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Dr Xiuqin Wang, is the secretary and a permanent member of the Institutional Review Board of the Affiliated Hospital of Nanjing University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (IRB of AHNUTCM) in China, an attending doctor specialized in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) as well. Dr Wang is pursuing her doctor degree at Nanjing University of Traditional Chinese Medicine at present. As the secretary of the IRB, Dr Wang has been working diligently in the field of Ethical Review of Clinical Trials, e.g., conducted extensive researches, produced around 15 papers, published a monograph with respect to operating procedure of an IRB and ethical review techniques, presented speeches at national training workshop, hosted national continued education project for capacity building, led home IRB undergone Strategic Initiative for Developing Capacity in Ethical Review (SIDCER) recognition in 2007, etc.

During several years of IRB working and researches, Ethical Review of clinical trials gradually became of her interest. However, China is just underway in the field of research ethics, there is much space to be improved in research ethics when compared to advanced international standards; thus, overseas experience and networking in bioethics is greatly needed.

As the first fellow at the Secretariat of Global Forum on Bioethics in Research, located at the Council on Health Research for Development (COHRED) in Geneva, Switzerland, from August 2007 to March 2008, Dr Wang is going to engage in two main areas of activities, with three-fourths of time and energy committing to provide assistance to the GFBR-Secretariat, including supporting communication and advocacy activities, producing and publishing policy papers and other documents relevant to the objectives of the Forum, and engage in preparing for fund raising activities; and the remained time and energy devoting to networking building and professional development. With experience and expertise gained through participating in various activities and networking with many European institutions of excellence in bioethics, Dr Wang hope to promote the development of Institutional Review Board (IRB) of AHNUTCM and its capacity building, ultimately contributing to the integration of ethical review of biomedical research in China into international standards, and facilitating the academic exchange of Chinese IRBs and western academia. Besides, Dr Wang would like to share Chinese experience and challenges in terms of research ethics and that of ethical review of Traditional Chinese Medicine, substantially propel the development of ethical review in developing countries, and facilitate the objective evaluation of the effectiveness and safety of traditional medicine, thus benefiting global public goods!!