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Dear ICMART members, dear friends,

The annual congress has been postponed for the first time since the founding of ICMART because of the coronavirus pandemic.

At the same time it is our great pleasure to look back to a very successful year in the development of ICMART. Thank you very much to all who have been working very hard to support and spread our common aims around the world.

Challenges for safety and education in acupuncture are growing worldwide. We are working hard to promote the high standards of Medical Acupuncture within national health systems and we are continuing our efforts to have Medical Acupuncture accepted as an official Medical Specialty or Sub-Specialty in conventional medicine. For the first time last year we have been invited as a consultant of WHO into a meeting for defining new standards of education and practice in acupuncture. We succeeded in keeping the high educational standards for medical doctors with our medical societies. WHO though is also promoting non-medical acupuncture, we stick to the high safety standards of Medical Acupuncture, done by dual trained doctors for the highest attainable standard for patients.

More and more medical acupuncture associations are realizing, that with growing globalization there is a growing need for us to join forces. We have the great pleasure to welcome several new member societies. The exchange between our various member associations becomes stronger from year to year with an increasing number of mutual congress participations, thus promoting special developments in acupuncture and Related Techniques to spread all over. For the first time, we had a national congress in Italy with live online transmission and free tickets for each of our ICMART member associations. We encourage all our members to participate in this fantastic exchange of experiences. To facilitate contacts we offer to all of you to promote your associations, your local congresses and events on the ICMART homepage. Looking forward to meet as many of you as possible during our annual general assembly, online this year.

Best wishes

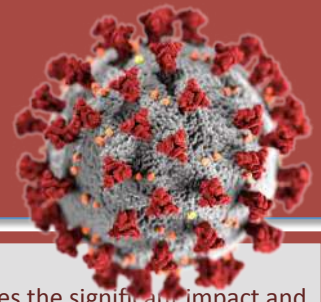
Hedi Luxenburger
PRESIDENT OF ICMART



Are you interested in attending our
ICMART FREE WEBINAR?

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#COVID-19 Message



Dear Members

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an evolving international health concern, and ICMART acknowledges the significant impact and disruption that the COVID-19 pandemic will have on your personal and professional lives. The situation is changing rapidly with more people and more countries being affected every day. It is generating unprecedented anxiety in the wider community and in all healthcare professions. Safety and wellbeing of our members is one of our primary concerns. Over 100 countries are in lock down and have closed their borders to travel. Group meetings have been banned in many countries, social distancing enforced and in the most severe restrictions people are not permitted to leave the house. This renders any congress impossible to stage.

Congress 2020 Athens (hosted by SAMAG) has been in the planning for the last two years and but had to be cancelled for this year, and postponed for 2021. But a **on-line webinar will be held instead, Sunday 28th June, at 3 pm Athens Time**, and we invite you to participate attending to our first level speakers.

We wish you good luck and good health for your efforts in helping your patients and your country during these extremely challenging and confronting times,
Watch this space for future updates.

ICMART BOARD

ICMART General Assembly 2020

online by ZOOM connection

Date: June 28th. 2020

Time: 10 am – 12 pm GMT



Dear Member,

The General Assembly (GA) is held annually during the ICMART Congress. It will not be possible this year to have a face to face meeting because the Congress 2020 has been postponed to 2021 as a result of COVID-19. The GA will be held as a virtual event using the online conferencing program "Zoom".

Every delegate will receive a personal invitation for the GA by email with a link to the Zoom meeting.

We are using your mail address, provided to ICMART.

If you want to change address, please do so within the next week.

We are looking forward very much to this new experience for all of us and hope to meet many of you online for our General Assembly.

We wish you and your countries all the best, good health and enough strength to overcome those trying times.

Hedi Luxenburger
ICMART President

Chin Chan
ICMART General Secretary



DID YOU CHANGE YOUR E-MAIL?
PLEASE, KEEP YOUR DATA UPDATED WITH US.

