful! You will certainly be supported by uplifting thoughts from everyone associated with AcuMedic and from everyone around the world associated with Benny. But nevertheless this will not ease your pain..... Benny, like many great leaders, dreamed a dream. But he had the energy and enthusiasm to fulfill it. He holds a special place in my heart, as his dream completely changed my medical thought process - instead of treating symptoms, I now treat physiological

imbalances which create the environment in which the symptoms develop. However it was you who was my mentor. It was you who imparted your knowledge and skills to me, and for this you also hold a special place in my heart. You and Benny made a formidable team. I now have to apologies for being unable to honor Benny by being present at his funeral. I have just arrived in South Africa. Jen, my partner has Alzheimer's for some years now, and to lead a "normal" life, she needs my continuous presence with her. We have come to S.A. for the sunshine, as she is always best in the sun. At age 80 I decided to retire so that I had more time to care for her. I thought this was the reason I now find myself in S.A. However maybe i was meant to be in the Eastern Cape, where Chinese medicine is unknown, so that I can honor Benny's name by spreading the gospel of Chinese medicine! We will be here until the end of April, so if you would like a recovery period in the sun, we have a bedroom awaiting you.

With kindest thoughts in this dreadful hour,"

----- **Dr. Robert Howard**

"He was a larger than life figure" "AcuMedic will never be the same again without Benny. And the terrible lost to medical Drs, all Acupuncturists."

----- **Dr. Clarence**

“Those we love don’t go away;

they walk beside us every day.

Unseen, unheard;

but always near.

Still loved; still missed;

and very dear. ”

“Dear Dr. Lilly, Dear Mei Family, Dear AcuMedic Team

I want to offer my deepest sympathy for the loss of Professor Mei.

He has lived his life to the fullest and can be so proud of what he has achieved. His pioneering work has left significant changes in this world.

Through his visionary thinking so many of us students can now thrive on our paths. His achievements will continue to be a great inspiration to me and his memory will serve as a reason to continue the path of integrating Medicine. I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to meet such an inspiring person.

With my deepest Sympathy

----- **Your former student Chantal Bohren**

“Professor Mei’s lifework has set many on the road to Chinese Medicine with Western Medicine.”

-----**Dr. Iera Groves**

“Professor Man Fong Mei gave inspiration and knowledge to so many people”

-----**Dr. Rosie Nadin**

“Professor’s enthusiasm was so infectious and I thank him for introducing me to TCM. It has been privilege to have known him.”

----- **Dr. C D Perko**

“may he rest in peace, such an extraordinary gentlemen who inspired us throughout the course and for the rest of my life, a man to be proud to have met....My sincere condolences once again”

----- **Dr Benaicha**

“We have enjoyed his teaching and company while we were studying for our diplomas at AcuMedic.”

----- **Dr Kam Yoon Ng & Mrs Sue Ng**

“He was always the picture of life and vitality, and has such passion for his work. He was a truly lovely man. We will miss his energy, and his presence.”

----- **Irene Botwright (diploma course student)**

“I shall miss his lectures, humor, cultural knowledge, passion, vision and presence”

----- **Katherine Ung, 9 year AcuMedic patient/client and current AcuMedic student**

“What a unique and vivacious individual he was. I enjoyed his lectures immensely, he always had a way of making them fun and interesting.”

----- **Katherine Mew, CMIR Member**

“He spent his life promoting Chinese Medicine to get it recognized and will be greatly missed.”

-----**Dr. Maria Mercati**

“He was an inspirational colleague who combined warmth, enthusiasm, humor and a deep commitment to integration in health care.

He will be sadly missed. ”

----- **Maggy Wallace, Chair CNHC 2009 – 2012**

“He is such a lovely generous hearted man who has made a tremendous difference to my life passing on his experience and enthusiasm for Chinese medicine.”

-----**Dr. Peter Dilworth**

“I have been so inspired by Prof Mei’s enthusiasm for the teaching of Chinese medicine and his spirit and humor.”

-----**Dr. Rita Grindrod**

“Benny was such an inspiration to me, a neighbor and friend. This is such a loss.”

