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International Council of Medical Acupuncture and Related Techniques
Medical Acupuncture Society of Northern Greece

May 29 - 31, 2009
Grand Hotel Palace
Thessaloniki
Greece

Golden oak wreath, tomb of Philip II, 336 B.C.
Dear Colleagues and Friends of Acupuncture,

The adventure of another congress is never to be neglected. Each time they are new, special, as exciting as the previous one. They take different shades and different contents. There are people we have never met, new topics, updated information. We feel that we are in the centre of what is happening in medical acupuncture, and we are part of it.

This congress in Thessaloniki promises to be exciting. From rationalized tradition to Experience Based Medicine, from research to techniques, from practical workshops to the thoughts of academics, from adaptation to evolution, acupuncture transforms and is still the same.

In the beautiful landscape of northern Greece, with the memories of King Philip of Macedonia and Alexander the Great, it is a good place to have a congress inspired by the past, adjusted to the present and looking forward to the future. That is the strength of acupuncture, remolded over the years by so many minds, so many thoughts, backed by modern scientific methodology and at the same time reframed with the help of human sciences. History, culture, social parameters, philosophy, blend with the ultimate aim: face to face with the patient in order to help him.

Come to Thessaloniki. I "know" that it will be a great congress where you will listen, learn, discuss, and even have fun.

Baron Beyens MD
General Secretary of ICMART

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Dear Colleagues and Friends of Medical Acupuncture,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to ICMART 2009 International Congress in Medical Acupuncture, which will take place at the Grand Hotel Palace, in Thessaloniki, Greece, from the 29th to the 31st of May, 2009.

Our ambition is that this conference will constitute one more scientific landmark in the history of Medical Acupuncture. We believe the topics will cover all scientific challenges of our times and will meet the participant’s expectations.

Keynote lectures by internationally renowned experts, together with symposia and workshops, will provide the latest developments in acupuncture research, complemented by courses presenting the "State of the Art" in clinical practice. Basic science, clinical research and education, are all important pillars supporting continuous improvement in the practice of acupuncture and related techniques and the quality and safety of patient care. Throughout the congress there will be opportunities for us to exchange our knowledge with the speakers at first hand, to discuss our experiences and express our concerns.

A precondition for the success of the conference is also the prompt submission of your abstracts. Let us not forget that these meetings offer to the researchers - especially young ones - the opportunity to present to the medical society their concerns and clinical observations.

We are pleased to invite both, companies who have supported the ICMART congresses and symposiums so generously in the past, together with those exhibiting for the first time, to join and share their experiences and ideas with us.

We hope that the historic city of Thessaloniki and its fascinating scenery, along with a wide range of social events, will contribute to a substantial and scientifically fruitful conference.

With cordial greetings

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Thessaloniki was founded in 313 BC by King Cassander of Macedonia and was named after the sister of Alexander the Great. Since ancient times, the capital of the broader region of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, has been a city which has always enjoyed international influence and strong ties with both Europe and the East.

Among the numerous monuments of particular interest in the city are those from the Roman period, the Triumpal Arch of Galerius and the Rotonda.

Thessaloniki is the second largest city in Greece with a population of 1.600.000 inhabitants, and it is one of the oldest cities in Europe. Northern Greece is one of the most beautiful regions of Greece, an area which will grow in importance as the commercial and cultural center of the Balkans in the years to come.

Thessaloniki is a city coming from the future.
General Information Venue
Grand Hotel Palace, Thessaloniki, Greece

Important Dates
Congress dates: May 29th - 31st, 2009
Abstract Submission deadline: March 30th, 2009

Registration

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Language
- The official language of the Congress will be the English.
- There will be simultaneous translation
- Simultaneous translation will be provided to group registrations consisting of 25 persons or more

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