34TH
ICMART World Medical Acupuncture Congress
2-4 JULY 2021
ATHENS-GREECE

Science focuses on Medical Acupuncture



MESSAGE BY THE ICMART BOARD

Dear Members,

We are sorry to announce the postponement of the ICMART Congress planned to be held in Athens 26-28 June 2020. The timing is just some weeks away and it is almost certain that the pandemic will not be under control. Protecting the health, safety, and well-being of our members and attendees is paramount, and serves as the reason for our decision to postpone. Mass gatherings and social distancing is the new social norm, this would make face to face conferences impossible. We apologize for the inconvenience.

But technology is offering a chance to deliver some lectures on line. Keep in touch for more INFO!!

And the good news is that the Athens Congress is not lost, but has been postponed and will be **held 2-4 July 2021.**



Speakers from all continents
4 hours Science on Medical Acupuncture
All lectures in English

FREE WEBINAR
JUNE 28, 2020
12:00 PM GMT

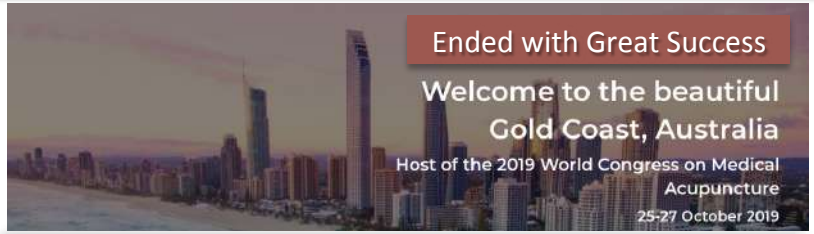
Final program will be on-line on 15th of June. A link will be provided for all participants and will be published on 15th of June on our web and will be send to all member associations. All members of our member associations can join the webinar by following the published link.
More details will be published on 15th of June....



**SCIENCE
AND
MEDICAL
ACUPUNCTURE**



The Australian Medical
Acupuncture College



ICMART 2019 CONGRESS REPORT

Venue - Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia.

The Congress was opened by Professor Philip Morris, President of the Gold Coast Medical Association

Plenary lectures in the morning were attended by all delegates in the Grand Ballroom. After lunch concurrent streams were run including treatment workshops, education forum, research papers and clinical papers on patient management. Delegates came from Europe, North America, South America, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand and Australia.

The Science Prize was awarded to Professor Seong-Uk Park (South Korea), "Efficacy Of Combined Treatment with Acupuncture and Bee Venom Acupuncture as an Adjunctive Treatment for Parkinson's Disease"

Poster Prizes: (prize awarded by organisation in parenthesis)

- **Do-Young Choi** (South Korea) "Development of Korean Medicine Clinical Guideline for Non-specific Chronic Low Back Pain (DAGFA)
- **Jae-Dong Lee** (South Korea) "Evaluation of Gambisan for Weight Loss in Overweight Adults and Adults with Obesity: A Retrospective Chart Review" (AMAC)
- **Bill Meyers** (Australia) "Adjunctive Electro-acupuncture in Autoimmune Thyroid Disease (iSAMS)
- **Jasmin Stadler** (Austria) "Changes of Rectal Measured Body Temperature in Neonates Undergoing Laser Needle Acupuncture at Acupuncture Point Large Intestine 4: Secondary Analysis" (iSAMS)
- **Huijuan Tan** (New Zealand / China) "TCM Acupoints" (SAMAG).
- **Mikako Tsunematsu** (Japan) "The Influence of Washing Hands and Using Gloves on the Hygiene of Acupuncture Needles : Observation of Bacteriological Tests" (iSAMS))
- **Panji Arga Bintara** (Indonesia) "The Effect of Laser Acupuncture on Spatial Memory of the White Rat (*Rattus norvegicus*) Exposed to Chronic Stress". This paper was chosen for the Young Scientist Award but he was unfortunately not able to obtain a visa in time to attend the congress hence he was not present to receive the prize. The certificate was given to Dr Endang Suwondo, President of the Association of Medical Acupuncture of Indonesia.

