

Call for Proposals

EXPLORING TRADITIONAL MEDICINE

IAMP is committed to improving health worldwide. Millions of people, especially in developing countries, do not have access to conventional medical care. Instead, they rely on the often rich culture of traditional medical practices. Indeed, it is estimated that about one-quarter of so-called 'modern medicines' are derived from plants used by traditional medical practitioners.

In recent years, against a background of a changing spectrum of diseases and the demographic shift towards ageing societies, traditional medical practices are receiving increasing attention worldwide. Indeed, in certain countries, traditional or alternative medicine has become an integral part of their national health services.

According to the World Health Organization, however, a significant challenge to the wider integration of traditional medical practices into 'mainstream' medical care is the lack of scientific data and evidence to support its development. A better understanding of the basis of traditional medicine and its effectiveness would be useful when exploring the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of human disease, as well as the sustainability of human health.

In order to promote the study of traditional medicine, the IAMP Executive Committee has established the "Exploring Traditional Medicine" project in collaboration with the Chinese Academy of Engineering (CAE) and with the support of the China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences (CACMS). The Nigerian Academy of Science (NAS) and the National Academy of Sciences of Sri Lanka (NASSL) are cooperating partners.

The project will explore the contribution of traditional medicine in human healthcare and define the methodologies required to assess the science, safety, quality and efficacy of traditional medical practices.

To this end, IAMP is now calling for contributions – to be submitted with the support of its member academies – that showcase successful examples of how traditional medical practices can play a role in modern medicine.

An international committee of experts composed of experts from IAMP member academies and other renowned international scholars will evaluate and select the best case studies.

Between 15 and 20 selected authors will then be invited to present their projects at an international academic symposium to be held in Beijing in September 2015. Following the symposium, the selected projects will be published and made available for free on the internet. International travel and local expenses will be covered by the project organizers.

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The authors of the best 15-20 abstracts/short reports, as judged by an expert committee to be set up by IAMP, will be invited to submit a full-length case study (by the end of July) and to present their work at an international symposium to be held in Beijing, China, in September 2015 (provisionally 21-22 September).

International travel and local expenses will be covered by the project organizers.

Deadline for receipt of proposals is 30 April 2015

Requirements:

1. Complete personal information form of the presenting author including a short (300 word) profile
2. Use the attached template to provide:
 - a) 500 word abstract of a completed research report which has been published in an official publication **or**
 - b) 500 word abstract of an unpublished research report
3. Letter of recommendation from an IAMP member academy (<http://www.iamp-online.org/members/>)

Please e-mail the above materials to:

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When submitting, please use the subject: "name of author" + "country of supporting IAMP member academy" + project "Exploring Traditional Medicine".

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