

## **The College of Integrative Medicine Signs Major Agreement with CTI MedLabs in Shanghai, China**

On June 20, 2017 the College of Integrative Medicine signed an agreement with Centre Testing International Corp of Shanghai, China. The purpose of this new and exciting collaboration is to educate physicians in China in the Integrative and Functional Medicine approach to treatment and functional medicine testing.

CTI MedLabs, created in 2014 through a joint venture between Centre Testing International Corp and UCLA now operates clinical laboratories in Shanghai and Beijing. The impressive 25,000-square-foot facility in Shanghai—the first of its kind in China — offers genetic and molecular diagnostics and other functional medicine testing.

The collaboration between CTI MedLab and The College of Integrative Medicine is founded on the same principal that CTI has with UCLA in that all parties have a desire to build strong global relationships that, through education, research and service, improve the health of people and communities throughout the world.

While in Shanghai, Dr. Wayne Sodano lectured at Gongli Hospital in Shanghai Pudong to the physicians heading the hospital's newly opened functional medicine department. The hospital receives 1.3 million patients per year, second among all hospitals affiliated with the Pudong Health Bureau. The hospital is the training base of resident doctors in Shanghai and is also the teaching hospital and training center for Ningxia Medical University and Bengbu Medical College.

Accompanied by CTI MedLab VP, Sangem, Hsu, Dr. and Mrs. Sodano also visited Chengdu, China where Dr. Sodano lectured to the Sichuan Preventive Medicine Association on how functional and integrative medicine is approached and taught in the United States. Catherine Sodano gave a presentation on the College of Integrative Medicine's 300 hour Certified Integrative Health Care Practitioner program.

Medicine has been more focused on treatment than diagnosis. But patients are recognizing the importance of identifying the root cause of their condition with an accurate diagnosis. The CTI MedLab and CIM collaboration promotes the opportunity to teach functional medicine and the specialty testing available to healthcare providers based on what patients are demanding in their healthcare treatment.

“We believe the collaboration between CTI MedLab and the College of Integrative Medicine supports CIM's goal to create a global community of likeminded healthcare practitioners in the integrative and functional medicine arena.” says Dr. Sodano.

*Centre Testing International Corp., a publicly traded company on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, is China's leading product testing, inspection, certification and consulting firm. Providing comprehensive services for consumer products in nearly every industry, CTI oversees quality control and enables companies to sell their products to markets worldwide.*

*Integrative Medicine Health Services, LLC is the parent company of The College of Integrative Medicine which offers a Certified Integrative Health Care Provider certification through a 300 hour Integrative and Functional Medicine program. As an approved continuing education provider of the American Clinical Board of Nutrition, health care providers who successfully complete the CIHP program are also eligible to sit for board examination and obtain a Diplomate in nutrition with the ACBN.*