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea was provided on all days

Welcome cocktail function was on Friday evening around the pool providing adequate food and drink. The Gala Dinner on Saturday evening was in the Sheraton ballroom. Diners were treated to a three-course dinner against a background of gentle music and vocals. Later in the evening the entertainers provided lively music for dancing.

The Congress was accredited by ICMART Accreditation Committee

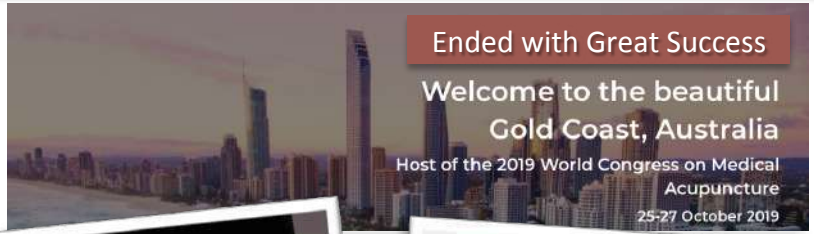
The after lunch concurrent session topics including the following:

- musculoskeletal conditions workshops
- neural therapy lectures and workshop
- microsystems workshop
- cosmetic acupuncture workshop
- acupuncture education forum
- research papers
- clinical papers
- dental workshop, craniomandibular disorders
- herbal medicine
- laser acupuncture/therapy

Dr Chin Chan
Congress Convener

Total Delegates 203

Austria 4	France 3
Australia 133	Indonesia 6
Brazil 2	Italy 4
Croatia 1	South
Czech Republic 1	Korea 20
Germany 22	Spain 1
Greece 1	Turkey 1
Finland 1	Uruguay 1
	USA 2



Ended with Great Success

Welcome to the beautiful
Gold Coast, Australia

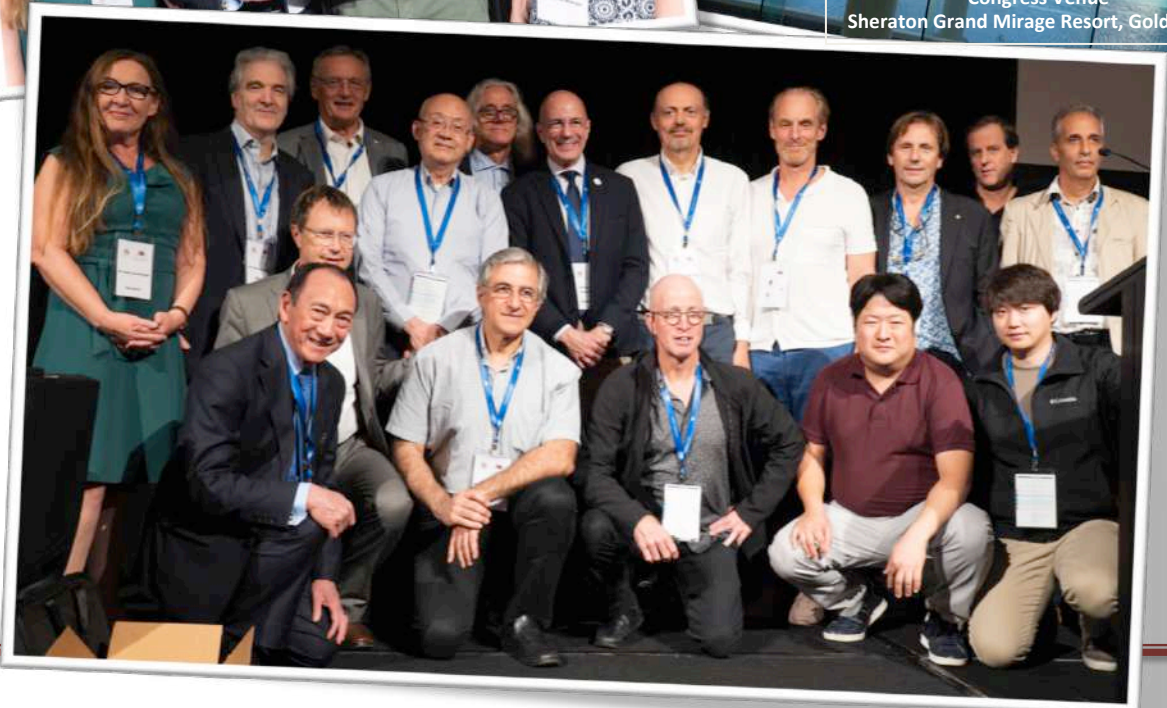
Host of the 2019 World Congress on Medical
Acupuncture
25-27 October 2019