----- **Amanda Shayle , Senior Lecturer, College of Chinese Medicine**

Vice Chair, The Acupuncture Society

MD, Acuregen Limited

“Professor Mei was truly an inspirational pioneer and leader in the field of Acupuncture & Traditional Chinese Medicine, not just in the United Kingdom but also globally – especially in China where he was held in high esteem at Beijing University. Professor Mei always supported the benefits of TCM as an option of patient choice, and in doing so always encouraged all styles of Practitioners of both Traditional & Western Medical Acupuncture to embrace the spirit of “working together” with one voice for the profession. I like many will greatly miss his professionalism, charm, wit and insights for the future of this noble profession.”

----- **Aaron Kenneth Ward-Atherton, Lord of Witley & Hurcott –**

Worcestershire

“As one who worked closely with "Benny" during my time at the British Acupuncture Council, I would like to say how much I appreciated his guidance and wisdom during the many debates on the regulation of Chinese medicine. His was often a calm voice in moments of heat and certainly appreciated by those outside the field of complementary medicine who were not always aware of the subtleties that existed within the area.”

----- **Mike O'Farrell , formerly C.E.O of British Acupuncture Council**

“He was a dynamic and enthusiastic promoter of Chinese medicine's integration with western medicine I personally benefitted from this having studied at the Camden centre which he established.”

----- **Dr Karen Scrimgeour**

“He was an inspiration, with his energy and passion for life and his tireless work bringing Chinese Medicine to the West. I shall never forget him”

-----**Dr. Wendy Denning**

“What a lovely man – we will miss him so much. Always cheerful and so

enthusiastic about everything!”

Patricia Metter and Beverly Creel

----- Heather’s Family (AcuMedic Staff)

“He achieved such amazing things in his lifetime.”

----- Dr Sarah Wells

“I met him in the beginning in 1980 and knew him as Benny. He was a great businessman and teacher and then he became very passionate about East and West working together - becoming statesman-like. I went on one of his China trips and I have memories of China that I treasure.”

----- Dr. Martina (CMIR Student)

“He enriched the life of many people, doctors, students and colleagues and changed the face of western medicine. He was gifted with unlimited enthusiasm and energy, and passion to do good and worthwhile for humanity.”

----- Dr M I Qureshi & Family

“Recently, we had so many mutual plans for our future work together. Each meeting with him was a deep inspiration for me. So I am completely speechless and sad about your devastating news.”

----- **Professor Dr. Claus C. Schnorrenberger**

“On behalf of the Federation of the Italian Society of Acupuncture I express my sadness to learn of the death of Prof. Mei I had the pleasure to appreciate during the meetings of the WFCMS and PEFOTS.”

----- **Carlo Maria Giovanardi MD, President of Italian Federation of Acupuncture Societies**

“He is irreplaceable”

-----**Dr. David Lloyd**

“He is a very kind, enthusiastic as a friend. And he is wise and prescient, diligent as a scholar.”

-----**Dr. Xueli Zhang**

“He was very positive always and made you believe that ALL IS GOING TO BE WELL. He made you want to excel.”

-----**Dr. Rashmi Madan**

“The British Acupuncture Council certainly saw Professor Mei as a pioneer in Chinese Medicine and East West integration.”

----- **Nick Pahl, Chief Executive, British Acupuncture Council**

“He was such a tower of strength and boundless energy. Chinese medicine in the UK has lost one of his staunchest supporters and I wonder who can possibly replace him in his tireless lobbying on government committees and the like.”

----- **Dr. Ann George**

“A pioneer in Chinese Medicine and East integration, a philosopher, a physicist and a poet. He will be sorely missed by all those who he touched with his inspiration and positive energy.”

----- **Don Mei**

“A great loss to the world in many aspects. We may have lost him but his spirit, inspiration, philosophy, ideals and wisdom will live on in all of us whose life have been touched by him.”

