

# ICMART

*International Council of Medical Acupuncture and Related Techniques*



## Greeting Address

**ICMART Congress Vienna**

**29<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013**



Medical Acupuncture has made impressive inroads during the last decades. By energizing and challenging the traditions of conventional western medicine, Medical Acupuncture is now used by many physicians and requested by many patients. Medical Acupuncture is in the forefront of developing the new model of integrative medicine.

ICMART, the International Council of Medical Acupuncture and Related Techniques, is the premier worldwide spokes-organization for Medical Acupuncture. ICMART has played a special role in this process of integration. Over many years, the ICMART congresses have created a platform of dialogue and exchange in numerous important areas, including education, clinical practice and research.

All of us have been working actively on this process which is evidenced and documented by the history of ICMART. Beginning in 1983, with a group of dedicated pioneers, ICMART has developed into an international umbrella organization which now includes about 90 medical acupuncture associations worldwide.

During the last decade, ICMART has increased its prominence within the framework of CAM at the EU level. ICMART was an active partner in the successful Brussels CAM Conference in October 2012 and served as a member of the Advisory Board of the EU 7th Frame Work Research Program, CAMbrella. The contribution of Medical Acupuncture to European public health has been vital. Its prominence is closely related to the current main issues of EU health policy. These include prevention, healthy aging, chronic disease management and mental health, among others. The theme of the upcoming ICMART Congress 2013 in Vienna, 'Medical Acupuncture and related techniques, therapeutic possibilities during the second half of life' is closely connected to the problems modern societies are facing internationally and specifically to EU health policy topics.

The Austrian organizers of this congress, in cooperation with the ICMART Board and the ICMART Scientific Chapter, are preparing an interesting and informative program with clinical as well as scientific lectures, important speakers, workshops and posters --- all focused on the aims and goals of Medical Acupuncture and related techniques as it refers to the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of life.

The beauty and the cultural importance of Vienna will surround the conference. Everybody will be invited to share the joyous and exciting pre-Christmas atmosphere, which will delight participants and their accompanying friends. There is no better place to meet old and new acquaintances, to exchange ideas and reinforce our commitment to our common international goals of Medical Acupuncture.

Welcome in Vienna 2013.

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