ICMART Science Award
Prof Seong-Uk Park, South Korea



Congress Venue
Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort, Gold Coast.



WHO working group meeting on Benchmarks for Education and Practice of Acupuncture, Wuhan, China



Prof Liu Baoyan, president WFAS, president CAAM
Hedi Luxenburger, president ICMART
Dr Zhang Qi, WHO, head of the Department of TCI medicine

WHO and the World Health Assembly, since 2016 have confirmed several times the aim to spread acupuncture and traditional medicines worldwide as part of an integrative medicine and make it available and affordable to all patients on a high safety level. Since 2017 ICMART met with several delegations Dr Zhang Qi, Head of the department of Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine of WHO in the headquarter in Geneva. For the first time, we started an informal partnership with WHO to represent Medical Acupuncture as acupuncture applied only by fully trained and licensed physicians with an additional training in acupuncture. Medical Acupuncture requires a conventional medical assessment and an evidence-based approach to treatment. It is part of an integrative medical system.

In August 2019 ICMART was invited by WHO to participate in a workshop on „Guidelines on Education and Practice of Acupuncture“ in Wuhan, China. There were participants of the 6 WHO world regions. The meeting was chaired by Dr.Zhang Qi, WHO, Prof Liu Baoyan, President of WFAS(World Federation of Acupuncture societies) and President of CAAM (Chinese Association of Acupuncture and Moxibustion) Hedi Luxenburger, President of ICMART.

This was the very first time, that ICMART participated in a WHO meeting on this high level. We succeeded to keep the educational standards for Medical Acupuncture quite open to be able to leave the responsibility with the medical authorities in the different countries, being able to adopt the education in Medical Acupuncture at the situation in each country, which vary from Medical Acupuncture being at the level of a medical subspecialty up to full medical specialisations in acupuncture.

ICMART HAS NEW MEMBERS!

ASSOCIATION SCHWEIZER AERZTEGESELLSCHAFTEN FÜR AKUPUNKTUR UND CHINESISCHE MEDIZIN
ASSOCIATION DES SOCIÉTÉS MÉDICALES SUISSES D'ACUPUNCTURE ET DE MÉDECINE CHINOISE
ASSOCIAZIONE DELLE SOCIETÀ MEDICHE SVIZZERE DI AGOPUNTURA E DI MEDICINA CINESE



FISA

Federazione Italiana
delle Società di Agopuntura



SKOM 대한한의학회

The Society of Korean Medicine

SOCIEDAD MÉDICA COLOMBIANA

DE ACUPUNTURA
Y MOXIBUSTIÓN



SOMPA

Sociedad Médica Paraguaya de Acupunturiatría



SOCIEDAD ECUATORIANA DE ACUPUNTURA Y MOXIBUSTIÓN

WE CONTINUE GROWING!!!

ICMART ACTIVITIES

ICMART Board Meeting
Paris, 22-23 June 2019



Board Meeting
15-16 February in Istanbul
New membership application
Ankara Medical Acupuncture Society



ICMART invited to represent Medical Acupuncture in Abu Dhabi Congress. We hope that acupuncture will be established in the United Arab Emirates as a treatment modality for physicians. Special cupping techniques are known in Traditional Arabic Medicine.