----- **Dr Sau Hsien Yap MBChB FRCA DCMAC CHMMD**

“When I last saw him just before Christmas he seemed to have all his usual vigor and characteristic joy for life. As one of the many western doctors he has trained in Chinese medicine and who has continued to maintain that interest I clearly owe a deep gratitude to him. It must have taken a great deal of energy and vision to have come to the UK all

those years ago, set up a company which has clearly thrived and still have the burning desire to pass on the benefits of Chinese medicine not only to patients but also to health practitioners who could in their turn inspire others. The fun and fascination of the trip was in no small measure due to Prof Mei's leadership and enthusiasm. Participating in his seminars left one in no doubt that he was a deep thinker with a wide knowledge who also had a gentle compassionate nature. His death is a tremendous loss to the embedding of Chinese medicine in the UK health system, a loss to his patients, AcuMedic, chinalife, the CMIR and above all to those who were closest to him at work, socially or in home life. ”

----- **Dr. Richard Garlick**

“I can only say that the driving energy--the vital Qi of our institution is gone. He was very positive always and made you believe that ALL IS GOING TO BE WELL. He made you want to excel. We must all continue to work hard to fulfill his mission that would be the best way to honor his memory.”

----- **Dr. Rashmi Madan (student of diploma course)**

“May they find comfort in knowing that his wisdom, passion and energy inspired and enriched so many.”

-----**Dr. Kerry Beinart-Kay**

“Professor Mei left us but his smile and positive spirit lives with us forever!”

----- **Former staff Dr Anyi Cheng**

“I will always remember Professor Mei as one of my big inspirations in pursuing my studies of Chinese Medicine. He was such a shining positive person, with so much to offer to the world. His presence will be sorely missed at AcuMedic, it is an enormous loss for all of us who knew him.”

-----**Dr. Alex**

“There is no need to add to the countless description of Professor Mei’s achievements and his dedication to his work except to say he is irreplaceable. He loved travelling and he took special delight in encouraging all to do the same and he delighted in watching other enjoy themselves whether in a social setting, whilst studying at AcuMedic or on trips he had organized to China. On one such trip, I remember how hard he worked to make it a success and I was so proud to see him operating at the various Universities we visited. He would tell funny stories and always willing to share his philosophy and extremely passionate in promoting harmony between Eastern and Western

approaches to Medicine.”

-----**Dr. Henry**

“It is our priority to continue his legacy in the work we do and it is thanks to Prof. Mei that we have been given this opportunity.”

----- **Dr.Ashley Bennett (CMIR Student)**

“He was always friendly, welcoming and full of enthusiasm.”

----- **Richard Blackwell, Principal**

“Professor Mei was a shining light to all who knew him and so it is not a light that has gone out in our lives today but a giant of a beacon. To me personally I feel I have lost a friend who was so supportive and offered help when I needed it most, in fact he was a father figure to us all. He was larger than life and had a presence which commanded respect. His work has brought much to many in health, education, integration of East and West culture and medicine. The unfinished business he leaves behind is in itself a legacy for those of us in his shadow to follow.”

----- **Christine E. Hunter (CMIR Steering Committee member)**

“We will always remember Prof Mei for his immense input into

development and popularization of Chinese medicine knowledge. Fighting for it be recognized in the Western world and establishing centre for knowledge, education and excellence, for his passion that he passed to every student and dedication, for his patience in teaching us, for his happy spirit and acceptance of our ideas, for his search of answers to how the universe work.”

----- **Dr Zulia Frost**

“He was a remarkable character and in particular we at Westminster owe him so much for giving us the space to start our acupuncture programme and ultimate degree course.”

----- **Felicity Moir, Course Leader Chinese Medicine**

“May he travel and bathe in the Great light – the light he brought into our lives.”

----- **Jennifer Harper-Deacon MSc ND MRN, Naturopathic Physician**

“It was always a pleasure to meet with him and to benefit from his experience and advice. We know he will be greatly missed within the acupuncture and Chinese Medicine communities.”

----- **Harry Cayton, Chief Executive, Professional Standards Authority**

(The Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care was

previously known as the Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence)

“He touched the hearts of everyone he met in the most wonderful, loving, caring, generous, unconditional way. He was so full of passion and energy I just cannot imagine or believe that he has passed. ”

----- **Dr Sally A Prestwich**

“He was a great man, a very special teacher and friend and he will always be around us.”

----- **DR Konstantina Theodoratou, Vice President of ICMART,
President of SAMAG**

“My contacts with Professor Man Fong Mei were brief, but I was always struck by his wholehearted commitment to the well being and safety of patients. He will be sorely missed.”

----- **Anna van der Gaag, Chair, Health and Care Professions Council**

“Words seem inadequate to express the sorrow felt by the loss of such an influential person as Professor Mei. Someone as special as Professor Mei will never be forgotten.”

