

ICMART 2009

International Congress in Medical Acupuncture

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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.

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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

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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MAIN TOPICS

- Microsystems in Acupuncture
- Evidence - based Acupuncture
 - Traditional aspects in medical Acupuncture
- Scientific research and its relevance to clinical practice
 - Newly developed techniques
- Treating postural disorders with Acupuncture (posturology)
 - Neural therapy - Prolotherapy
 - Auricular medicine
- Myofascial pain syndromes - trigger point therapy

The City of Thessaloniki

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

Registration fees	by March 30 th , 2009	After March 30 th , 2009
Delegates	350€	450€

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

For further information regarding the Congress kindly visit our website:

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