ICMART ACTIVITIES

 **A.M.A.B.**
Associazione Medici Agopuntori Bolognesi
Scuola Italo Cinese di agopuntura

 THE SOCIETY FOR
ACUPUNCTURE
RESEARCH

2nd INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON RESEARCH IN ACUPUNCTURE

October 20 - 21, 2018
Bologna - Italy

Highly ranked
Research
Network on
Acupuncture

Round Table on
Acupuncture
Standards, also
for the future of
Acupuncture
In the UAE



3rd LIFE
INTERNATIONAL
ACUPUNCTURE
CONFERENCE

ABU DHABI
Rotana Beach Hotel
DECEMBER 8 & 9, 2018

MILAN ACUPUNCTURE CONGRESS

38th S.I.A. INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS January 26 - 27, 2019

For the first time....with LIFE Transmission.



**World Health
Organization**

3rd meeting in Geneva with
Dr Zhang Qi, Head of the
Department of Traditional,
Complementary and
Integrative Medicine.

Actually, informal cooperation
regarding Medical Acupuncture.

Application for the official
status of a Non-state-Partner of
WHO



ICMART IN LATIN AMERICA

XI Congreso Internacional de Acupuntura Médica FILASMA México 2019 QUERÉTARO 16 - 19 MAYO



With our partner FILASMA

In **May 2019**, the International FILASMA Congress took place in the beautiful city of **Querétaro, México**.

8 Members of the ICMART Board could attend the event, offering Lectures and Workshops. It was also a good opportunity to have meetings, organize working groups and give the wellcome to new Latin American Members from Ecuador, Colombia and Paraguay



With our Member CMBA - Brazil

In **November 2019**, the National CMBA Congress took place in the incredible city of **Fortaleza, Brazil**, facing the Ocean Beach.

6 Members of the ICMART Board attended the Congress, with important meetings with representatives of different countries.

CONGRESSO DE DOR DO CMBA

XXIII CONGRESSO BRASILEIRO DE ACUPUNTURA
V CONGRESSO REGIONAL FILASMA

HOTEL GRAN MARQUISE, FORTALEZA/CE, BRASIL
20 à 23 de Novembro de 2019



MORE ICMART ACTIVITIES AROUND THE WORLD



August 2019

ICMART President
Hedi Luxenburger with delegates at the Annual Meeting and 40th. Anniversary of the Chinese Association of Acupuncture and Moxibustion (CAAM)

Dr. Cheng Dan An's 120th Anniversary Commemoration Conference 15th-16th October 2019, Nanjing, China



Cheng Dan An was the founder of Nanjing TCM university and the father of modern TCM education. Invitation to give a lecture on Medical Acupuncture

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AGOM
since 2014

21/22

International Conference
ALMA/AGOM 2019

Acupuncture and integrated medicine in the treatment of patients with chronic diseases

What role in clinical care networks?

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Via Festa del Perdono 7
Milano



ICMART Certificates

- for the first time at the university
- Oncology treatment by acupuncture
- Acupuncture project in the Philippines
- Several lectures from ICMART



Elia Moretton
World Champion
Taijiquan-IWuF

Milan University



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LATINAMERICA CHAPTER
ASIAN PACIFIC CHAPTER

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HERBAL COMMITTEE
VETERINARY COMMITTEE
NEURAL THERAPY COMMITTEE

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Dear ICMART Member:

Do you want to have your training program accredited?

Do you want to have your Congress accredited?



Visit our webpage to get informed about the conditions and procedures, and contact us: accreditation@icmart.org

Share it with us!!



Be part of our team, and send us your News about the activity in your Association: scientific events, board elections, institutional or political news concerning Acupuncture in your country!!!

We can include it in the next Newsletter, publish it under News in our website, and share it in ICMART's social media!!

Keep us posted and send us your news to info@icmart.org

Did you know?

- ICMART is the only umbrella international organization which represents Medical Acupuncture & Related Techniques worldwide.
- ICMART promotes the concept of evidence-based medicine regarding efficacy, safety and cost effectiveness in Acupuncture and related Techniques.