----- **Dr Jaspal Bharj**

“Prof. Mei was an inspiration man, always full of interests and energy. His legacy of achievement in introducing Chinese Medicine and culture to the world will benefit many for years to come.”

-----**Dr. Yuling**

“I remember his lectures and interesting conversations well.”

----- **ML June Mansley**

“Dr. Mei, with whom we shared many working and personal experiences, will always remain in our memory as a great person and one of the leaders of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine of our time.”

----- **Dr. Elena Chen**

“He was a good man who promoted Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine in Europe. He was always smile and told us his good idea in the future of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine. I cannot belief his pass away from us.”

----- **Yung-Hsien Chang, China Medical University and Hospital**

“We have lost a dear friend, a friend of my age with a lot of new ideas and great insights. I co-chaired with him in the Education Committee one of the CGCM conference, I know Prof. Mei as a man of honor, talents

and visions. I will miss him. So will the community of Chinese Medicine.”

----- **David CY Kwan, B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D**

(Deputy Editor, International Submission, Journal of Medical Education, Taipei, Taiwan

Director, Center for Faculty Development & Education Assessment, Shantou University, Shantou, CHINA

Former Director, Center for Faculty Development, China Medical University, Taichung, TAIWAN

Former Chair Professor in Physiology, The University of Hong Kong, SAR. CHINA

Emeritus Professor of Medicine, McMaster University, Hamilton, CANADA

Ph.D., Biological Chemistry, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA)

“We have the same philosophy; it is our duty to practice what preach. I enjoyed the meeting with Professor Mei. He is really a great man and we respect him and learn from him.”

----- **Mr. Viva Gu, Sales Director**

“He was such a marvelous person and he will live on in our memories

forever. My heartfelt condolences to you”

----- **Dr. Sally Ng**

“Prof Mei has been such a great inspiration, and it was always good to know he was there for us. This is the end of a great era in which we all owed so much to him.”

----- **Dr Michael Lambert and Rachel Lambert-Smith**

“When I was in London, I looked after him at a personal account level and always found him to be a man of great intelligence, knowledge and foresight and yet humble and intensely funny. I shall remember him with fond memories and ask that you pass on my sincere condolences to his wife and family and all close to him. I shall remember him predominantly for his warmth and humor (and Emperor Tea!) on the day and beyond”

----- **Glen Castelino, Private Banking Manager**

“May the soul of our eminent scientist who have departed us rest in perfect peace.”

----- **Dr Diakite**

“I so much adored him for his knowledge and humor and enjoyed every class he was teaching which I was lucky to participate. Even though I

didn't know about all his achievements, I always sensed that he was a very special person. It has been such a joy studying at AcuMedic, it was like entering into another world.”

-----**Dr. Jasmin**

“Indeed, as you write: his positive energy and philosophic touch in his messages inspired many and hopefully will live long in our thoughts. best regards”

----- **Dr Frank Heemskerk, CEO Research & Innovation Management Services, Brussels, Belgium.**

“I have known him 35 years. We worked together for the World Federation of Chinese Medicine Society (WFCMS). His contribution to integrative medicine was enormous. On behalf of the World Natural Medicine Foundation and College of Integrated Medicine I send my heartfelt condolences to his family and staff.”

-----**Dr. Steve**

“I knew him in professional TCM circles for many years and I was aware of his remarkable and energetic influence within TCM and East-West medical integration; he will be sorely missed.”

----- **Christine Leon MSc, MBE, Chinese Medicinal Plants
Authentication and Conservation Centre (CMPACC)**

“I have known Benny since 1983. He published my first book which was an evaluation of an integrative general practice in Lewis ham which was run as a co operative and acupuncture was provided in the NHS. Benny kindly agreed to publish this, because of the innovative nature of the provision. Since the early 80's I spoke with Benny on numerous occasions and I am sure he will be sadly missed.”

----- **Professor Nicola Robinson, Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM)
and Integrated Health**

“Prof Mei was such a wonderful man, not only a great entrepreneur but also a man of huge wisdom and intelligence. He will be so sorely missed, and for his gift of spreading the advantages of TCM to Western Medics and the like. He had a gift of opening up the minds of Western thinkers to Chinese thinking. I feel we must try and carry on his work especially in this field and keep spreading the news of TCM which he would have so desired.”

