

In many European countries, acupuncture is among the most used Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) therapies for a wide range of disorders within both public and private health facilities. In Italy, it is included within the so-called national Essential Levels of Care (Livelli Essenziali di Assistenza LEAs) only for anaesthesiologic purposes, and within the LEAs of some Regions only for selected clinical conditions.

This is the result of a rigorous process of evaluation of the available clinical studies, which has established the efficacy and security of acupuncture of some conditions. However, there remain some methodological problems that need to be addressed for pursuing research activities aimed at the acquisition of additional evidence on the efficacy of acupuncture, as well as on its integration into the healthcare systems.

Purpose of the Symposium is to discuss the most controversial aspects of the different phases of acupuncture research and provide practical and authoritative answers, useful for informing future health policies and for promoting the safety and effectiveness of acupuncture treatments.

The Symposium is organized in the framework of the Joint Sino-Italian Laboratory on Traditional Chinese Medicine (IoSIL), hosted in Italy by the Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS), and of the EU Project China and Europe Taking Care of Healthcare Solutions CHETCH, of which AMAB is partner.

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Registration

Registration fee (including VAT) before August 31, 2015: € 170.00, € 110.00 for AMAB members, € 110.00 or participants to the 12th World Congress of Chinese Medicine - WCCM 2015
Registration fee after September 1, 2015: € 200.00, € 140.00 for AMAB members, € 140.00 for participants to the 12th World 12th Congress of Chinese Medicine - WCCM 2015
The registration fee includes lunch. Travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by the participants
Registration deadline: Monday, September 21, 2015.
Registration form available from: <http://www.acupunctureresearch.eu/registration/registration-form>

Continuing Medicine Education - CME credits requested for all medical doctors and dentists.

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Certificate of attendance

At the end of the Symposium, a certificate of attendance will be provided upon request.

Language

The official language is English and Italian. Simultaneous translation service will be provided.

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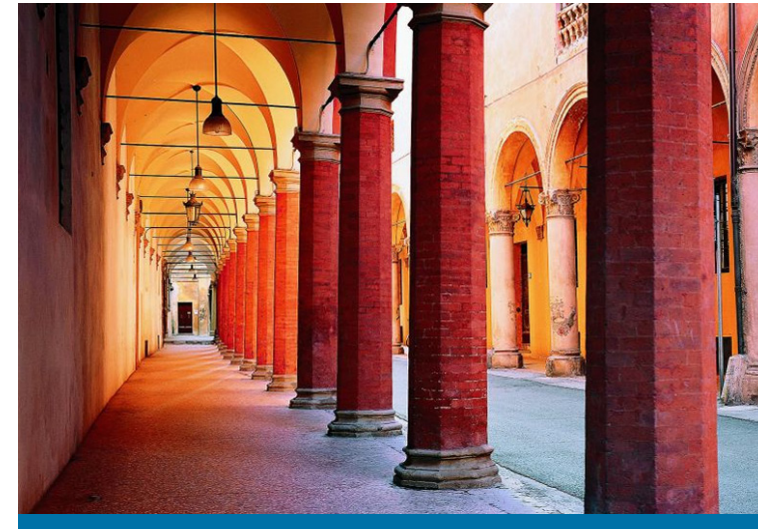
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PROGRAM

8:30 Registration of participants

9:00 Welcome addresses

Chair:

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9:30 Introduction to the Symposium

Carlo Maria Giovanardi, **Alice Fauci**, *Symposium Scientific Coordinators*

Panel Session 1

Action Mechanisms of Acupuncture and Current Trends in Acupuncture Research

Chairs: Marco Romoli, Federico Marmorì

9:50 Presentation of topics and panellists

9:55 The innovative idea of the neuromechanism of acupuncture bi-regulating gastrointestinal function: the hypothesis of homotopic/ heterotopic acupoints organ.

Bin Xu

10:10 Effect and mechanisms of acupuncture on reproductive dysfunction in polycystic ovary syndrome.

Elisabet Stener-Victorin

10:25 New technologies applied to acupuncture: modern tools for ancient wisdom.

Christine Nardini

10:40 Discussion

11:10 Coffee break

Panel Session 2

Methodology of Research and EBM in Acupuncture

Chairs: Francesca Menniti-Ippolito, Giovanna Franconi

11:40 Presentation of topics and panellists

11:45 Why the clinical effect of acupuncture is controversial?

Junhua Zhang

12:00 Systematic reviews: their role in determining the evidence for acupuncture.

Myeong Soo Lee

12:15 Methodology of research and EBM in acupuncture.

Jianping Liu

12:30 The incompatibility of external and internal validity invalidates the evidence hierarchy: theoretical and practical consequences.

Harald Walach

12:45 Discussion

13:15 Lunch

Panel Session 3

Acupuncture and Placebo

Chairs: Giovanni Battista Allais, Alessio Lilli

14:30 Presentation of topics and panellists

14:35 Acupuncture for chronic pain: definitive results on treatment and placebo effects.

Hugh MacPherson

14:50 Some thoughts on the placebo in acupuncture research.

Terje Alraek

15:05 Discussion

15:35 **Poster Session**

Chair: Eleonora Marchi

16:05 Coffee break

Panel Session 4

Integration of Acupuncture into the Healthcare Systems: Regulation, Education and Cost-Effectiveness

Chairs: Annunzio Matrà, Paolo Roberti di Sarsina

16:30 Presentation of topics and panellists

16:35 Acupuncture as part of the healthcare system: some key facts from European and a national point of view.

Wolfgang Weidenhammer

16:50 Should acupuncture play a greater role in healthcare?

Nicola Robinson

17:05 The cost-effectiveness of acupuncture.

David Wonderling

17:20 Discussion

17:50 Symposium Conclusions

Carlo Maria Giovanardi, Alice Fauci

18:00 CME and participant satisfaction questionnaires