-----**Dr. Kim Mendez**

“I met Professor Mei about 6 years ago at a conference in Hong Kong and

was so impressed I invited him to a conference I gave on the future of integrative medicine at Oxford University in 2011. We stayed in contact so I was very shocked to just hear of this. ”

----- **Paul Kadetz**

(Dr. Paul Kadetz, DPhil (Oxon.), MPH, MSN, MSOM, MSc.(Oxon.), APRN-BC, LAc.

Convener and Assistant Professor of Global Public Health, Leiden University College The Hague

Research Associate, Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford

Associate, China Centre for Health and Humanity, University College London)

“I am Daniel Sze, the Deputy Secretariat General of the CGCM (Consortium for Globalization of Chinese Medicine) that Prof Mei has contributed substantially. www.tcmmedicine.org/. He was such a multi-talented soul with wholehearted dedication in Integrative Medicine. I remember very well his vivid description of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Yin-Yan using a new style poem that impressed us greatly. However, we will continue with his long-term wish to progress with the Evidence-based Traditional Chinese Medicine to lead to an Integrative Medicine that the world may eventually benefit greatly.”

----- **Dr Sze Man-yuen, Daniel, Program Leader, BSc (Hons) in Medical**

Laboratory Science (3-Yr)

“I only met the professor once, at the chinalife anniversary a while ago, but I was taken with the way, when I thanked him for his hospitality, he slowly placed both his large cool hands around my small ones and thanked me for coming. I think people in the West forget how important touch is and, although I only had a very brief conversation with him, I felt very welcomed, grounded and appreciated by this simple act.”

----- **Dr. Miranda Soar**

“Professor Mei’s who was a great man.” “life is a dream walking, death is a going home (Chinese Proverb)”

----- **Anahita Aryan & Family**

“Best coordinator for east-west relationship and prosperity, A bright light has stopped suddenly in its powerful brightness. ”

----- **Dr. K.Sandrasegaram**

“I will always remember professor as an extremely passionate and inspiring man.”

----- **Dr. Iwona Pogoda**

“He has contributed greatly to the Chinese medicine community, and the health of his local community via his clinics and generous advice. Although it has been a while since I have been in his shop in Camden, his big and cheery personality is well and fondly remembered.”

----- **Dr. Roisin Golding**

“Both of you in class had such joyous dispositions and a beautiful energy with smiles that would warm my heart after the stresses of a long working day. You were both always so encouraging towards me in class and Dr. Ben's kind words were so helpful and inspiring at times when I was suffering immense back pain and believing my dance would never progress. I can see both your smiling faces now as I write this.”

----- **Dr. Audrey**

“I had only seen the Prof just before Christmas and he kindly gave me calendar and very important diary. He went especially to his office to collect it for me. I have known him for many years and the last time we had a real get together was when I was giving my health background to some of the student doctors at one of the indoctrination classes. I had done several of these, over the past 5 years or so. On the last occasion, in November, I was sitting down with the Prof standing on my left and Dr Lilly on my right. I think we all three enjoyed the discussions because I

would prompt the Prof with something that benefited me from the AcuMedic medicines and then he would take over the discussion, enlarging on the subject, with his hand resting on my shoulder. Always memorable occasions and he will be sorely missed. He became a good friend to me, and AcuMedic have been a lifesaver for me. Let us hope the business can continue but the death of the Prof is a real tragedy and once again my best wishes to all his family at this difficult time. ”

----- **Dr. John Durham**

“I can only echo the words - a true inspiration!” “He lived the idea that the Gods can not help those who do not seize opportunities. With an abundance of energy he grasp life with both hands and spread the inspiration he drew from it.”

----- **Dr. Margaret Meyer**

“I still remember two years' ago we were talking the setback of TCM & acupuncture regulations, Benny was so frustrated about UK government's no action. He gave me his two articles and hoping that Canada would regulated ahead of UK. I remember Benny was so glad that Don was successfully running the AcuMedic division in Thailand. Now this more than 30 years' friend of mine suddenly left us, without

even a warning sign, it's so unreal and so sad. But Benny certainly influenced a lot of people through his 67 years life journey. For sure Benny will be deeply missed by all his acquaintances, friends, and family members for a long time.”

----- **Dr. Palden Carson, MD, D Sports Med(UK), MBAcA(UK), President of the World Tung's Acupuncture Association**

“He was a man for whom we all had such deep respect, and inspiration. His many achievements have benefitted so many and will continue to do so.”

----- **Dr. Ming Chen Robertson**

“The world rarely sees someone who has had the profound impact in integrative medicine that Professor Mei. We are very lucky to know Professor Man Fong Mei, it’s been an insanely great honor.”

----- **World Chinese Medicine Xu Hui**

“I have tried to read again the letters Professor Mei sent me some years ago on the internet. They were philosophical writings about the East and West connection and some poetry.”

----- **Dr. Maria Zavody**

“He was an outstanding scientist , curator of the richest spiritual and cultural traditions of its people. This loss - an irreparable loss for the world of science in the field of traditional Chinese medicine. Thousands of people know his work , read his writings . Together with you - his family, students and all loved ones deeply mourn his passing. Memory of the great a leader of his field, a man with a capital letter Professor Man Fong Mei will remain forever in our hearts.”

----- **Dr. Mkrtich N. Avagyan, DM. Ph.D., President of AASTAM**

“I will remember him fondly. He was a great man indeed yet he always found time in his busy schedule to have a chat and always willing to share advice in terms whatever is put before him.”

----- **Dr. Vern**

“I thought he would always ‘be there’ as he is one of the immortals, someone who had the time and energy to encourage people like myself to keep going in the face of neglect from colleagues who are unwilling to step outside conventional medical practice even when they know in their hearts something is missing from it. That something was in large part accumulated over centuries of observation in China. My first meeting with him in 1974 was suggested by Dr Felix Mann when I didn’t know how to order an acupuncture needle and Benny Mei (as he asked me to

call him) so kindly and modestly explained how he had gone to such trouble to be the very first to import needles and later their guide tubes in a pre-sterilized state so one did not need an autoclave and all the worries that go with it. That vital development (copied by others) has probably saved many thousands of people from infection.”

----- **Dr Alexander Macdonald, Bristol**

“I am a customer of chinalife and hope that the Professor's work continues through his son and all the staff in order to preserve the legacy of his wonderful work.”

----- **Dr. Alison**

“I’ll remember all my life our happy talking in Beijing and his motivation to work!”

----- **Robson Campos Gutierre, CMD, Phys. Ed., Herb., MSc, DSc, PhD**

(Professor and Researcher on Medical Morphology

Federal University of Sao Paulo

Brazil)

“I found him extremely charismatic, generous with his incredible knowledge and very well humored.”

----- **Dr. Darren Spowart, TCM practitioner in Sydney Australia**

“He was a great role model with warm compassionate inner radiance.
My condolences to his family.”

----- **Dr. Oktay Tulga, His student**

“always will recall his kindness, friendliness, enthusiasm and invariably
smiling face”

----- **Dr. Julie McCarthy**

“I came for a weekend introduction to Acupuncture and Chinese
Medicine and listened to Dr Chen and him speak and had signed up for 2
courses before I left the first day, something just clicked and made sense
and my passion for TCM began. Your father/ husband was one of the
most charismatic and inspiring people I have ever met. I remember Dr
Lily explaining Yin and Yang using her and Professor Mei as an example
with his yang his huge ambition and energy and it made it simple to
understand. He had such an incredible passion for bringing Chinese
philosophy as well as Medicine and integrating it into the West, I'm sure
that's why he was so successful at helping western doctors like me
understand the completely new (to us) and beautiful concepts of
Chinese Medicine. I was taught by Professor Mei in all the courses I
attended and I think I've done most of them (except maybe the PHD/

MSc which I was thinking about!) and lastly saw him in November for CPD when feeling a need for inspiration. He was again wonderful to listen to for a day, reassuring, determined and confident in the face of all the worrying herb law changes and philosophical and fascinating when talking about new developments and scientific understanding in Chinese Medicine. I came back with 5 more Chinese Medicine books to read in bed at night. I can't quite believe he is gone, I thought that he would be there to keep fighting for Chinese Medicine and Chinese Philosophy for all of the students he inspired and to enjoy chatting to and to pulse diagnose the sex of my next baby (though he did get the last one wrong which we laughed about!). I have unfortunately learnt in life that those who burn most brightly unfortunately aren't always here as long as you want or expect them to be but that doesn't lessen their impact. I hope the legacy of those who were inspired and changed by his passion for Chinese Medicine and who like me have built successful and busy practices using what he and AcuMedic taught us are some comfort. Though his physical presence could fill a room I think his legacy is far greater and will continue to be wonderful as more and more patients are treated (and cured) by his students who owe him everything.”

----- **Dr Jessica Braid**

“Indeed, as you write: his positive energy and philosophic touch in his

messages inspired many and hopefully will live long in our thoughts.”

----- **Dr. Frank Heemskerk, CEO Research & Innovation Management Services**

“Bennie was my friend since the early 1970s when, as a teenage school boy, I discovered East Asia Books, then at the top of Eversholt Street, shortly after it opened. Much of my earlier reading and knowledge of China comes from books I bought there. I'm grateful, too, that, as a young person, Bennie always gave me a generous discount. It was typical of the kindness that I saw him extend to so many over subsequent decades. I will remember that kindness, along with his infectious laugh, his work ethic and drive, his wisdom, his love of China and of people everywhere.”

----- **Dr. Keith Bennett**

“Professor Mei was and will be forever a great person who made great contribution to the cause of integration of Chinese Medicine and Western Medicine. It was just like yesterday when I met Professor Mei at the Conference of World Federation of Traditional Chinese Medicine in Beijing not long ago. We met and shook hands at the conference hall; it was so natural to meet him at any big occasions of Traditional Chinese Medicine. He was so active and available. He was so healthy and

energetic. His smiling face was shining with friendship and wisdom. Professor Mei always sent me his writings including his thought about science and ideas of Integration of TCM and WM as well as beautiful and elegant poems. I was expecting to read his new articles and glorious philosophy, but instead I received this horrible news. Please convey my deepest condolence to Professor Mei's Family.”

----- **Wen Situ , Former Director, Department of International Cooperation, State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine**

“It is difficult to imagine a person with more energy or enthusiasm than Benny. I will always be grateful for the work he did in setting up and running the AcuMedic diploma course, which changed the way that I practice medicine for the better. My fond memories of his energetic enthusiasm and positive approach to life during meetings, conferences and during the first CMIR medical trip to China will always inspire me.”

----- **Dr. Matthew Brook**

“I thank him for the great effort to diffuse the knowledge of TCM all over the world in the last 40 years. I should like to express my deep sympathy to his family and to all his relations.”

----- **Dr. Dott Lucio Sotte, Medico Chirurgo**

“We know he is with the our CREATOR and our Ancestors and his Spirit will live on forever.”

----- **Dr. Dawn Clarke**

“I always appreciated his great energy charisma and enthusiasm in promoting Chinese Medicine sometimes in a hostile world. He was a wonderful inspiration to us all and great fun to be with. I accompanied him on the trip to China in 2004 (? possibly 2005), a journey I will never forget. He just seemed so full of vitality all the time and with a great sense of humor! ”

----- **Dr. Anne-Marie Marlow**

“I remember him personally as full of warmth and empathy and curiosity about what it is to be a human being. He and you have done so much to restore health and wellbeing and health to so many people.”

----- **Dr. Martin Dives**

“I have been a patient at AcuMedic for several years, however I only met Prof Mei through my studies as a medical student at King's College London when I started coming to AcuMedic for my Special Study Module. The moment he walked into the room he has our attention. He was a ball of energy with a wonderful and infectious laugh”

----- **Dr. Maria Amasant**

“We know that Benny’s love and inspiration will live on in you and all you touch in your life. Sending you our love, friendship and sympathy at this time of your great sorrow. Big hugs of love,

----- **Dr. Wendy & Robert”**

“It is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved. We hope when you light the candle you will remember all the beautiful times we shared with you and Prof. Mei.” “I was stunned to learn of Professor Mei’s premature demise. I look back with great pleasure to the times I spent in his (and with all your) company. The world of international medicine will be the poorer without him. I offer my affectionate condolences to you and all your colleagues.

Yours Sincerely,

----- **Dr. John Farndale ”**